

Minutes: City Council Meeting
May 13, 2019
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

City Council members present: Michael Case; Doug Gibson; Danny Laster; Frank McReynolds; George Orr; and, David Powell.

Others present: Jeffrey Traughber, Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Superintendent; Jason Clardy, Police Captain; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief; Jen Harris, Public Health Director, Todd County Health Department; and Doug Meadows.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. David Powell gave invocation.

After reviewing the April 8, 2019 council meeting minutes, Laster motioned to approve, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the April 18, 2019 special council meeting minutes, Gibson motioned to approve, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the April 29, 2019 special council meeting minutes, McReynolds motioned to approve, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green called for approval of the bills payable and financial reports and any comments from Clerk Brock. There were no questions, therefore Gibson motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Arthur Green, who also serves on the Board of Health, explained that the Board has been discussing for several years, and last month unanimously approved, the creation of a Harm Reduction Syringe Exchange Program. Therefore, the city must also approve the program before the Board of Health can continue the program in the city limits. Jen Harris, Public Health Director, gave an overview of the program and all the potential service that would be provided. There was discussion that the Board of Health consists of local doctors, pharmacists, nurses, engineers, and other local representatives. After much discussion, Orr motioned to approve the Board of Health establishing the program in the city limits, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Green stated the Board of Health was 100% in favor of the program and he thanked the council for their support. The county must now also approve the creation of the program.

Resolution 2019-02, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MODERN AND ACCURATE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY PREVIOUSLY ANNEXED BY ORDINANCE 1967 No. 5," was presented to the council. After discussion, Case motioned to approve Resolution 2019-02, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-03, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES," was presented to the council. This project would focus on replacing lighting on two ball fields in the park, however many other areas need improvement, including the skate park and playground equipment. After discussion, Case motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green reported bids were accepted on May 2, 2019 for the Elkton-Todd County Park Lighting Project receiving the following bids: Ensign Electric, \$98,441.50 and not to exceed \$101,441.50; Knight Electric, \$132,500 and Alternate Bid, \$108,500 (metal halide); and Pogue Electric, \$131,500 with Alternate

Bid 1: \$112,020.70 (embedded poles), Alternate Bid 2: 106,894 (CHM lighting option), Alternate Bid 3: \$109,186 (with aluminum wire), and Alternate Bid 4: \$104,317 (CHM with aluminum wire). The city is still reviewing and clarifying the bids with the engineer and will report a recommendation at a future meeting.

Mayor Green reported a special meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Logan/Todd Regional Water Commission and passed out the meeting notice and agenda.

Mayor Green presented the Budget Message and Proposal for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020. Mayor Green stated the greatest need is in the water and sewer departments with a KIA rehabilitation project upcoming in both departments. Both projects will require rate adjustments for additional revenue with more known after meeting with the KIA Board in July. Clerk Brock reviewed the changes to the budget made in each department since the last budget work session.

Clerk Brock presented a request to purchase Code Enforcement software from Comcate. This software will allow the city to issue and organize code enforcement action in a much timelier manner and organize the cases more efficiently. The initial investment for the software is \$7,985 and each year thereafter will be about \$4,126 annual license fee. Brock explained she has about \$5,000 in this year's budget and will be able to move some monies from other areas to make the purchase without amending the budget. Gibson motioned to approve the purchase of the code enforcement software, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green explained the budget proposal includes water and sewer rate adjustments to generate more revenue for much needed rehabilitation projects. Brock and Green presented utility rate proposals in order to generate the necessary funds, which would increase the minimum bill by about \$3.54 per month. Case stated he is hesitant to raise the minimum bill and would like to consider lowering the minimum for water and sewer to 1,000 gallons instead of 2,000 gallons. All agreed the city should look at this as an option and study the numbers before making a decision.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2019-07, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020." Powell motioned to approve after first reading, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Chief Smith reported there will be a meeting with Novelis Thursday to discuss the purchase of a ladder truck that is needed for their new facility in Guthrie. Chief Waggoner reported purchasing 11 pair of boots and 5 new sets of turnout gear using State Aid funds.

Police Captain Clardy presented an activity report for the year.

Frogue reported the Elk Fork Creek Ditch and Drainage project repairing the flood damage on Elk Fork Road has been completed. Frogue hopes to start working on sidewalk repairs this week. Pipe Eyes, which is videoing sewer mains in town found a collapsed line on North Main Street, which city crews have already repaired. Frogue also reported a tractor trailer truck took out a fire hydrant on Garth Lane.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

McReynolds asked if the city will be sprayed for mosquitos. Mayor Green stated the city will need to call and request the service through the state.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Green reported the PADD Annual Dinner will be June 10th and requested that everyone that will be attending let us know at City Hall.

Mayor Green reported KLC has published a voter's guide for cities for the upcoming primary election and

Clerk Brock will email everyone the link to view the report online.

There will probably need to be a special meeting held near the end of the month to review the park lighting project bids again and discuss the KIA sewer project.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer