

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
September 12, 2019
5:30 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 5:30 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: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and stated only items on the agenda could be discussed.

AGENDA

1. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2019-15 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE YEAR 2019
2. Nicholas Hurt Property Negotiations

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2019-15, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT." Gibson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Green reported the property owner requesting reduction of fines discussed at the last few meetings is Nicholas Hurt and the matter of negotiations has not been resolved. Mayor asked if the council wants to allow negotiations of the lien for code enforcement fines or not. Case motioned to authorize the mayor to negotiate the matter on behalf of the city, seconded by Gibson. There was considerable discussion that the city does not need to allow such large fines to accrue before taking action. Mayor stated as discussed in the previous meeting, Jeff Traughber is drafting an ordinance to set forth a policy to take action in the future. It was the consensus that the fines on the Hurt property should not be negotiated to zero because the city has spent a lot of time and money on trying to get the property cleaned up. Also, in this case a third party is ready to purchase the property and the potential buyer should be required to clean the property or the balance of the fines should be due. After considerable discussion, voting in favor of the motion were McReynolds, Case, Gibson, Laster and Powell. Abstaining was Orr. Motion carried. The council requested updates on the progress of the negotiations.

There were no further items on the agenda, therefore Mayor Green declared the meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer