

Mayor's Upper Window

Arthur Green, Mayor



HAPPY NEW YEAR! If you are someone who makes new year resolutions, I hope you are still on course to be successful this year. As we look back on 2020, it was a difficult year for many, and the effects of COVID-19 continue into this year. However, with the process of providing the COVID vaccines and their reported effectiveness, I am hopeful for a much safer year.

With all the negativity and anger in the world, I want to share this quote from Douglas Wood, a noted author of children's books. In his book, *The Secret of Saying Thanks*, he writes: **"The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time. The more we say thanks, the more we find to be thankful for. And the more we find to be thankful for, the happier we become. We do not give thanks because we are happy. We are happy because we give thanks."**

We all have much to be thankful for, so let us have a thankful and happy 2021.

New Water Meters: The Utilities department is working to complete the replacement of all water meter. About 2/3 of our meters have been replaced. Many of you have been contacted by the city to check on water leaks and that process is ongoing. If you have the new e-read meters you soon will get information on how to set up your phone or computer to monitor your water usage. These new meters will be a great benefit to the effectiveness of our water program.

Utility fees have been restarted. In 2020, we were under state and federal order to not disconnect utility services or charge late fees to our Utility accounts. Effective this month, cut offs for nonpayment are being processed if bills were unpaid by the 16th of the month at 9:30 am. Starting in February, the disconnect fee of \$50.00 will resume if you are cut off for nonpayment. Also starting in February, penalties will once again be applied if your bill is not paid by the 7th of the month. If you need assistance on your bills, please contact the local PACS office located in the courthouse at (270) 265-5422.

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City Council Meetings:

2nd Thursday Every Month at 6 PM
At City Hall, 71 Public Square

All meeting dates and times are posted on our events calendar at www.elktonky.com.



City Hall is now open

8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Grants received: The city has received two grants. One grant was for the police department to add a software program to update and catalog evidence in the department.

The second grant is from the Kentucky Libraries and Archives. This grant will digitize and microfilm 15 books of minutes covering the period of 1867 to 2020. This process will safeguard city records and allow for easier research. The grant will also provide 2 fireproof cabinets for the records

Planning and Zoning: There is always concern about dilapidated, abandoned or junkie buildings and property in the city. These properties often upset neighbors who in turn are upset at the process and the time the city must take to correct these properties. We have recently or are in the process of filing papers to get action approved to improve some of these properties.

Sewer System: The City is still working to complete the improvements to our system that were mandated. In 2020, we completed the improvement to line and manholes that were allowing ground water to infiltrate the system. We are in the process of having completed the paperwork to get approval of a Phase 2 in early March which will include a new force main from the high school football field to the sewer plant and a Phase 3 approved in April for improvements at the sewer plant. These improvements will improve our efficiency and reduce excess groundwater in the system.

COVID-19. This virus is still of major concern in the world, and in Todd County. We have had many sick and have had many of our family, friends, and neighbors who have died from this disease. In City hall we will continue to follow steps to keep our staff and citizens safe. We continue to ask you to Please follow the CDC guidelines; wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands often.

Beautiful City.

We get comments frequently by visitors who say how beautiful our city is with nice homes, good landscape, nice city square and how clean our city is. We also get comments about problems in the city. Help keep our city beautiful. When you walk the sidewalks, go to the park, sit on the public square please put your trash in a trash can or take it home with you.

Spring will soon be here so do not let the winter blues allow your home to gather trash on the porch or the carport. We do have a beautiful city and it takes all of use to keep it in a place we are glad people want to visit and live. I am thankful, Elkton is my home.

