

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
May 4, 2021
5:30 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:30 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Jeff Traughber, legal counsel; and, Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Resolution 2021-03 – “RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT”
5. FYE June 30, 2021 Financial Review and Budget Amendment
6. Mayor’s Budget Message and Proposal FYE June 30, 2022
7. Adjournment

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Council member Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gibson led invocation.

Resolution 2021-03, “RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT,” was presented to the council. Clerk Brock reviewed insurance benefits the city provides to city employees and stated this resolution approves continuing to work with Benefit Marketing Solutions LLC to administer employees Health Reimbursement Accounts. Orr motioned to approve Resolution 2021-03, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented a summary review of the financial statements for FYE June 30, 2021 based on the presented FY2021 Budget Amendment. The General Fund is expected to have a \$381,000 surplus, mostly due to \$200,231 in funds received from the CARES Act and \$195,000 that is expected from the American Recovery Plan, which will need to be carried over to future years until guidance on how the money can be spent is released. Finally, both water and sewer departments expect a deficit of approximately \$144,000 and \$61,000 respectively, which is not unexpected since several special projects were completed using reserve funds. Clerk Brock reviewed proposed amendments to the FY2021 budget, which will be presented in an ordinance for first reading at the next meeting.

Mayor Arthur Green presented the FY 2022 Budget Proposal and Message and reviewed highlights of the proposal. The proposed budget contains a 1.5% cost of living pay increase to all full-time and part-time employees. And, while it also contains the same cost of living pay increase for Mayor and city council members, the Mayor stated his final proposal presented for first reading will remove this increase. The contribution to the Todd County Industrial Foundation has been decreased to \$10,000. The budget contains funds for 8 full-time police officers. Included in the proposal is hiring one new full-time Public Works Department employee to be paid out of the general fund. The proposal contains a new one-time item for “CARES-Events and Activities” in the amount of \$20,000 to hold events and promotion to support our local businesses and community. The Goebel Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project is expected to go to construction in the spring of 2022. Also, Phase II and III of the Sewer Improvements Project should go to construction and be completed in FY 2022. Mayor Green stated there are several projects needed in the water and sewer department, like painting the Morningside Drive water tank and

much needed sewer plant upgrades. Also, the budget does not include funding to breach the dam at city lake. The city will continue to look for infrastructure grant funding to complete these projects. Mayor Green and Clerk Brock reviewed the budget figures and answered any questions. Mayor Green also stated he would like to add an item to the water department budget to purchase a correlator to find water leaks at a cost of about \$21,000 and there was no opposition. After discussion, it was stated the budget ordinance will be presented for first reading at the next meeting.

Case motioned to adjourn, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer