

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
June 10, 2021  
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; Rick Harper, PE, Bell Engineering; and Yvonne Rundall.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council member Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gibson led invocation.

After review, Laster motioned to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 city council meeting, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green called for discussion of the bills payable and financial reports. Clerk Brock stated the city has not received its first payment of the American Recover Act funding. There were no questions and Powell motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, second by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

#### ORDINANCES

Case motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2021-02 in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously by show of hands. Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2021-02, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95 (CEMETERIES) OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES." Case motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Laster motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2021-03 in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously by show of hands. Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2021-03, "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY AND ACCEPTING AS A DEDICATED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PERMANENT USE AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF THE ELKTON, B WHITE ROAD AND BECKHAM ROAD." McReynolds motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Case motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2021-04 in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously by show of hands. Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2021-04, "AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF B. WHITE ROAD WEST OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH COMMERCE STREET PURSUANT TO KRS 82.405." Case motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Powell. Voting in favor of the motion were McReynolds, Case, Laster, and Powell. Opposed was Gibson. Motion carried.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2021-05, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021." Powell motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Case, and

carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2021-06, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022." Gibson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-04, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES" was presented to the council. Clerk Brock explained that the application includes replacing wooden light poles on one ball field at the park with new metal poles and LED lights at an estimated cost of about \$106,000 and for new playground equipment at an estimated cost of \$140,000 for a total project cost of \$246,000. If awarded, the grant would provide 50% of the cost and the Recreation Commission would provide the other 50% of the cost. Gibson motioned to approve Resolution 2021-04, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-05, "RESOLUTION AGREEING TO THE CITY ROAD SYSTEM" was presented to the council. Mayor Green stated this was requested by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to update the city road system information. Powell motioned to approve Resolution 2021-05, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

## REPORTS

Rick Harper, Engineer with Bell Engineering, presented information regarding flooding on West Main Street including how the area drains during various model flooding events. The presentation included maps of existing drainpipes, culverts and drain lines near 507 W Main St. The study shows that about 200 acres of land drains to this particular drainage system. Harper reported one culvert is not using its full capacity and could stand additional pipe draining into the culvert at a cost estimated at \$530,000, however there would still be some ponding. Installing new culvert and drain line would remove the ponding but the cost would be about \$862,000. There are always options to buy out the homes that are being flooded in this area and there is always the option to do nothing. Mrs. Rundall verified and showed on the map where the ponding occurs on her property and the damage received to her house. Harper will finalize the data and cost estimates and may present some other options at a future meeting. Gibson asked if the state highway department could help and Mayor Green stated that from previous discussions they do not seem interested in updating the drainage lines.

Clerk Brock reported the City Beautification Committee has announced a "Yard of the Month" award they will present to a city resident every month. The Committee also approved the purchase of three new tables to place around the Welcome Center. Also, new patriotic banners have been ordered for the Square and down each Main Street one block off the Square. One of the next projects the committee wants to work on is a mural painted on a local building.

Mayor Green reported that anyone receiving the COVID vaccine can register to win a million dollars in the state sponsored "Shot at a Million" contest. Also, several full college scholarships will be given away. Todd County is in the bottom 20 counties for total number of residents receiving the vaccine.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner presented two proposals to install a backup generator at the Fire Hall: Ensign Electric, \$7,121.29; and Knight Electric, \$9,561.00. He contacted two other companies that said they were too busy to submit an estimate. This project will be paid from annual State Aid funds. Case motioned to approve the proposal submitted by Ensign Electric, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Waggoner also reported they will be helping with an event to spray water on children at the park. The fire department will spray down the kids and the police department will pass out free hot dogs. Atmos Energy is donating the hot dogs and Tinas Case has volunteered to grill the hotdogs at the park. The first event will be July 17<sup>th</sup> and another will be planned in August. Waggoner stated he is reluctant to let the kids get in the fire truck and Mayor Green stated that was a department decision.

Police Chief Robert Toombs reported 470 calls for service last month with 7 alcohol related incidents. He stated the department is working on participating in other scheduled promotions and events.

Public Works Director reported two of his department members have been out sick for several weeks, so they are short staffed. He stated the water loss report shows loss is down to 28% from 46% at the start of the year. The department continues to repair and find water leaks in the system. Phase II of the Sewer System Improvements Project was scheduled to start construction June 1<sup>st</sup> but has been delayed by several weeks. The county road department saved the city several thousand dollars by trimming trees in the construction area. Mayor Green reported all documents for Phase III of the project are at the Division of Water and approval to proceed to bid is expected any day. Mayor Green also reported the city has submitted multiple projects for potential infrastructure grant projects.

Mayor Green reported a recommendation to amend the water system user rates. The proposal includes a monthly meter charge based on the size of the meter for all meters sized 1" and larger and does not include residential 5/8" meters. This would generate approximately \$357 per month in additional revenue to raise funds for testing and replacing water meters in the future. The proposal also eliminates the top water rate bracket of 40,000 gallons or more of usage, which he stated would have only affected 4 users last month. The proposal also includes making amendments to the hydrant and sprinkler system charges. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

#### CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

Case asked about the plans to close B White Road and the Mayor stated it would be closed tomorrow.

Gibson reported complaints about the park, in particular the restrooms being closed. He stated many senior citizens that used to walk in the park have stopped because the restrooms are closed. Mayor Green stated every time the restrooms are opened when there are no games, they are vandalized. Gibson also reported complaints about children being loud and using profanity. Mayor Green stated the Recreation Commission will be meeting soon.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

The Division of Water has approved the proposal the city submitted agreeing to be fined \$1,000 for sewer system violations. The initial fine was \$4,000. The city will receive an Agreed Order and we will have to respond with a Corrective Action Plan. Mayor Green stated all the violations are being corrected during the Sewer System Improvements Project.

GRW engineer Mary Robson submitted all documents to Division of Water for permits to remove the dam at City Lake. Then, the city was informed we need a permit from the Corp of Engineers. The city has spent the last few months answering questions from the Corp of Engineers. The next conference call with the Division of Water to finalize the permits is scheduled in two or three weeks.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

July 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration on the Square includes a movie night on the Square on July 2<sup>nd</sup> sponsored by the city. BR Knuckles fireworks display will be held July 3<sup>rd</sup> with food vendors and music on the Square. Chief Toombs is working on a traffic plan for both events.

The city will sponsor family movie night on the Community House lawn on the first Friday of every month in August through October.

The city will also sponsor a free summer concert series on the Community House lawn on the third Friday of every month from June through September.

The city is also sponsoring a band playing live music during all the Cruise In events on Public Square this summer.

Mayor Green stated he had some cards made with a listing of all restaurants in the city to pass out at events.

Mayor Green presented a Code Enforcement and Zoning report prepared by Megan Willenborg. There are 13 active code enforcement cases for tall grass, rubbish, chickens running loose, and scrap metal. Ten new zoning permits were issued since the last meeting including one new house.

Mayor Green stated more work needs to be done on the residential incentive agreement presented at the last meeting for the Commerce Street apartments and stated after the last meeting he has decided the city should offer a 100% rebate of property taxes instead of 80%. Mayor stated he will also present a proposal at the next meeting for a residential development on Elk Fork Country Club.

Gibson asked if a decision needs to be made on the future salaries of the Mayor and city council members. Mayor Green stated if any change to the salary is made it must be done by next May prior to the election in November. The new salaries would become effective January 1, 2023 when the terms for the Mayor and council begin. Gibson suggested increasing the Mayor's salary by \$10,000 per year and increasing the city council members salaries by \$100 per month. Mayor Green stated he will have an ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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Arthur Green, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer