

Minutes: City Council Meeting
November 15, 2021
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:00 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: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief/Todd County EMS Director; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; and Dewayne Alder and Cady Alder.

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

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting, October 18, 2021 special meeting, and November 3, 2021 special meeting. Mayor Green stated if there were no changes then the minutes would be passed by consent. There were no changes and minutes were approved by consent.

Mayor Green called for discussion of the bills payable and financial reports. Clerk Brock stated there was nothing to report and called for any questions. After some discussion, McReynolds motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cady Alder recognized herself as Dewayne Alder's daughter and stated they had spoken with city's legal counsel Jeff Traughber about the foreclosure on Mr. Alder's property due to code enforcement fines. Traughber informed them to come to a council meeting to discuss what could be done to clear the property of fines. Mayor Green stated he would need to take a look at the fines and would negotiate with them to at least cover the city's cost and the property would need to be cleaned up and kept into compliance. Mayor Green will contact them to discuss at a later date. They thanked everyone and left the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Green reminded the council that one bid was received from Scott & Ritter, Inc. for the Melvin Stinson Lake Dam Removal Project as reported at the October meeting. Mayor Green stated the bid is good for 90 days, however he recommends rejecting the bid. Mayor Green is working with the Division of Water on alternative plans. Powell motioned to reject the bid, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

GENERAL REPORTS

Clerk Brock reported the City Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month for November to Rodney and Jackie Seay on S. Perry Street. Brock also stated the Committee has requested the city put Christmas lights on the trees around the Square and around the Welcome Center this year.

Mayor Green presented information from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet requesting input on the state's Long-Range Transportation Vision through an available survey. The deadline to complete the survey is December 6, 2021.

Police Chief Toombs reported his officers monitored B White Road traffic from October 15th through November 9th and recorded 131 vehicles with an average speed of 27.26 miles per hour. The highest speed recorded was 40 mph. Mayor Green reminded the council he requested the council establish guidelines for speed bumps and street closings. There were no comments and the Mayor stated proposed guidelines will be presented at the January meeting. Any suggestions from the council are welcomed.

Mayor Green reported the city received a Development Plan for a new 27 lot subdivision off Davis Mill Road. Engineer Rick Harper is reviewing the plans on behalf of the city and has requested additional information. The Planning Commission has a special meeting scheduled Thursday, November 18th to review the plan. Mayor Green presented the plan to the council that shows 26 lots for single family homes and one lot reserved for senior apartments. For this development the city will only be providing sewer as the water will be provided by Todd County Water District. Daniel Smith reminded everyone that the Water District will not install fire hydrants on their water lines.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner stated Ensign Electric is not returning phone calls regarding the installation of the new generator at the Fire Department that has been delayed several months. Waggoner contacted Usher, Inc. for another quote and they have a generator in stock that can be installed in the next few weeks at a cost of \$9,406.00. Waggoner stated the delay is holding up two years' worth of state fire aid funding to the department. After discussion, Laster motioned to approve the bid of Usher, Inc., seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Daniel Smith reported state fire training begins this Tuesday night. Also, he requested the city apply for a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase of new air packs for the fire department. Orr motioned to approve the grant application as requested, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

Police Chief Robert Toombs reported 547 calls for service last month with 3 alcohol related incidents. Toombs reported he has accepted the application of Stayce Player for the Police Officer Recruit position. Mr. Player is completing Phase I of the process including background checks and a physical exam and once Phase II is completed a date for entering the Police Academy can be set. Toombs also requested the council approve a budget transfer to use surplus police officer salaries due to being short staffed for the purchase of new tasers at a cost of \$21,583.98. McReynolds motioned to approve the purchase and budget transfer, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Chris Orr reported employee Josh Reynolds and inmate labor are taking care of leaf pickup. Orr reported Phase II of the Sewer Project has been delayed due to hitting a lot of rock. Now that Phase II has been awarded, the new equipment is being ordered for the sewer plant and installation work should begin in January. Phase III is scheduled to be completed in July 2022. Orr reported the Elk Fork Country Club sewer line extension has also hit a lot of rock and the Country Club had to hire an excavator. Sewer line extensions are also in the works for Beckham Road and B. White Road. The developer of the new subdivision off Davis Mill Road plans to run the sewer line themselves.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

McReynolds asked about the current collections for the alcohol regulatory license fee. Clerk Brock stated fiscal year to date collection is about \$20,839 as is expected for the year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas in Elkton and Parade will be held Saturday, December 11th with the parade starting at 6 pm and Santa will visit the Community House after the parade. Brock stated everything in the Community House will be come and go in order to reduce large crowds inside the building for safety reasons due to coronavirus. Powell stated he has heard concerns regarding the candy that is thrown during the Christmas parade that goes to waste laying on the ground after the parade. Mayor Green stated we will consider other ideas for candy.

Mayor Green stated although closed session is on the agenda, there is no need for closed session.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer