

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
December 9, 2021  
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, December 9, 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: Jeffrey B. Traughber, Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; and, Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief/Todd County EMS Director.

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

Mayor Green extended sympathies to George and Chris Orr for the passing of their sister Emily Orr Wilson.

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the November 15, 2021 regular 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 reported that funds have been transferred to the Kentucky League of Cities Investment Pool for the following accounts: American Rescue Plan Funds, \$275,751.75; Water Operations, \$200,000.00; and, Sewer Operations, \$200,000.00. Plans are to transfer general funds after the first of the year. Also, Clerk Brock reported receiving the first invoices from Hopkinsville Solid Waste for the recycling program. Since the recycling program started around October 1<sup>st</sup>, the container has been emptied twice, costing \$100.00 each. Case and Brock inquired about how the program was going and Chris Powell, recycling director, stated there was very little contamination in the container and it seemed to be going very well. There were no other questions, and Gibson motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-10, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY AND THE KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY FOR PROJECT NUMBER A19-001" was presented and the Mayor confirmed this is for additional loan funds for the Sewer Improvements Project. Case motioned to approve, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-11, "RESOLUTION TO HONOR KENTUCKY HUMANITIES FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY" was presented. Mayor Green stated a report provided to the city shows that Kentucky Humanities spent about \$23,954 on programs in Todd County over the years. Case motioned to approve, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Mayor Green stated if there were no objections, the city would donate to Kentucky Humanities Council in the amount of \$100. There were no objections.

#### MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Municipal Order 2021-10, "RE-APPOINTING CHARLOTTE MYERS TO THE ELKTON PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2025." Orr motioned to approve, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Municipal Order 2021-11, "RE-APPOINTING MATT ST. MARTIN TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2025." Gibson motioned to approve, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Municipal Order 2021-12, "RE-APPOINTING BRYAN BLOUNT TO THE ELKTON PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 2026." Case motioned to approve, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Municipal Order 2021-13, "RE-APPOINTING SAM TURNER TO THE ELKTON ETHICS COMMITTEE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 2025." Orr motioned to approve, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

## GENERAL REPORTS

Clerk Brock reported the City Beautification Committee awarded Yard of the Month to 406 S Main St. Mayor also reported the committee put up Christmas lights in the trees in pots around the Square.

Mayor Green reported the city received a grant from the Elkton Rotary Club to purchase a new bench and dog waste station to place in the City-County Park.

Mayor Green stated Clerk Brock met with Copperband Technologies and reviewed the five areas of concern for the cybersecurity grant from Kentucky League of Cities. The city only needed to implement Multi-factor Authentication and Advanced Threat Protection with our email client. Therefore, the city will use the \$5,000 in grant to implement these two items and to pay for other items of concern the city has already implemented.

Mayor Green reminded the council the city applied for two FEMA grant projects including additional emergency sirens and a flood mitigation project. The city was notified the siren project was not awarded, but we were invited to move forward with the next phase of the mitigation project application. The mitigation project would purchase or raise properties on West Main Street and Water Street.

## ATTORNEY REPORT

Jeff Traughber reported the city still has two lawsuits pending due to code enforcement fines. The commercial property on North Main Street has been sold and the city's code enforcement costs have been reimbursed, therefore that case will be dismissed. The residential property on North Main Street was discussed and Mayor Green stated the property owners came to visit him once and were supposed to return, however they have not been back to negotiate an agreement. Traughber stated if there was no objection, he would proceed with that case and there were no objections. Traughber is continuing to work on other foreclosure procedures that need to be filed.

Traughber also reported the city will be closing on the purchase of the 4.15 acre Mallory property near the City-County Park on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Daniel Smith reported PADD is assisting with a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the purchase of new air packs for the fire department. All fire trucks received their annual maintenance last month. The generator has not been installed at the fire department yet.

Police Chief Robert Toombs reported 510 calls for service last month with no alcohol related incidents. The new Police Officer Recruit has completed Phase I of the hiring process and must now complete the background check and drug test to apply for a Police Academy date. Chief Toombs has ordered new tasers for the Police Department as approved at the last meeting. Council member Laster thanked Chief Toombs for patrolling Allensville Street.

Mayor Green reported problems at the sewer plant, especially during the recent sever storms causing power

outages. Chris Orr continues to work on issues at the plant. The utility department will be draining the water tank on Garth Lane for maintenance work. Also, City Hall staff has started working with new utility billing software Muni-Link to transition to new billing software. Clerk Brock stated preliminary work is being completed and it will be March or April 2022 before we are expected to go online with new software and new customer billing portal.

#### CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

McReynolds called for an update on the Belew property on North Main Street. Mayor stated the Belew's reimbursed the city for our legal and other expenses incurred enforcing the nuisances on the property and the property was then sold to Johnny Martin. Mr. Martin will be tearing the building down probably starting Monday.

Mayor Green reported contractors are inside the old Sav-a-lot building, which is basically being gutted and will be renovated inside and outside for the new tenant.

Gibson reported a complaint regarding a holly tree in the cemetery that needs to be trimmed and is overgrown. Mayor Green stated he was informed of the complaint and he and the maintenance staff will inspect all trees in the cemeteries to see what maintenance needs to be done. Mayor also reported a donation was received for use in the cemetery and will be used to purchase new cemetery section signs.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

The Todd County Senior Center was recognized for serving 37,083 meals to 234 clients during the period of March 2020 through November 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Green has registered the city for the opioid drug settlement.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mayor Green reported that due to a scheduling conflict at the high school, the Christmas Parade route has been changed to East and West Main Street starting at Industrial Drive. The parade will still start at 6 pm and any city council member riding in the parade need to report to First Financial Bank by 5:30 pm.

Case motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Doors were closed to the public with Mayor, council, attorney, and clerk remaining in the meeting.

Orr motioned to return to open meeting, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Doors were opened to the public. There was no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Arthur Green, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer