

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
May 31, 2022
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Green called the special meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Orr motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2022-04 in lieu of the full Ordinance, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2022-04, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 101.02(A) OF THE CITY OF ELKTON CODE OF ORDINANCES, AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAFFICKING IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF ELKTON." Case motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Powell motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2022-05 in lieu of the full Ordinance, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2022-05, "ORDINANCE AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN AND PAY SCALE." Laster motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Laster motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2022-06 in lieu of the full Ordinance, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2022-06, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 103 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE PIPES WITHIN THE CITY." Gibson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2022-07, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON MODIFYING CITY WATER TAP FEE STRUCTURE." Orr motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Green reported he met with Scotty's Contracting regarding their bid reported at the last meeting for asphalt surfacing. After adjusting the asphalt surfacing needed for each street, Scotty's submitted a revised bid totaling \$56,146.00. Mayor Green recommended approving the revised bid using \$43,050.00 in discretionary road funds and \$13,096.00 is city road funds already in the budget. After discussion, Gibson motioned to approve the mayor's recommendation, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green reported he met with the Borders family regarding the purchase of their land adjacent to Elkton and Glenwood cemeteries on Pond River Road. The Borders' offer was presented in a written cemetery contract and included the city purchasing the property for \$24,750.00 in cash and including 12 foundation permits and 12 burial plots that will be located on this land. Mayor Green stated the city will have to do some cleanup on the property and will need to have the property surveyed for cemetery lots. After discussion, Gibson motioned to accept the offer as stated in the cemetery contract, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Arthur Green presented the FY 2023 Budget Proposal and Message and reviewed highlights of the proposal. Mayor Green reported the city will receive a total of \$528,500 in ARPA funding, and while most of those funds have been committed to the Sewer Improvements Project, once the project is complete we may have funds remaining and can determine how the remaining funds are spent. The proposed budget contains a 6% cost of living salary increase for all employees and officials and additional funds to improve supervisor salaries. Mayor Green highlighted special projects including \$25,000 for updates to City Hall and \$7,000 for a new city website. The budget also proposes purchasing a new police vehicle, while the fire department will continue to seek grants to improve equipment. The Goebel Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project is expected to go to construction and be completed in FY 2023. The proposal also

includes a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant project in the city-county park at a total cost of \$246,000, with federal grant funds reimbursing the city \$123,000 and the county funding \$61,500, leaving the city portion of the project at \$61,500. The proposal also includes continuing to contribute \$17,000 to the Recreation Commission for operation of the park and includes \$10,000 for special city events. In the Public Works department, Phase II and III of the Sewer Improvements Project should be completed in FY 2023. The proposal also includes the city partnering with the new assisted living facility on Morris Weathers Lane by installing water, sewer and gas lines at a total cost of about \$55,000. The budget proposal includes \$160,000 in the water department for painting and repairing the Morningside Drive water tank. Mayor Green also proposes purchasing a new sewer camera system to assist with finding inflow and infiltration issues in the sewer system at a cost of about \$91,000.00 using a three-year loan. Mayor Green called for any comments and recommendations. After review and discussion, it was stated the budget ordinance will be presented for first reading at the next meeting.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer