

Minutes: City Council Meeting
July 14, 2022
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 6:00 PM. In the absence of Mayor Arthur Green, city council member Michael Case served as the presiding officer of the meeting.

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

Others present: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director; and, Jeff Traughber, Attorney.

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

Case called for review of the minutes of the June 9, 2022 regular meeting. Laster motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Case called for review of the minutes of the July 17, 2022 special council meeting. Orr motioned to approve the minutes of the special meeting as presented, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Case called for discussion of the bills payable and financial reports. Clerk Brock reported the city received its final allotment of ARPA funds in the amount of \$284,473.70. Brock reminded the council ARPA funds have been allotted to the Sewer Improvement Project at this time. After some discussion, McReynolds motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case called to order a public hearing to obtain comments regarding the proposed use of Municipal Road Aid funds. There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed.

Regarding streets, Gibson reported complaints about several vehicles being parked on the Square for several days at a time with “for sale” signs. Clerk Brock will report the complaints to the Police Chief.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCES

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2022-10, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON MODIFYING CITY WATER AND SEWER SERVICE BILLING.”

ATTORNEY REPORT

Traughber reported the Alder property on North Main Street has been resolved with a settlement agreement with a portion of the code enforcement fines and legal fees paid to the city. In return, the city has issued a new lien on the property, and it must be monitored for and remain in compliance with code enforcement regulations. Traughber also reported Todd County Funeral Home is ahead of schedule on a payment agreement for delinquent property taxes and code enforcement fines and is expected to be complete by the end of August. Finally, Traughber reported the vacant property owned by the Pratt Estate has received a default judgement and the property will be sold.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith reported Fairview Fire Department has purchased a ladder truck and he stated the city should investigate purchasing one. Smith presented a quote for a used ladder truck in the amount of \$16,000. Smith stated the city could use state fire aid funds and proceeds from the sale of one of the department's older trucks and it may not cost the city anything. He also stated it would improve the city's fire rating. After discussion, Laster motioned to allow Smith to research the purchase of a ladder truck and report back at a future meeting, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

George Orr reported Chris Orr was absent due to assisting the County Water District with finding a major water leak. For the utility/street department, Brock reported the TAP Grant for the Goebel Avenue Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Project is set to bid on August 17, 2022. Also, paving for the Discretionary Road Fund project has been completed.

Clerk Brock reported in the absence of Police Chief Toombs that there were 540 calls for service last month with 22 alcohol related incidents. Brock reported Toombs stated the alcohol related incidents reported will be higher than normal from now on because they are including patrols and calls to the Elkton Beverage Shop.

Clerk Brock also passed out a report of activity from Code Enforcement and Planning and Zoning as prepared by Megan Willenborg. There was discussion about some of the projects that have been approved.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

McReynolds asked for an update on the Die Casting property. Traughber confirmed a Land Purchase Agreement has been signed and the city is awaiting funding announcements from the state to make any local announcements.

Laster asked when election signs can be placed. Brock reported the city ordinance states temporary signs can't be placed for more than 60 days, but it is hard to enforce since technically the sign can be moved for one day and then placed again. Traughber confirmed this ordinance is hard to enforce.

Case reported recently visiting Owensboro where he saw a water tank with a large tent over it while being repaired and asked about the city's funding for the Morningside Water Tank. Brock stated those grant funds were moved to the Sewer Improvements Project. However, the city recently hired a consultant to oversee the Morningside Drive water tank repair project and it is expected to be bid out soon.

Case also reported he received more complaints about the condition of the park playground equipment and asked for an update on the park grant. Clerk Brock stated she was informed the state will be sending our park grant project to the National Park Service for review and approval in the fall, so hopefully new equipment can be purchased next summer.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer