

Minutes: City Council Meeting
April 10, 2017
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2017 with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

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

Others present: Jeffrey Traughber, City Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Brian Atkinson, Police Chief; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief and Todd County Emergency Management Director; Ryan Craig, *Todd County Standard*; and, Paisley Case.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Haley gave invocation.

After reviewing the March 13, 2017 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously

Mayor Weathers called for review and approval of the bills payable and financial reports. Mr. Laster motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers welcomed guests and called for public comments.

- Mayor reported Mr. Donald Settle had requested to be on the agenda, but informed City Hall he had a funeral to attend and could not be here tonight. He will be at the next regular meeting and requested the city council give him an answer regarding extending the lease of the Elkton Die Casting building one way or the other.
- On behalf of Todd County Emergency Management, Daniel Smith reported the county is planning to hold an informational meeting to discuss the impact of the total solar eclipse event happening August 21, 2017 in our area. The tentative meeting date is May 4th and anyone is welcome to attend.
- Gibson asked if Elkton Bike Night would begin in April. Brock stated it will begin Thursday, May 25th.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2017-03, “AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE TWENTY-NINTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY sponsored by Mr. Laster”

Terry Frogue reported the committee formed at the last meeting reviewed information regarding city lake dam and the proposal from GRW Engineering to perform a feasibility study of Melvin Stinson Lake (city lake). Frogue read the “Scope of Study” included in the proposal that would cost \$10,000.00. After the study is complete, GRW will present all findings to the city council. Frogue also contacted Bell Engineering, who chose not to submit a proposal. And, American Engineers, Inc., whose proposal was for \$19,985.00. The committee supported hiring GRW. Mr. Haley motioned to hire GRW Engineering as proposed, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-02, “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES” was presented. Clerk Brock reported this authorizes the city as the sponsor for the proposed grant project to construct new playground equipment, expand the skate park and purchase new picnic tables and benches. The total cost of the project is \$79,000 and requires a 50% match, all of which will come from the Recreation Commission’s funds. After discussion, Mr. Case motioned to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Terry Frogue reported he spoke with Mr. Case, who requested discussion about a sinkhole off of Marion Street. Frogue spoke with property owners in the area, who believe the sinkhole is stopped up and not draining like it has in the past. The city installed a grate and drain in the sinkhole many years ago, which helped the area drain in a few days, but now takes about a week with a good rain. Haley explained it is believed the sinkhole drains under West Main Street to the creek, so if the creek is stopped up, so is the sinkhole. Frogue passed out pictures of the sinkhole on the radio station property with some grass and small saplings growing around the grate. He does not believe the debris is causing the sinkhole to backup. There was some confusion among the property owners which sinkhole is causing a problem. Derrell Waggoner stated he lived in this area for over 20 years and part of the problem started when the school system tore down the old dormitory building and built the new middle school. At that time, an old sinkhole in the woods was filled in with concrete and ever since then the area floods and the sinkhole on the radio station property won’t drain. Case reported he was told the city had cleaned the sinkhole out before and it would help it drain and now the neighbors believe it needs to be cleaned out again. There was discussion the sinkhole is on private property, but the understanding is that it is benefiting the whole community to keep the area from flooding. City Attorney Jeff Traugher stated he did not like the idea of the city perpetually maintaining the area. Mayor Weathers stated it would be a good idea to see where the sinkhole drains to in order to verify it is not blocked up where the water releases. Waggoner suggested putting die in the sinkhole to verify where it drains. After discussion, Case motioned to perform the die test with the property owner’s permission. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Frogue reported Bill Carver owns property on Foggy Road extending over to B White Road. He has already constructed two duplexes on Foggy Road and has submitted a plan for a triplex. In the future, he would like to construct three larger duplexes on the B White Road side; however there is no sewer on that side. Preliminary cost estimates to extend the sewer line about 750’ to this property will cost \$55,000.00 if the city hires this out. Frogue stated in the past the department has tried to run the sewer line to the developing property. However, our ordinance states the developer must extend the sewer line at their own expense and properties tapping onto the line in the future rebate the cost to the developer. Frogue suggested the city might consider paying the cost of the line extension and charging the rebate in the future. He also presented a proposal to install a new sewer line on Pond River Road for the future Extension Office building. Total for both of these projects including engineering fees is about \$75,000. It was the consensus to review a map of the area and the total cost at the next meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported the police department held firearms training and he attended. Haley complemented Chief Atkinson on how professionally managed the training was and how respectful all of the officers were. Atkinson reported the department is still in the process of hiring a new police officer recruit who has just completed the final testing phases. Once these phases are approved, he will apply for a position in the police academy. The monthly activity report was passed out to the council.

Mr. Laster reported water loss was down to 16% last month and commended the department for keeping it under 20%. Laster reported meeting with Frogue earlier today to discuss the many projects the utility department needs to complete. Frogue reported during the last sewer plant renovation project, the city purchased two antenna towers and we only needed one. The Todd County Rescue Squad could use the extra tower. After discussion, Powell motioned to declare the antenna tower surplus property and transfer

it to the Todd County Rescue Squad. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Powell called for a report from the fire department. Waggoner reported he is working on several pieces of equipment that are not working.

Mr. Case reported the Recreation Commission just completed repairs to the skate park. The Commission has approved replacing 8 light poles that are over 40 years old and need replacing. A new security system is being installed by May 1st. Soccer season is set to begin as soon as weather cooperates. Also, Knuckles Insurance has agreed to purchase a new scoreboard for the large ballfield. Jeff Traughber also reported the Commission sought donations for Partners of the Park and has collected about \$9,000.00, the best year ever. Everyone was thankful for the donations to the park from local businesses.

Mr. Gibson reported the state transportation department agreed to widen and install a new culvert at the Commerce Street entrance if the city would purchase the culvert. Gibson hopes to have bids for several street resurfacing and repair projects by the next meeting.

Mr. McReynolds reported tree limbs that were down in the cemetery from the storms last week have been cleaned up.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers reported that citizen surveys for the Community Development Block Grant application are not being returned. The city started with about 400 randomly selected properties with about 350 needing to be complete. To date about 222 are still unaccounted for. Mayor Weathers stated she may need some help calling or contacting the citizens with outstanding surveys to get them completed. The surveys are required in order to apply for grant funding to save the city and citizens money for renovating the sewer system.

Jeff Traughber presented a draft procurement standards ordinance that adopts the requirement to bid out all projects costing over \$10,000.00 as approved at the last meeting. Traughber asked everyone to review the draft and to email him any suggested changes.

Frogue reported that he was prepared to install new fire hydrants on the Highway 68 West water line near Bruce Laster's property in the city limits as the council approved at the last meeting. However, the line has already been officially transferred to the Todd County Water District; therefore Terry requested permission from the Water District to install the hydrants. Even though the total cost of installation and all future maintenance would be paid by the city, the Water District would not grant permission.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer