

Minutes: City Council Meeting
April 11, 2016
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2016 with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

City Council members present: Doug Gibson; David Haley; Eugene Jefferson; 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; John Walton, Todd County Industrial Foundation; Kenzie Boehne, Welcome Center Director and her mother Tina McKenzie; and Amy Kearns, *Todd County Standard*.

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

After reviewing the March 14, 2016 council meeting minutes, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the March 28, 2016 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell 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. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for public comments and welcomed all guests, including Welcome Center Director Kenzie Boehne's mother, Tina McKenzie. There were no public comments.

Clerk Brock reminded the council that early last year they approved the city partnering with the Todd County Health Department to develop a Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan for the city. Health Department Director Jen Harris and Clerk Brock formed a committee with Jill Harris, Todd County Extension Office, to attend training and develop the plan. After completing the training, they reviewed current city assets and completed a citizen survey to gather information on modes of transportation used by citizens and to assess the city's walking and biking needs. Brock presented a draft of the plan and reviewed the results, including the top five suggested projects to improve walking and biking in the city. The first priority project based on their findings was constructing new sidewalks on West Main Street from Dairy Queen to Dollar General. The committee used these results to help the city submit an application for TAP funding for this project and Brock feels this survey helped the city receive the grant that was awarded last fall. The second priority project is a designated walking and biking trail in Elkton, possibly along the Elk Fork Creek. Citizens surveyed stated they would like a dedicated trail so that families and citizens could be in a safer environment away from street traffic. Brock reviewed the other projects and asked the council to approve or continue to review the plan. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to approve the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported the city advertised and accepted bids for the sale of the city's property located at 106 North Main Street with the following bids received: Todd and Camille Dillingham-\$31,000.00; Brent Traughber-\$17,000.00; and, Mark and Angela Silvia-\$41,000.00. The Mayor pointed out that the Silvia's bid had some conditions on the purchase, however they were informed the advertisement called for the purchase to be paid in full within 30 days of acceptance of the bid. The Silvia's agreed they could meet these terms. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to accept the bid from Mark and Angela Silvia in the amount of \$40,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2016-01, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY." Mr. Jefferson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution 2016-04, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES" was presented to the council. Clerk Brock explained this approves application for funding for improvements in the City-County Park. Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

The council was presented with a survey and plat of a proposed right-of-way dedication in the Elkton-Todd County Park the council previously discussed accepting for maintenance by the city. Mr. Haley stated he spoke with Representative Martha Jane King, who will assist the city with getting funding to build a street in the park if we formally accept the right-of-way for maintenance. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to adopt the park entrance and circle as a city street. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. There was further discussion of what to name the street. Mr. Haley suggested naming the street after Wilmon Moore, who donated the land for the park. Mr. Haley motioned to name the street Wilmon Moore Circle, seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously.

Discussion resumed from a previous meeting regarding a recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone property located at 2 Industrial Drive from I-1 Light Industrial to R-1 Single Family Residential. Mr. Laster motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2016-03, "REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE." Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve after first reading, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock informed the council the city has been awarded a Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$1,544.82 to purchase first aid and trauma kits for the police and fire departments.

Mr. Gibson motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(g) for the siting, retention, expansion or upgrading of business, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Everyone except Mayor, council, city attorney, clerk and John Walton left the meeting and the doors were closed to the public. Upon returning from closed session, no action was taken. All guests returned to open meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported he and Clerk Brock walked the trail in the park and noticed some of the exercise trail system signs were in bad shape and need replacing. Mayor Weathers stated she wanted to thank the local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for volunteering to clean up the park several months ago. Mr. Haley also complimented the new Dug Out restaurant operating the concessions in the park and recommended everyone try it if they haven't already eaten there. Jeff Traughber, who also serves on the Recreation Commission, stated soccer is underway and baseball is set to begin soon.

Mr. Laster presented the water loss report and commended the department for the water loss being down to about 9% last month. Terry Frogue reported that they are working on repairing two leaks in the city at this time.

Mr. Powell called for a report from the Fire Department. Chief Waggoner reported on repairs to some of the fire trucks. Also, Daniel Smith is working on the Forestry grant for the brush truck. Waggoner thanked the utility department for their work on testing the fire hydrants last month. He also reported the ISO inspection has been rescheduled to April 20th. Powell reported volunteer fireman Bruce Rager is retiring after 33 years of service and will be honored at the next council meeting. Smith reported that because of the

retirement, the department now has a vacancy on the fire department if anyone knows someone that might be interested in applying.

Mr. Jefferson presented the Police Department monthly activity report. Chief Atkinson reported the new police vehicle has been ordered and is currently being built. Also, the department is still taking applications for a police officer or police officer recruit.

Mr. Gibson reported Commerce Street is in bad condition and needs repair. Other council members reported potholes on Allensville Street and in the alley beside the Police Department. Terry Frogue stated they would dig out and repair the hole in the alley.

Mr. McReynolds asked Mr. Traugher if there were any outstanding lawsuits regarding the cemetery. Mr. Traugher stated the previous lawsuit was settled to everyone's satisfaction. McReynolds reported that Clerk Brock will be using funds in the cemetery landscaping budget to plant four new trees in the Elkton-Glenwood Addition of the cemetery. Mr. Haley requested the city dig up the dead landscaping at the main entrance into Glenwood Cemetery. Haley also requested the city wash and seal the concrete wall in Glenwood Cemetery. Mr. McReynolds also reported there are funds in the cemetery budget for repairing and resetting headstones. One headstone was recently knocked over by a fallen tree during a storm. Clerk Brock will make a list of stones needing repair in Elkton and Glenwood Cemeteries and see that they are completed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers passed out a flyer for the PADD Annual Dinner meeting that will be held Monday, June 13, 2016 and asked the council to let her know if they would like to attend. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to reschedule the regular council meeting in June to a special meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reminded the council about a service she presented several months ago called Reach Alert. The cost to the city would be about \$1.00 per household, or about \$900, for the first year and then \$2.00 per household, or about \$1,800, each year thereafter. Residents can then register their phone numbers and email addresses to receive notices and alerts from the city. After discussion, it was the consensus this was a good service to provide to the citizens and it should be included in next year's budget.

Mayor Weathers presented a proposal from Pennyrite Electric to switch all city street lights to a 108 watt LED fixture. The upsides are that the electric charge will go down and the lights will be whiter and brighter and uniform throughout the city. The downside is that we have to pay for the cost to upgrade the fixtures. The city will pay an investment charge of 11% of the upgrade cost per month, or about \$200 per month, until it's paid off in about a year. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to replace all 298 lights and 8 spotlights with 108 watt LED fixtures. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Mr. McReynolds asked the process to report a street light that is out. Mayor Weathers stated anyone can report outages to Pennyrite Electric.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:17 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer