

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
August 13, 2012  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 2012 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

City Council members present: Doug Gibson; Eugene Jefferson; Jimmy Scott; Danny Laster; David Powell; and, Cindy Sidebottom.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Bruce Marklin; Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Superintendent; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Robert Johnson; Donald Settle; Dennis O'Neil, *Kentucky New Era*; and, Catherine Darnell, *Todd County Standard*.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Eugene Jefferson gave invocation.

After reviewing the July 9, 2012 council meeting minutes, bills payable and financial reports, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp welcomed Donald Settle to discuss his plans for the Elkton Die Casting building. Mr. Settle explained that he is organizing a non-profit group to operate the training center in the building. He will be designated the organizer and at first the group will operate under a three member board. Bobby Gibson, Garth Camp and Doug Boley are interested in serving on the board. Several people are donating services, including Tammy Campbell accounting services, Frita Lovely bookkeeping and Jason Petrie is donating legal services. They are in the process of organizing the corporation and applying for nonprofit status. Pennyrile Electric has also agreed to waive the usual three phase contract. Mr. Settle stated all he is asking of the city council is to provide utilities to the building, continue mowing the grounds and to turn over management of the building to himself and Doug Boley. They would like to keep Elkton Die Casting in the name of the facility, if possible. Mr. Settle is asking for donations of labor and materials and he may form a committee of former Elkton Die Casting employees to help with the renovations. Mr. Laster stated his church may be able to help clean and paint as a service project. Mr. Settle stated he would like to start having classes in the building in the fall 2013. Mr. Settle thanked the Mayor and council and left the meeting. After discussion, it was the consensus that City Attorney Jeff Traughber will talk with Jason Petrie and start preparing documentation to move forward with this request.

Mayor Camp reported that Debra Sale has resigned as Welcome Center Director and Linda Fowler has been hired as the new Director.

Resolution 2012-3, "RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT" was presented to the council. Clerk Brock explained the city changed health insurance plans for employees effective July 1, 2012 to a high deductible plan. However, the deductible of \$2,500 is being funded through a health reimbursement account that will be managed by BMS, LLC. The health insurance premium savings will be about \$10,000 and any unused deductibles will be returned to the city for additional savings at the end of the year. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-3 and seconded by Ms. Sidebottom. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read Municipal Order 2012-1, "MUNICIPAL ORDER AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES." This order will redefine a full-time employee to those working 35 hours or more per week. After discussion, Ms. Sidebottom motioned to adopt Municipal Order 2012-1 and seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock and Mr. Scott updated the council on the Park Improvement Project, stating the tennis court lights are being replaced and quotes are being received for new toddler playground equipment and swing repairs. Mayor Camp reported Modern Woodmen will be donating \$500 to help pay for new mulch around the new toddler equipment.

Clerk Brock reported that a new server, router and firewall equipment are needed in City Hall for extra security now that the city is accepting credit cards. Clerk Brock received a quote from Cornerstone Information Systems for these upgrades in the amount of \$9,950 not including labor. She stated there might be a few deductions she can take off the quote. There is only \$6,000 in the budget for these types of expenses. After discussion, Ms. Sidebottom motioned to amend the budget and authorize the necessary server and firewall upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Jefferson called for a report from Chief Marklin. Chief Marklin reported he attended the Kentucky Police Chief's Conference last week. Chief Marklin also reported that Officer Monte Strode will be retiring at the end of this month and applications for new officers are being accepted. A report of all department activity for July was given.

Terry Frogue reported the city's water tank on Garth Lane was recently painted under the current maintenance contract. Mayor Camp requested that the city's new logo with the "heart of Todd County" be painted on the tank at a cost of \$3,500. Mr. Laster motioned to amend the budget to include the cost of painting the logo on the water tank. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Frogue reported the water tank on Morningside Drive needs to be painted very soon. He will get estimates to paint the tank and report at a later meeting. Mr. Frogue also reported that the computer running the SCADA software that monitors the sewer plant needs to be replaced at a cost of about \$5,000. Clerk Brock stated she believes this can be done in the current budget.

Frogué also reported Todd County Water District has quoted the city \$20,000 each to install 6" master meters to separate our water distribution lines. Mr. Frogue stated there may be a possibility we only need to install on 6" meter instead of two. The 6" meters are needed to provide future fire protection. After discussion, it was the consensus that the city is not opposed to installing 6" meters but the details need to be worked out in the final agreement to separate lines with the Water District.

Mr. Powell reported only one fire run was made last month.

Ms. Sidebottom stated she would like the record to show the inaction of the council regarding Donald Settle's request to be designated co-manager of the Elkton Die Casting building was because the council felt the City Attorney needs to be updated on the situation before any action is taken by the city.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp reported the city has received property tax information for 2012. Clerk Brock presented the property tax rate calculations. The compensating rate for 2012 is \$.239 per \$100 assessment for real property and \$.236 per \$100 assessment for personal property. The compensating rate would generate approximately \$249 less than year. Rate II for 2012 is \$.247 per \$100 assessment for real property and \$.236 per \$100 assessment for personal property and would generate approximately \$4,425 over last year. The 4% rate, which requires two public notices and a public hearing, is \$.256 per \$100 assessment for real property and \$.244 per \$100 assessment for personal property. The 4% rate would generate approximately \$10,498 over last year. Last year's rates were \$.248 per \$100 assessment for real property and \$.361 per \$100 assessment for personal property. Clerk Brock recommended

setting the rate at Rate II, which would be a \$.001 decrease over last year. After discussion, Ms. Sidebottom motioned to adopt Rate II and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Brock stated she would need to leave the meeting to prepare the ordinance for first reading.

Mayor Camp reported that Assistant City Clerk Vicki Goad has been in bad health and is currently in the hospital. It is unknown when she will be able to return to work.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2012-5, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE YEAR 2012." Mr. Laster motioned to accept after first reading and seconded by Ms. Sidebottom. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Camp called for comments from guests. Mr. Johnson stated he would still like to see a street light installed at the intersection of Highway 68 and Highway 181. Also, he reported whoever is mowing the right-of-way on North Main Street is mowing everything but in front of his house and he is not able to mow it. Finally, new rip-rap needs to be installed on the creek bank adjacent to his property. The weeds and grass are growing very tall on the bank. Mr. Frogue stated he will look at the rip-rap on the creek bank. The mowing on the right-of-way on North Main is done by the state since that is a state highway.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Scott motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

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Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer