

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
August 29, 2016
4:30 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Monday, August 29, 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: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Jeffrey Traughber, City Attorney; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief; John Walton, Todd County Industrial Foundation; Ronald and Janice Gill; Sue Gill Long; Michael and Paisalie Case; and, Amy Kearns, *Todd County Standard*;

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and reminded everyone that since it was a special meeting, only the items on the agenda could be discussed.

AGENDA

1. Todd County Industrial Foundation
2. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2016-11 – An Ordinance Amending Section 35.027 (Guidelines for Out-of-Town Fires)
3. Recommendation from Planning Commission to Amend Text of Zoning Ordinance
4. 1st Reading Ordinance Amending Text of Chapter 151 (Zoning)
5. 2016 Property Tax Rate
6. Demolition of Buildings or Structures

Mayor Weathers reminded everyone that at the last meeting, the Industrial Foundation requested funds to perform studies on a parcel to become a “build ready” industrial site. The city council asked if the county could provide half the requested funding. Mayor Weathers stated the county has agreed to contribute half the cost. Clerk Brock reported the total request from the Foundation was \$16,500.00, so with the county paying half the cost, the city would need to contribute the other half, or \$8,250.00. The city has \$5,000.00 remaining in the budget for economic and industrial development. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to contribute \$8,250.00 to the Todd County Industrial Foundation and to amend the budget to allow for the contribution. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock stated City Attorney Jeff Traughber has prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2016-11 updating and amending the fire department membership ordinance if the council would like to read the Summary in lieu of the entire ordinance. Mr. Jefferson motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2016-11, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. Therefore, Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2016-11, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF SECTION 35.027 (GUIDELINES FOR OUT-OF-TOWN FIRES) OF THE CITY OF ELKTON CODE OF ORDINANCES.” Mr. Jefferson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock reported a recommendation from the Elkton Planning Commission to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance. Brock read the recommendation, which stated the Commission held a public hearing on August 11, 2016 and then reviewed the recommended amendments. Clerk Brock and Terry Frogue, Zoning Administrator, answered questions regarding amendments to the definitions of yards and window feature signs. Mr. Powell motioned to approve the recommendation to amend the text of the Zoning

Ordinance as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock stated City Attorney Jeff Traugher has prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2016-12 amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance if the council would like to read the Summary in lieu of the entire ordinance. Mr. Laster motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2016-12, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. Therefore, Clerk Brock read first reading of Summary of Ordinance 2016-12, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF CHAPTER 151 (ZONING) OF THE CITY OF ELKTON CODE OF ORDINANCES." Mr. Jefferson motioned to accept after first reading, seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock presented the property tax rate calculations for 2016. Clerk Brock reported real property assessed values decreased from \$61,347,948 to \$60,380,409, a decrease of \$967,539. The compensating rate for 2016 is \$.249 per \$100 assessment for real property and \$.201 per \$100 assessment for personal property. This rate would generate approximately \$174,198 in revenue, about \$57 more than last year. The 4% rate, which generates approximately 4% more revenue over the previous year and requires two public notices and a public hearing, is \$.258 per \$100 assessment for real property and \$.2082 per \$100 assessment for personal property. The 4% rate would generate approximately \$180,487, about \$6,346 more revenue than last year. Last year's real property tax rate was \$.245 per \$100 assessment and \$.1977 per \$100 assessment for personal property. If we maintain last year's real property tax rate, the city would lose \$2,749 in revenue. Mr. Powell asked what the difference in cost over last year would be for a home valued at \$100,000 if we adopted the compensating rate. Clerk Brock stated last year a home with this value would have paid \$245 for the year and this year it would be \$249, so a difference of \$4.00 for the year. Clerk Brock stated she would always recommend adopting the 4% rate to raise additional revenue; however, she would definitely not want to lose revenue by adopting last year's rate. Mayor Weathers reminded everyone we are operating with a budget deficit this year. Clerk Brock stated the deficit is mainly due to matching grant projects for new and improved sidewalks, however we are to the point that if we want to do any special projects to improve the community we are spending money out of savings. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to adopt the compensating rate, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Therefore, Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2016-13, "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 2016." Mr. Gibson motioned to accept after first reading, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Regarding demolition of buildings or structures, it was the consensus to table this item to the next meeting.

Since there were no other items on the agenda, Jefferson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gibson and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer