

Minutes: City Council Meeting
December 10, 2012
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 2012 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

City Council members absent: Cindy Sidebottom.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Bruce Marklin; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; Fire Chief Darrin Cole; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; David Haley; Boy Scout Troop 3166 with Scout Master Steve Oliver and Assistant Scout Master Justin Frogue; Mitch Robinson, Executive Director Hopkinsville-Christian County Economic Development Council; and, Catherine Darnell, *Todd County Standard*.

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

Mayor Camp welcomed all the guests in attendance. Mayor Camp recommended amending the agenda to include Mitch Robinson to speak with the council. Mr. Scott motioned to approve and seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. Mayor Camp reminded the council at the November 6, 2012 council meeting the city voted to support the Industrial Foundation joining the Hopkinsville-Christian County Economic Development Council. Mr. Robinson thanked the council and spoke to them regarding his role as the director of the newly formed Southwestern Kentucky Economic Development Council, which will now combine Christian and Todd County. Mr. Robinson will serve as our industrial recruiter and the Industrial Foundation will continue to purchase land for industrial purposes. He announced that a strategic planning session will be held after the first of the year. Mr. Robinson stated that our first priority is our existing industries and how we can help with expansion and retention. They will also recruit new industry to the area. Mr. Robinson thanked the council and told them to call or email him anytime if they have questions.

After reviewing the November 12, 2012 council meeting minutes, bills payable and financial reports, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp called for Fire Chief Cole to report on issues regarding fire districts. Mr. Cole reported that the city of Elkton's fire district is the city limits of Elkton. Because of this, sometimes other fire departments are dispatched to locations around Elkton even though Elkton may be closer. Also, Fairview would like to expand its fire district to include areas very near the western limits of the city of Elkton. Chief Cole recommended the city look into expanding its fire district to the five mile radius and also offer memberships to those outside the city limits. He explained that it will take a majority of the citizens in the affected areas to be notified and approve the districts changes. Cole said that County Attorney Mac Johns is helping Fairview notify residents of their intent to expand their fire district and needs to know the city's thoughts because their expansion would include part of our five mile radius if we expand. It was decided to let Fairview know that the city needs time to research our fire district options. Also, Jeff Traughber will contact Mac Johns to be included on all correspondence regarding fire districts. Chief Cole thanked the council and left the meeting.

Mayor Camp announced that Al Bowden of Refine Tile is still out of town and will meet with the city council at a later date. Mr. Traughber reported he has contacted Kentucky League of Cities and has some ideas and suggestions about incentives the city can offer. Mr. Mitch Robinson offered to meet with the city and Refine Tile to help with any possible incentives.

Resolution 2012-4 “RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE” was presented to the council. After review, Mr. Powell motioned to adopt and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported the city has been notified that Logan-Todd Regional Water Commission has voted to raise the wholesale water rate by 2% from \$3.75 per thousand to \$3.83 per thousand effective March 2013. Clerk Brock stated that as long as the city holds its water loss down she is not recommending a rate increase at this time. The increase will cost the city about \$1,500 this fiscal year and approximately \$4,500 next year.

Terry Frogue reported Pennyrile ADD approved adding the city’s project to extend water lines for the purpose of separating from Todd County Water District and the water main replacement on Goeble Avenue at a total cost of approximately \$300,000. PADD is working with Kentucky Infrastructure Authority on loan estimates for this project.

Mayor Camp reported a business on the Square requested that no skateboard and bicycle signs be put back up on the Square. The city’s ordinance states no bicycles and skateboards on sidewalks in the Central Business District. The signs were taken down during the sidewalk renovation project several years ago and were never replaced. It was discussed that we should put up 4 to 8 decorative signs around the Square. After discussion, Mr. Scott motioned to install the signs on the Square and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported a request from Todd County Emergency Services to use the Elkton Die Casting property on West Jefferson Street in the case of an emergency or disaster. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the request and seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported the sound system has been installed on Public Square and came in just under budget. We might consider purchasing satellite radio in the spring.

Mayor Camp reported that officer Brian Atkinson is still off of work due to the injury working an accident back in October. The city hired Drew DeGhetto as temporary full-time until Officer Atkinson returns. Chief Bruce Marklin requested that Officer DeGhetto be hired full-time on a regular basis. Chief Marklin reported DeGhetto is very qualified and has six years’ experience as well as a military background. Chief Marklin passed out an overview of his request for another officer. Clerk Brock stated that the city’s budget only includes seven full-time police officers so the budget would need to be amended and approved by the city council to add a full-time regular position. The cost of a full-time officer is approximately \$53,000 and Clerk Brock reviewed the effect on the budget, which when originally passed for this year only had a \$5,000 surplus. Clerk Brock explained that when she replaced an assistant clerk back in October the full-time clerk was replaced with a part-time clerk in order to save about \$25,000, however there may be a need to once again go to full-time in the future. Chief Marklin and Mr. Jefferson reported that with only seven officers, many times they are working alone and responding to dangerous situations by themselves. Chief Marklin reported state guidelines suggest cities of our size have nine full-time officers. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to amend the city’s budget to hire another regular full-time officer, Drew DeGhetto. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Gibson, Jefferson and Powell. Voting

opposed were Scott and Laster. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Scott reported all activities were complete in the park for the year.

Mr. Laster reported water loss was about 16% last month mostly due to a water leak on Goble Avenue.

Mr. Powell reported the fire department had nine fire runs last month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp reported a request from Todd County Central High School for the city to sponsor their veteran's day celebration where they honor all veterans with a breakfast and flag presentation. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to donate \$200 and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported that Recreational Trails and Land and Water Conservation Fund grant applications are due in a few months. Both of these grants require a 50% match from the city.

Mayor Camp reported Leona Bockweg will resign from the Elkton Planning Commission effective December 31, 2012. Mr. Scott motioned to approve her resignation, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously. Ms. Bockweg requested she be replaced on the Planning Commission by Cindy Sidebottom. Mr. Powell motioned to approve the appointment of Cindy Sidebottom to the Elkton Planning Commission effective January 1, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Everyone thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting.

Clerk Brock announced all of the council members serving effective January 1, 2013 would be sworn in after adjournment of the meeting.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Jefferson motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM. (For the record, current council members Gibson, Jefferson, Scott, Laster, Powell and new member David Haley were sworn in by Mayor Nancy Camp.)

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer