

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
December 9, 2013  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 9, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Jerry Pepper; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Donald Settle, Elkton Die Casting Technology and Community Center; Ryan Craig, *Todd County Standard*.

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

After reviewing the November 18, 2013 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp called for approval of the bills payable and financial reports. Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp called for public comments or presentations.

Donald Settle stated he would like to answer questions from the community regarding the relationship between the Elkton Die Casting Center training he is developing and the new tech school that will be built at the high school. He stated that his training will be geared more towards the “working trades” like welding, electrician, etc. He stated many new tech schools are not geared towards these trades, but more towards newer technology. He is also using the center as an incubator for bringing new businesses to Todd County. Also, any training at the Center will be free aside from maybe purchasing literature and materials. He also reported the electric meter has been set and they hope to have the electricity working in the office portion of the building in January. He asked the council to be considering who will pay for renovation costs if new businesses move into the building.

Terry Frogue reported the Water Line Extension and Replacement Project is underway. Brock requested the council give Mayor Camp authorization to sign the pay requests for this project so that they can be sent to the various agencies for approval and not cause a long delay in paying the contractor and engineer. The council will still receive an update about the project every month. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned authorize the Mayor to approve the pay requests and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported the Elkton Christmas parade had to be postponed due to weather to Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Scott motioned to go into closed session to discuss future acquisition or sale of public property by the city (KRS61.810(1)(b)). Everyone left the meeting except Mayor, council, attorney and clerk. Upon return from closed session, Mr. Powell motioned to sell the city’s property located on Jefferson Street by accepting sealed bids with the right to reject any and all bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported he spoke with the county about the city adopting the park road as a city street in order to use state aid funds to pave the road. He stated the county offered to donate labor. Mr. Scott

stated it is a city-county park and everything should be done equally. After discussion, Mr. Haley and Mr. Traugher will discuss this issue again with the park board because there may be some misunderstanding.

Mr. Powell reported the fire department just completed their annual state training.

Mr. Jefferson called for a report from Police Chief Pepper. Chief Pepper stated he was hired to stabilize and enhance the police department. We have had several officers retire and are down to six officers and we are sending two recruits to the police academy. The recruits are expected to graduate in May if they complete the training. Chief Pepper reported that we have been trying to recruit officers from Todd County but the last time we advertised for certified officers we didn't receive any applications and it just is not working. He stated the officers will be going into uniforms in December and will no longer wear khaki pants and polo shirts. The decals on the police cars will be changed so they can be seen easier at night. Chief Pepper has also assigned a vehicle for take home to each officer. He stated our wages are lower than surrounding areas and taking home a vehicle helps.

Also, the officers usually take better care of the cars if they take them home. This right can be taken away at any time if it is abused.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp reported that funds have been allocated for the creek cleanup project. We still need a few more easements before work can begin. The city has to match the grant and can use in kind labor.

Mayor Camp reported that Logan Todd Regional Water has passed a 2% increase in their wholesale water rate they charge their customers effective January 1. The rate will go from \$3.83 to \$3.91 per 1,000 gallons. Mayor Camp stated this increase will cost the city about \$4,000 per year. She also stated the last time Logan Todd passed an increase the city absorbed the cost and didn't increase customer's rates. Clerk Brock recommended the city pass this increase along to the customers, which would mean a 1% rate increase. The current minimum bill for water is \$25.31 and would increase to \$25.56. An average bill of 4,000 gallons is currently \$36.63 and would increase to \$37.00 per month. Mayor Camp also stated LTRWC increase included a clause that the 2% increase would occur annually unless the Board voted not to increase rates. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to increase water rates by 1%. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Voting in favor of the motion were Scott, Jefferson, Gibson, Powell and Haley. Voting opposed was Laster. Motion carried.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2013-11, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 50.25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON ADJUSTING WATER RATES CHARGED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ELKTON." Mr. Scott motioned to approve after first reading and seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Voting in favor of the motion were Scott, Jefferson, Gibson, Powell and Haley. Voting opposed was Laster. Motion carried.

Mayor Camp reported receiving notice from Mediacom that rates will increase soon.

Mr. Traugher reported a lawsuit has been filed against the city, but it is too early to discuss at this time.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Laster motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

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Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer