

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
February 11, 2013  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Bruce Marklin; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Mitch Robinson, Executive Director South Western Kentucky Economic Development Council; Todd County Sheriff Joey Johnson; Lori Blakely, Director Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force; Tamie Sears, PACS Todd County Senior Citizens Center; Jerry Sears; Sue Rose; Arthur Green; Donald Settle; Stacy Boone, Thurman Campbell Group; Adam May, WHOP Radio; Carla Jiminez, *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. Mr. Eugene Jefferson gave invocation.

After reviewing the January 14, 2013 council meeting minutes, January 21, 2013 special council meeting minutes, bills payable and financial reports, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp requested moving Mitch Robinson to item 8.5 on the agenda. Mr. Scott motioned to approve amending the agenda and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp introduced Stacy Boone, Thurman Campbell Group to present the city of Elkton audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Mrs. Boone stated the financial statements were given an unqualified opinion, the cleanest report possible. Mrs. Boone reviewed financial highlights of the report and stated that if anyone had questions after they reviewed the report to please feel free to call. Mayor Camp thanked her for the presentation and Mrs. Boone left the meeting.

Mayor Camp welcomed Mr. Donald Settle to discuss the Elkton Die Casting building. Mayor Camp stated the fence around the building has been cut and needs repaired. She stated that Steve Williams could be hired to make the repairs. Mr. Settle stated that he would like to use the motorcycle shelter and will personally pay for it to be enclosed. He will also pay for the utility bill for the shelter. He would like the city to secure the fence and make repairs to the rollup doors in the main building. Also, it was thought the roof was leaking in the office building, however it is just a gutter that needs repair. Mr. Settle stated that it will take about 2-3 weeks to get electric repaired in the portion of the office building that the Elkton Die Casting Technical and Community Center (EDCTCC) will be using. Garth Camp and Frank Hampton are volunteering to do this work as they have time. Mr. Settle is going to work at trying to get the exterior of the building painted. Mr. Settle reported the EDCTCC Board held their first meeting last week and already have a list of 19 business types that Todd County needs in our area. They already have one potential business to move in and use the facility as an incubator. He stated each incubator business will be responsible for their utility meter. Mr. Settle also stated he is talking with his magistrate to get the county involved in this project. The group is ready to sign a lease so they can start working on the building. Details of the lease such as utility bills and the environmental covenant on the property need to be discussed at a future meeting. Mayor Camp requested permission to hire Steve Williams to secure the fence and repair the gutter. There is no cost estimate for these repairs. Mr. Powell motioned to allow the Mayor to hire Steve Williams and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lori Blakely introduced herself as the Director of the Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force. Ms. Blakely explained that 75% of the funding for the group comes from federal funding, while the remaining funds come from local contributions. The group is seeking commitment letters for next year's budget. The city has contributed \$608.50 per year for several years, excluding last year. The Task Force is requesting a 20% increase from all contributors next year, which would make the city's contribution \$730.20. The Task Force used to get funding from Congressional earmarks, however those are no longer available. She stated they have 4 recent cases in Todd County and they also provide drug education resources to groups in Todd County. Sheriff Johnson stated that he has requested the county not contribute and participate with the Task Force, but that decision will be made by Fiscal Court. Sheriff Johnson stated that his deputies have been working drug cases in the county and in Elkton. Ms. Blakely stated they do not have the funding to put an officer in Todd County at this time. She stated the city and county have benefited from the Task Force in the past and she feels like now that they are having financial troubles, some entities are pulling out. Mayor Camp thanked Ms. Blakely and said the contribution will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Camp welcomed Tamie Sears and other guests representing the PACS Todd County Senior Citizens Center. Mrs. Sears stated she is the Director of the Center and explained the various services they provide. Due to recent cuts in funding, they can only serve home delivered meals to 63 residents, including 22 in Elkton. There are 21 residents on the waiting list, including 4 from Elkton. They serve one hot meal five days a week to these citizens at a cost of about \$12.42 per meal per person including labor, fuel charges, etc. PACS receives about \$7.00 per meal in federal funding. Sue Rose and Arthur Green also spoke in support of the group. Mrs. Sears requested the city council consider contributing to the Center to help provide more services to the citizens. She did not have a contribution amount in mind, but would appreciate any support the city could give. They do sell lunch every weekday at the center and hold fundraisers throughout the year to raise more money. Mrs. Sears and the others in attendance thanked the council and left the meeting.

Mr. Gibson motioned to go into executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(g) for discussion concerning specific proposal for siting, retention, expansion or upgrading of business. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously. Everyone left the meeting except Mayor, council, city attorney, clerk and Mitch Robinson. Upon returning from closed session, Mr. Powell motioned to contribute \$2,000 to Refine Tile for the Made in America television show. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2013-1, "Authorizing Resolution of the City of Elkton for Filing of Loan Application and Appointing Appropriate Local Government Official and Successors-in-Title as Official Project Representative of an Infrastructure Revolving Fund (Fund B - State Revolving Loan Program) Project" was presented to the council. Clerk Brock stated this was authorizing the application and appointing Mayor to sign documents for KIA loan application for the water line separation and Goeble Avenue line replacement project. Mr. Scott motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-1 and seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands. Clerk Brock reported the application is scheduled to be reviewed by the KIA Board in March.

Mayor Camp reported she has received a request from the Recreation Commission for the city's annual contribution of \$12,000. Mr. Scott motioned to approve the contribution and seconded by Mr. Haley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp recommended the city join the Todd County Community Alliance at the \$1,000 level. This is the same level the city joined last year. Mr. Laster motioned to join the Alliance at the \$1,000 level. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported that PADD is calling for applications for Area Development Funding grants. There is \$90,000 available for the region. Clerk Brock stated the funding is 100% grant and is for capital projects and equipment. After discussion, it was decided Terry Frogue would get quotes for

mowing equipment. Mr. Jefferson motioned to apply for Area Development Funding for equipment purchase. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported City Attorney Jeff Traughber has prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2013-1 establishing a Job Development Incentive Program. Mr. Jefferson motioned to read the summary ordinance in lieu of the entire ordinance. Mr. Laster seconded the motion and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock stated the only items that have changed since the draft was presented to the council was the definition of “eligible company” was changed to state “any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship or any other entity engaged in manufacturing or warehouse/distribution operations” and the rebate and rebate period was changed to state “up to 100% of the employees' withholdings generated by new jobs otherwise owed to the City for a period up to five years.” Mr. Robinson also stated that in the ordinance the Hopkinsville-Christian County Economic Development Council needs to be changed to the recently changed name of “South Western Kentucky Economic Development Council.” Clerk Brock read Summary of Ordinance 2013-1, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JOB DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES PROGRAM.” Mr. Powell motioned to approve after first reading and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Gibson requested the street department clean out a tile on East Ruth Drive. Mr. Frogue will take care of it.

Chief Marklin passed out information about the Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. Mr. Marklin stated the School Board was meeting tonight to discuss a partnership with the city to hire a school resource officer and he was just informed the Board approved funding to hire an officer. The officer would be hired at the school system's expense. Mr. Marklin reported the city is advertising to hire a police officer. Chief Marklin also reported all department activity for January.

Mr. Frogue reported the city has had quite a few sewer backup problems this winter having to use the sewer jetter more than normal. He will need to purchase some replacement equipment for the jetter to continue unclogging sewer mains. Water loss is still averaging 10% per month.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp assigned the following departments/duties to the council: Doug Gibson – Streets; Eugene Jefferson – Police Department; Jimmy Scott – Right-of-way mowing; Danny Laster – Utilities; David Powell – Fire Department; David Haley – Recreation Commission representative.

Mayor Camp reported a complaint from Fire Chief Darrin Cole regarding the fire department being paged for weather warnings throughout all hours of the night. They are not a first responder unit and he does not feel they should receive these alerts. Todd County Dispatch reported this is their protocol. Mayor Camp and Chief Cole are discussing this protocol with other counties to see what is being done in other communities.

Mr. Jefferson motioned to go into executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Everyone left the meeting except Mayor, council, city attorney and clerk. Upon return from executive session, Mr. Laster motioned to authorize Mayor Camp to attend the sale of property located at 507 S. Main Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock passed out a copy of the draft Comprehensive Plan prepared by Craig Morris of PADD. The draft will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting on February 14, 2013 at 7 PM. The Plan is not brought to the council for adoption, so Mr. Morris asked the council to review the draft plan and report any comments before it is presented to the Planning Commission for adoption in

March.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Scott motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM.

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Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer