

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting  
February 23, 2015  
5:30 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Monday, February 23, 2015 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; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; William Weathers; and, other guests.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Because it was a special called meeting, only items on the agenda could be discussed.

#### Agenda

1. Cemetery Maintenance
2. South Streets Avenue Sidewalks Project
3. Snow Removal
4. Mowing at City's West Main Street Property
5. Closed Session for Deliberations on the Future Acquisition or Sale of Real Property by a Public Agency (KRS 61.810(1)(b))

Mayor Weathers reviewed with the council a draft copy of the Cemetery Maintenance Bid Specifications and pointed out changes from the previous year's specifications, including increasing the mowing height from 2" to 4" and the addition of resetting corner stone markers. Clerk Brock stated she added a requirement that the contractor must maintain current on all city occupational license taxes. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to include in the specifications that the bidders may be interviewed. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. There was considerable discussion about forming a committee to review the bids and interview bidders. It was agreed that Frank McReynolds, David Haley, Eugene Jefferson and Mayor Weathers would serve on the committee to review the bids. Mr. Powell motioned to approve the bid specifications as presented with the addition of the interview statement. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported the mailboxes on South Streets Avenue will have to be moved from the west side of the street to the east side of the street once the new sidewalks and drainage on the South Streets Avenue Sidewalks Project are completed. The Elkton Postmaster suggested installing Cluster Box Units (CBU). Clerk Brock presented a picture of a CBU with 8 mail slots and two package slots. The CBU could be installed on the back side of the new sidewalks after every fourth house. Then, as the current resident chooses to go from a mailbox to the CBU, the mailboxes would be taken down. This would improve the looks of the area and would also be safer for the residents to use. The CBUs allow the box to be locked, which protects their personal information and also allows packages to be delivered. The cost to install the CBU would be up to the city with each box costing about \$1,000.00 plus labor and installation. These would be installed by city after the project is complete. The Post Office would then maintain the CBUs and manage distribution of keys. There was some discussion about putting this item in next year's budget since the project will not be complete until June. There was no action taken.

Mayor Weathers thanked the Utility Department for all their hard work over the past week after the large amount of snowfall. Frogue reported the maintenance crew worked on the President's Day holiday and have stayed late every night since clearing snow and repairing water leaks. Mayor Weathers reported a compliment received from Todd County Emergency Services on how fast the city cleared the downtown area of snow. Clerk Brock reported the city has \$4,000 in the Municipal Road Aid (MRA) budget for the

purchase of a grader blade to use for snow removal. If only funds from MRA are used then the blade can only be used for street purposes. Frogue estimated that the water and sewer departments would use the blade about 30% of the time, therefore 30% of the cost could be shared with the MRA fund. Frogue stated that a manual blade would work best with our tractor and would cost about \$2,500. After discussion, Mr. Laster motioned to purchase the blade, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously. Mr. Powell requested the council consider putting about \$1,000 to \$2,000 in the budget every year for snow removal in case the city needs to hire contractors to remove snow in an emergency.

Clerk Brock reported Linda Oliver contacted her about continuing to mow the city's property on West Main Street now that the Todd County Water District has vacated the property. The cost would be \$55.00 per mowing. When the council asked Mr. Frogue if his department had the time and equipment for the job, he stated first he needed to disclose the Oliver's are family. He then stated they do have the equipment, but got behind in mowing several times last year because they were short staffed. Mr. Haley suggested contacting Jailer Greg Allen to see if they could mow the property for the city. Mayor Weathers agreed to contact Mr. Allen.

Mr. Jefferson motioned to go into closed session for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Everyone left the meeting except the Mayor, council, attorney and clerk and the doors were closed. Upon returning from closed session, there was no action taken.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

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Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer