

Minutes: City Council Meeting
February 8, 2016
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 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: Jeffrey Traughber, City Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Brian Atkinson, Police Chief; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief; Ashley Weatherholt, Assistant City Clerk; Kenzie Boehne, Welcome Center Director; Brian Demps, Thurman Campbell Group; and Amy Kearns, *Todd County Standard*.

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

After reviewing the January 11, 2016 council meeting minutes, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Weathers called for public comments. There were none.

Mayor Weathers introduced Brian Demps with Thurman Campbell Group to present the audited financial statements report for FYE June 30, 2015. Mr. Demps stated the financial statements were given an unmodified opinion, the cleanest report possible. Mr. Demps 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 Weathers thanked him for the presentation and Mr. Demps left the meeting.

Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith reported the ISO application in progress gives points if the community has written mutual aid agreements with all adjoining fire districts, of which the city has seven. Waggoner reported he is also working on an agreement with Russellville Fire Department for use of a ladder truck when needed. A copy of the written agreement with adjoining departments was presented to the council. It was reiterated that we already have verbal agreements with all departments in the county. Our department will have the opportunity to deny mutual aid calls and fire calls within the city will still take priority. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to approve entering into mutual aid agreements with the seven adjoining fire departments. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported that she, Terry Frogue and Mike McGhee, McGhee Engineering, recently met with the Division of Water regarding recent inspections at the city lake dam. Mayor Weathers reported it was the consensus after the meeting that the spillway needs repairs and all tree saplings need to be cut down and dug out of the spillway. The dam is a flood control structure to help prevent flooding in the city. It was suggested the city apply for FEMA funding to make the repairs, which is typically a 75% grant and 25% loan. Then, the Department for Local Government will contribute grant funding in the amount of 75% of our match requirement with FEMA. If the council approves applying for FEMA funding, the city will seek an engineer to help develop a plan and estimated cost for repairing the spillway. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve applying for FEMA funding, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Police Chief Atkinson presented a request to purchase a new 2016 Ford interceptor utility vehicle. Chief Atkinson stated the council included a part-time officer in this year's budget at an estimated cost of \$22,000. We have not hired a part-time officer and Chief Atkinson would like to use those funds to purchase the new

vehicle. He proposed entering into a lease agreement with Ford Motor Company this year and make the first payment of \$9,775.00 and purchase equipment for the vehicle at a cost of about \$6,500.00 for a total investment this year of about \$16,275.00. Then, within the next fiscal year we will pay the vehicle off. Chief Atkinson would like to get on a schedule of purchasing one vehicle every two years. He stated there will not be another vehicle taken out of service when this one is purchased. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to transfer the funds for the part-time officer for the purchase of a new vehicle. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers recommended the appointment of Shelbie Stokes to the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-01, "RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELKTON AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$159,505" was presented to the council. Mayor Weathers stated the council has already agreed to this project however now the state has made a change to the agreement with the city and is requiring the city pass a resolution. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve Resolution 2016-01, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported soccer will begin soon in the park. Also, management of the concession stand is being bid out. There will also be discussion about taking better care of the restrooms in the park this year. Mayor reported meeting with TVA regarding the park grant application to install new light poles on the ball fields and any assistance TVA can provide. Also, Pennyryle Rural Electric has already agreed to donate labor for installing the new light poles.

Mr. Laster complimented Terry Frogue and the utility department for lowering the water loss last month to 11.4%.

Mr. Powell commended the police and fire department for their good work responding to the incident at Max Fuel gas station in town where a car crashed into a gas pump and caught fire. This incident could have been much worse had it not been for their fast response. Daniel Smith reported on continued work on the ISO application and reported the department will be reviewing all school facilities and buildings on the Square.

Mr. Jefferson and Chief Atkinson presented the monthly activity report. Atkinson also thanked the fire department for their assistance at the Max Fuel incident and thanked them for a job well done. Mr. Jefferson also reported several complaints he has received about Waste Management, including leaving garbage containers in the street and a report that the driver refused to take extra garbage bags from a citizen when they were supposed to pick up extra bags after they missed a week due to bad weather.

Mr. Gibson commended Terry Frogue and the utility/street department for their good work clearing the streets of snow and ice in recent weeks. Mr. Gibson also thanked the council for agreeing to purchase the extra snow blade and salt spreader. Many agreed it was a good purchase and the citizens appreciated the city clearing the streets.

Mr. McReynolds reported the cemetery was clear of all debris and limbs and looked to be in good condition.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers introduced new Welcome Center Director Kenzie Boehne. City council members welcome Mrs. Boehne.

Mayor reported complaints and concerns about the house on Elaine Court recently damaged by fire and that

it has not been torn down yet. Fire Chief Waggoner reported the house is still under investigation. Terry Frogue also reported he has sent the property owner a letter about removing the dangerous structure.

Mayor Weathers reported the city is reviewing the ethics ordinance for update and will be reinstating the requirements set forth including a new board and training requirements. City Attorney Jeff Traugher will review the ordinance, which will be presented at a future meeting.

The cemetery maintenance contract expires in April, unless the city council desires to renew it for another year under the same cost and terms. After discussion, Mr. McReynolds motioned to renew the contract for another year, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:56 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer