

Minutes: City Council Meeting
February 9, 2015
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 9, 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; Police Chief Brian Atkinson; Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner; City Attorney Jeff Traugher; Daniel Smith, volunteer fireman; John Service and family; Donald and Kathy Settle; other guests.

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

After reviewing the January 12, 2015 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for review and approval of the bills payable and financial reports. Mr. Jefferson asked how much the city spends monthly on street lights. Clerk Brock stated the city pays Pennyrite Electric approximately \$4,500 per month. Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock introduced Brian Demps with Thurman Campbell Group to present the audited financial statements report for FYE June 30, 2014. Mr. Demps stated the financial statements were given an unqualified 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. Mr. Powell motioned to accept the audit report, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for public comments.

- Donald Settle was present to discuss the Elkton Die Casting Technical and Community and Center. He thanked the city for all the work they have done on the building in the past. He also reported he received word today that the city will receive the TVA lighting project to install new light fixtures in the entire building. The city will receive \$7,000 incentive from TVA. He stated the EDCTCC Board has agreed to reimburse the city the estimated \$3,000 local cost once they start receiving rent money in September. He feels the money spent on the building is a good investment for the community. He also reported Elkton resident Amy Deason is interested in expanding her home based upholstery and curtain business. The EDCTCC Board would like to let her use the Die Casting building under their business incubator plan and pay no rent for two years. She would be using the old break room part of the building as shown on the map he presented. Settle reported he did not have much vandalism as the other parts of the building. He believes the HVAC unit is working but about \$2,200 will need to be spent to update the electric service to the unit. If a new unit is needed that would cost about \$3,800. There will also need to be improvements such as paint and a new door, which the Deason's offered to help with as much labor as possible on those items. He also reported Martin Industries has agreed to do some dirt work on the front part of the building where water is getting in the building. Mayor Weathers reported the city has spent about \$74,911 over the last several years cleaning and repairing the building. She also stated rent on this building would be about \$1,500 per month using warehouse rates and the city is donating this to the Board. She also stated that she understands the building can be an asset, but at this point she would like to see more progress on the training services that were

supposed to be offered. Mayor Weathers requested more information and written quotes for the work that needs to be done to the building if it is leased to Amy Deason. Mr. Jefferson motioned to table discussion on the sublease to Amy Deason until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. Mr. Gibson motioned to allow Martin Industries to do the dirt work around the front of the building, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. Mr. Settle stated he forgot to mention that Martin Industries will also level the pile of timber on the back of the property near the creek. Mr. and Mrs. Settle thanked the Mayor and council and left the meeting.

- Police Chief Atkinson reported the city of Hopkinsville donated a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria fully equipped to the Police Department. It needs some repairs that will cost about \$776.95. Chief Atkinson reported on activity of the department for January. There was discussion about the number of calls for unlocking vehicles and Chief Atkinson recommended the city consider only doing this in emergency situations in the future. Mr. McReynolds asked Chief Atkinson if our crime rate was one of the lowest in the state per capita. Chief Atkinson stated he was not sure, but could find out.

Clerk Brock reported construction on the South Streets Avenue sidewalk project has begun with the first progress meeting being held recently. Therefore, the first pay request was presented with engineer DBS and Associates requesting \$2,350.00 and contractor Scott & Murphy requesting \$47,064.72. After review, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve the pay request, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock explained an error was found in the city's pay scale, where a Police Officer was supposed to be at a Grade 19 and is listed as Grade 18. Therefore, Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2015-1, "ORDINANCE ADOPTING COMPENSATION PLAN AND PAY SCALE." Mr. Powell motioned to accept after first reading, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution 2015-1, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT TROOP LEVELS AT FORT CAMPBELL AND TO URGE CONGRESS TO OPPOSE ANY REDUCTIONS" was presented to the council. Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2015-2, "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOCAL INVESTMENTS FOR TRANSFORMATION LEGISLATION (HOUSE BILL 1) DURING THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY" was presented to the council. Mayor Weathers and Clerk Brock explained this is legislation being considered by the state legislature that would amend the constitution to allow citizens to vote on a one cent local sales tax for funding transformational local projects which tax would be removed upon project completion. Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve the Resolution considering this would be dependent on the voters' approval, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers stated Todd County Jailer Greg Allen was not in attendance, therefore the discussion on cemetery maintenance would have to wait until the next meeting.

Mayor Weathers presented a letter from volunteer fireman Daniel Smith stating his interest in the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Mayor Weathers received a positive recommendation from Chief Derrell Waggoner and recommended the council approve appointment of Daniel Smith as Assistant Fire Chief. Mr. Haley motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously. Mayor Weathers congratulated and thanked Mr. Smith.

Regarding the fire department, Chief Waggoner reported the council had previously approved repairing a pump and informed them nothing had been done yet because he is looking at all other options. He stated he and Daniel Smith have been looking at various ways to improve the city's ISO

rating, which is currently at 7. It is their goal to get the rating to a level 5 within a year. A lower rating would reduce insurance premiums for city property owners.

Mayor Weathers reported the utility department would like to retire the 1995 vehicle John Service is using for animal control once their new truck is in service. Mayor recommended paying John Service mileage for personal use of his vehicle instead of issuing him another vehicle. Mr. Service stated he was not really in agreement and Mayor Weathers asked what had changed his mind since they last met. Terry Frogue reported the initial plan was to let Mr. Service use a 1997 truck and surplus the 1995 truck, however both trucks would be surplus if he uses his personal vehicle. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to allow John Service to use the 1997 truck for animal control. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers presented a request from the Pennyrite Narcotics Task Force for a commitment of funding for FY2016 in the amount of \$730.20. Chief Atkinson stated the Task Force does not help the city very much and they are so short staffed that they cannot offer much assistance. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to pull out of joining the Task Force. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported there is an area upstairs in City Hall that is open to the public where we are currently storing boxes of records that need to be locked up. The area is about 12' by 6'. Mayor Weathers requested permission to bid out closing in this area and installing a door so the files can be hidden and locked. The bids will be submitted to the council and we can decide if we want to do the project then. Mr. Haley motioned to approve taking bids on enclosing a storage room upstairs, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported a request from the Todd County Community Alliance to renew the city's membership in the Alliance. The city has been joining the Alliance at the \$1,000 level and the funds are in the budget. Mr. Haley stated the Alliance was doing great things and motioned to renew the membership. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported the Recreation Commission is taking bids on working on the ball fields in the park. Also, soccer registration has begun for spring soccer.

Mr. Laster called for a report from Terry Frogue.

- Frogue reported on the progress of the South Streets Avenue project and that it has caused the city to spend time lowering sewer lines for the new drainage line on West Main Street. The city was working on a new sewer tap for the new Five Star gas station across the street from construction of our project and was able to combine lowering the sewer line with the new tap for Five Star, but had to contract with Scott & Murphy to do the work because they have the equipment and manpower for the required permits and traffic control.
- Frogue reported the Five Star Development Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.
- Frogue reported citizens in the area on B. White Road the city recently annexed have complained about large tractor trailer trucks traveling on B White Road and requested the city install signs closing that street to large trucks. Mr. McReynolds motioned to put up signs closing it to large trucks, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.
- Mr. Frogue was asked about the standing water in the southwest corner of the Square. Mr. Frogue stated he was informed there was no drain removed from that part of the Square as reported at the last meeting because there are no storm drain lines in the area. He could only suggest cutting a "v" in the gutter in that area to help the water drain.

Mr. Powell asked Chief Waggoner if he had any other reports for the fire department. Waggoner stated that Mr. Powell's son is still working on the computer given to them by the police department and their old computer is barely working.

Mr. Jefferson reviewed a list of police vehicles and which officer the vehicle is assigned to. He stated he, Mayor Weathers, and Chief Atkinson are working on some ideas for the department and will report at a future meeting.

Mr. Gibson had nothing to report for the street department, however Mr. Frogue reported he ordered some cold patch and would get with Mr. Gibson on potholes that need repairing.

Mr. McReynolds reported he was grateful for attending the Kentucky League of Cities Officials Academy in January with Clerk Brock and Mayor Weathers. He said the meetings were very informative and he was glad he attended.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers presented information on the Reach Alert System, which allows citizens to be sent emails and cell phone alerts from the city. She asked the council to review the information and consider if it is a good service to put in next year's budget.

Mr. Powell motioned to go into closed session to discuss proposed or pending litigation under KRS 61.810(1)(c). Motion 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.

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

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer