

Minutes: City Council Meeting
January 11, 2016
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 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; Billy Bryant; and Amy Kearns, *Todd County Standard*.

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

After reviewing the December 14, 2015 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the December 28, 2015 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster 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 and introduced Mr. Billy Bryant. Mr. Bryant thanked the Mayor and council for allowing him to speak and stated his purpose for attending the meeting was his love of the historic Todd County Courthouse on Public Square. He stated he was on the second floor of the courthouse several months prior and it sits empty and in much need of repair. He discussed the history of the building, constructed in the year 1835. He would like to see the upstairs restored to the way it looked in the 1880s, when the courtroom was renovated. He stated he has never undertaken such a project and he was unsure if the city council needs to approve the project since the city is currently leasing the building from Todd County. Mayor Weathers requested Mr. Bryant get some plans together and come back to the city council. Mr. Haley and Mr. Laster voiced support for the renovations.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2015-11, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN ADJUSTMENT POLICY FOR UNUSUALLY HIGH WATER USAGE BY CUSTOMERS OF THE ELKTON WATER WORKS." Mr. Jefferson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2015-12, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING A SEWER CHARGE ADJUSTMENT POLICY FOR LEAKS ENTERING THE SEWER SYSTEM." Mr. Haley motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Weathers reported a vacancy on the Recreation Commission and recommended the appointment of Jason Clardy to fulfill the unexpired term. Mr. Haley motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Powell commended the fire department for their good work in containing a house fire on Elaine Court

in Elkton. Daniel Smith presented a “2015 Summary and Review” report showing that the department reported to 37 total fire calls with an average of just over 6 firemen reporting to each call. The report also contained training hours for each fireman and estimated hours worked by the Chief and Assistant Chief. Mr. Smith also reported Todd County Emergency Services is testing an “active 911” system that notifies the firemen of fire calls on their cell phone in addition to their pager. They have 120 days to review the system for free and then the cost is \$1.00 per month per cell phone.

Fire Chief Waggoner reported Truck 12 has been repaired over the last few days and was much more work than first thought. He also reported the department recently purchased a new computer. Mr. Waggoner also stated he would like a new hydrant to fill the trucks installed at the fire hall as soon as possible.

Mr. Laster asked for an update on the current ISO inspection to possibly lower the city’s fire rating. Mr. Smith stated several departments, such as the city’s utility department and Todd Emergency Services, are still completing their questionnaire. Once the questionnaires are completed and we are more prepared for an inspection, ISO will be contacted to return for an inspection, hopefully in the spring. Many council members commended the department for their hard work on the ISO rating survey.

Mr. Jefferson called for a report from Police Chief Atkinson. Chief Atkinson presented the monthly activity report for the year 2015. Also, Atkinson reported the department is currently using 12 gauge shotguns as patrol rifles. Most departments have gone to a more accurate M4 style carbine. The department would like to modify rifles obtained from the DRMO program to the M4 style at a cost of a little over \$400 per weapon. The cost of these weapons new is about \$900 to \$1,000 each. Chief Atkinson presented a report about the modification to the council for their review and discussion at the next meeting. Chief Atkinson and Captain Meyers are both certified patrol rifle instructors.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Weathers indicated Shelley Spurlin Stokes has agreed to serve on a committee for the city. Mayor Weathers will present the appointment at the next meeting.

Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:42 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer