

Minutes: City Council Meeting
January 12, 2015
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 12, 2015 with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

City Council members present: Doug Gibson; David Haley; Eugene Jefferson; Danny Laster; Frank McReynolds; and, David Powell. (Note that all council members and Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers were sworn in at a ceremony held at the Historic Todd County Courthouse on December 18, 2014.)

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; Police Chief Brian Atkinson; Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Bill Weathers; and, Ryan Craig, *Todd County Standard*.

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

After reviewing the December 8, 2014 council meeting minutes, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for Clerk Brock to present the bills payable and financial reports. Clerk Brock stated the council received a copy of the bills payable in the mail and asked for any questions about the bills or financial reports presented. There was no discussion or questions. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for public comments. There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Weathers asked for each council member to introduce themselves and state which department they would be serving as liaison for, starting with new council member Frank McReynolds.

Mr. Frank McReynolds, beginning his first term on the city council, will serve as right-of-ways and mowing liaison. Terry Frogue stated he would work with Mr. McReynolds to update him on the mowing responsibilities in the city.

Mr. Doug Gibson stated he will serve as the street department liaison. He reported there are several potholes in the city and in the past the county has given or sold some cold patch to the city. Terry Frogue stated usually a loader bucket full is enough, however he was unsure right now how much is needed. Frogue and Gibson will work together to see how much cold patch is needed.

Mr. Eugene Jefferson introduced himself and informed everyone he will serve as the police department liaison and introduced Police Chief Brian Atkinson. Chief Atkinson reported Officer BJ Grayson's last day with the city was December 31st and there has been several potential new police officers interviewed. He also presented the activity report for the year 2014 and explained the complaints are currently up because the new reporting system the county emergency services uses is more accurate now. Mayor Weathers reported complaints about cars parking on the street on South Streets Avenue. Chief Atkinson stated there are problems in several places in the city where people are parking on the street and there needs to be discussion about when and where it needs to be enforced. It was the consensus to not enforce parking on South Streets Avenue until after the current sidewalk project is completed.

Mr. David Powell introduced himself as the fire department liaison and introduced Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner. Chief Waggoner reported problems with their new computer that is being worked on. Also, the new Standard Operating Procedures Manual needs to be reviewed and amended. He also mentioned the Assistant Fire Chief position is still vacant. There was discussion that the fire department is authorized for 20 firemen and currently has 19 on the roster. There was also discussion about recruiting new firemen since several on the force are nearing retirement. Mr. Powell stated that

he and Mayor Weathers reviewed the amounts paid to fire department members for fire run per diem and they feel the volunteers should receive a higher per diem. The per diem has not been increased for many years. Mr. Powell presented a proposal to increase the per diem from \$40.00 per fire run to \$60.00 or \$75.00. Mr. Powell recommended increasing the per diem to \$60.00. The estimated increase in cost for the rest of this fiscal year is \$600 and an annual estimated cost in future years of an additional \$6,000. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to increase the fire run per diem to \$60.00 and to amend the budget for FY2015 by \$600 to cover the cost. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mr. Danny Laster introduced himself and reported he will be serving as the utility department liaison. Mr. Laster reported that water loss as of December 2014 was at 20%. However, they have found several water leaks in the last month and hope the water loss will go down soon. Mr. Laster reported the utility department has done well in recent years to get the water loss down from 38-40% to as low as 6-10% saving the city thousands of dollars. Frogue reported they have gone around the town using listening devices to find the leaks and will continue this practice.

Mr. David Haley introduced himself as the representative to the Recreation Commission. He reported the Commission has rehired Chuck Sadler as the park director, who is responsible for the mowing and facilitation of the sports at the city-county park. Clerk Brock stated Mr. Haley needed to be officially reappointed to the Recreation Commission. Therefore, Mr. Laster motioned to reappoint David Haley to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported former Mayor Nancy Camp had been serving on the Logan-Todd Regional Water Commission representing the city and therefore a new appointment needs to be made. Mayor Weathers stated that she would be willing to serve. Mr. Powell motioned to appoint Mayor Weathers to the Logan-Todd Regional Water Commission, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mr. Frogue updated the Mayor and council about the state's North Main Street sidewalk and drainage project that has been in the planning stages for several years. Frogue reported that due to the addition of new sidewalks on both sides of the street and new drainage lines, the water and sewer lines will probably need to be moved. Clerk Brock reported that she received an email from the state stating that they would reimburse the city for all expenses in moving the lines. The state now needs to know what engineering firm the city would like to use to design the relocation plans. Brock reported McGhee Engineering has been assisting the city with the project for several years. After discussion, Gibson motioned to use McGhee Engineering for this project, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

In discussing sidewalks, Mr. Haley reported a problem with water standing in the gutter in front of Weathers Drugs on the Square. Mr. Frogue stated he will contact the state highway department to see if that can be improved.

Mayor Weathers reported the county would like all fire departments to be trained as first responders. This requires much more training for our fire department. When Mayor Weathers met with the fire department last week, the firemen did not seem interested in becoming first responders. Chief Waggoner reported that they would be called out for lift assistance calls and more. The firemen that responded would be paid for a fire run, which would increase the cities expenses. It was the consensus the fire department would not be trained as first responders.

Mayor Weathers recommended the appointment of Michael Case to the Planning Commission. Case will replace Al Joynes, who resigned last month at the end of his term. Mr. Haley motioned to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers recommended the appointment of David Leavell to the Board of Adjustment to fill a long standing vacancy. Mr. Powell motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers recommended the reappointment of Patsy Wheeler to another term on the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve the appointment of Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Council reports were skipped since they were already given in the introductions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers reported First Lady Jane Beshear met with her at an event in Frankfort recently and reported that Todd County is one of a few counties that has not yet signed up to participate in a program to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Governor's mansion. Each county can sponsor a newly built chair at a cost of \$1,000 and the county name is placed on the back of the chair. The chairs will be placed in the mansion. Mayor Weathers met with other local officials and they have agreed that Elkton, Guthrie, Trenton and the county will all make donations so the county can participate. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to donate \$200 for the commemorative chair. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported the TVA lighting incentive program for the Elkton Die Casting Center will only cover 70% of the cost purchasing new lighting fixtures. Coffman Home Décor estimates replacing all the lights in the building will cost a total of \$10,000, with the local cost at \$3,000. Brock spoke with Donald Settle and the Elkton Die Casting Center Board has agreed they will reimburse the city the local cost of the project if the city will apply for the program. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to apply for the TVA incentive for the Elkton Die Casting Center contingent upon the Board signing a commitment to reimburse the city for any expenses. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers thanked all of the city council members for meeting and working with her during this transition period. She stated she looks forward to working with such a fine group of committed citizens in the future and she appreciated their hard work and reports given tonight.

Brock stated she had a few more items to consider. The council was presented a list of a few small items and several larger items such as old Acer computers and a Motorola Toughbook that the police department no longer uses and has requested the items be declared surplus. Brock stated she will probably also sell some other small items the city has that might be bundled together and sold. The items will be advertised and sold by sealed bid. Mr. Haley motioned to declare these items surplus and sell the items. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Brock reported with the transition of a new Mayor, Matthew Bailey has assisted the city in designing new letterhead and logo. He provided this service at no charge to the city. Brock passed out a copy of the new logo with phrase "a rich history, a progressive future" and asked for permission to use this on the city's website and Facebook page and other promotional material for the city. All agreed the logo could be used for the city.

Clerk Brock presented a proof of receipt needed from all elected and appointed officials for receipt of the documents "Your Duty Under the Law" and "Managing Public Records" as required by the Kentucky Attorney General's Office. All signed and returned the proof of receipt.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Laster motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Haley. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 PM.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer