

Minutes: City Council Meeting
January 14, 2013
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

City Council members present: Doug Gibson; Eugene Jefferson; Jimmy Scott; Danny Laster; David Haley; and, David Powell.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Bruce Marklin; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; Fire Chief Darrin Cole; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Mitch Robinson, Executive Director Hopkinsville-Christian County Economic Development Council; Carla Jiminez, *Kentucky New Era*; and, Megan Sisco, *Todd County Standard*.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Chief Bruce Marklin gave invocation.

After reviewing the December 10, 2012 council meeting minutes, bills payable and financial reports, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported the city's residential solid waste contract with Waste Management expires June 30, 2013. The city can extend the contract for additional years at the same rate or rebid the service. Mayor Camp also stated the city is looking into recycling, however it is an expensive service to provide. There was one complaint that in the last few weeks the Waste Management workers are leaving the containers almost in the street after they are emptied. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to extend the contract with Waste Management for an additional two years at the same rate of \$8.85 per container to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported Refine Tile is still interested in hiring the television production company to feature them on the show "Made in America" as reported at a previous council meeting. They previously asked the city to contribute \$5,000 with other entities matching that contribution. Clerk Brock stated there was \$5,000 remaining in the budget for Industrial and Economic Development that could be used. After discussion, it was the consensus that if others contributed funds for the production then the city would as well. Mitch Robinson reported Mr. Al Bowden of Refine Tile was going to contact the production company to see if it was still an option and we should know in the next few days.

Mitch Robinson stated that the city has developed a draft ordinance establishing a "Job Development Incentive Program." Basically, it is a rebate of payroll taxes for new industry and an industry that is expanding and hiring new employees. The industry would have to hire a minimum of 10 new employees with an increase of at least \$150,000 in new payroll. The rebate would be 100% of the new payroll tax received over two years and 50% for three additional years. Mayor Camp stated many cities in Kentucky have similar incentives. Mr. Traughber and Clerk Brock stated this ordinance is still in draft form and asked the council to review the ordinance and bring up any questions or concerns before the next meeting.

Mayor Camp recommended the reappointment of Robin Snardon to the Planning Commission for another four year term. Mr. Scott motioned to approve the recommendation and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp recommended the reappointment of Bill Jones to the Board of Adjustment for another four year term. Mr. Jefferson motioned to accept the recommendation and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Darrin Cole and Clerk Brock reported on the continuing problem of people driving by and calling in fires for controlled burns. Chief Cole has had brief discussions with the county about requiring property owners to call Emergency Services to report a controlled burn. That way, if someone calls in a fire, Emergency Services will know it is a controlled burn. He stated this will also help inform the public if there is a burn ban in effect at the time they want to have a controlled burn. It was the consensus of the council the notification of a controlled burn was a good idea and maybe there needs to be a public service announcement requesting property owners call in controlled burns. Chief Cole stated other fire departments are also in favor of requiring notification and he will continue to draft wording to present to the county. Clerk Brock stated there was one fire run last month that was cancelled before the fire department arrived at the scene because it was a controlled burn. In the past, the city has billed fire runs like this at cost. Clerk Brock would like guidance from the council and have this policy on record if this is what the council wants to continue to do. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to bill cancelled fire runs at the city's cost of \$40 per fireman and \$50 per truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Chief Marklin reported all department activity for the year 2012 with 2,230 total contacts for the year.

Mr. Laster called for a report from Terry Frogue. Mr. Frogue reported PADD is still working on the KIA loan application for the water line separation and Goeble Avenue line replacement project. Frogue reported the Water District is extending their water line down B. White and Beckham Road. Mayor Camp stated this should only be a transmission line since the city already has a water line on Beckham Road. Mr. Frogue stated this territory should be ours in the future and the property owner only agreed to the easement for the Water District to run the line as transmission only.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp reported she would assign departments to council members at the next meeting.

Mayor Camp reported the city's population was reported at 2,062 and still growing.

The unemployment rate in Todd County is now at 7.2%.

Mr. Haley reported on an issue that he feels needs to be addressed regarding horse and buggies around town leaving waste on the streets. There are other cities that require the waste to be cleaned up. Mr. Traughber will look into an ordinance for the city. Mr. Haley stated he would like to only give warnings for a certain time before any action is taken.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Laster motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer