

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
July 31, 2014
5:30 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session at City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, July 31, 2014 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

Others present: David Powell, Fastnet Wireless.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and reminded everyone only items on the agenda may be discussed.

Agenda

1. Emergency Siren Project
2. Street Lights
3. WiFi
4. Resolution 2014-4 – Authorizing Approval and Adoption of Health Reimbursement Arrangement Agreement and Plan
5. Junior Higgins Request to Release Lien

Mayor Camp called for continued discussion about the emergency outdoor siren bids that were received at the last meeting. Clerk Brock presented an email from American Signal Corporation answering many questions and concerns. After discussion, Mr. Scott motioned to accept the low bid from American Signal Corporation in the amount of \$16,541.00 for a new outdoor emergency siren. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock requested the council also approve the addition of a programmable timer to test the siren at a cost of \$528.00. Mr. Haley motioned to purchase the automatic timer, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported a new street light fixture will be used by Pennyrile Electric in the city and all over the region. She stated they could replace all the light fixtures over about a year or they could replace the lights as needed. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to ask Pennyrile Electric to change the light fixtures as needed. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported the Wifi system installed in the old courthouse to service Public Square is down. She has discussed options with Hopkinsville Electric Service to provide fiber optic service. Clerk Brock introduced David Powell with Fastnet Wireless who installed the Wifi system. Mr. Powell explained the system continues to be damaged by lightning and there is a concern there is no grounding in the courthouse. Mr. Powell explained this is dangerous to the building itself as well as his equipment. The previous systems installed by other companies were also damaged by lightning. He reported they have been replacing the equipment at no expense to the city, but can't continue to do this unless the city will install proper grounding. It was the consensus to hire an electrician to look at the building and make a recommendation. Mayor Camp suggested appointing a committee of Debbie Moore, Linda Fowler, Darrin Cole and herself to work with the electrician and review Wifi options. Mr. Powell stated he would like to see the city fix the electrical problem and allow Fastnet to continue servicing the Wifi equipment for a period of time and if the city is not happy they can look for another company to provide the service. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to approve the committee to work on the electrical and Wifi issue in the old courthouse. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Mr. Powell thanked the council and left the meeting.

Resolution 2014-4, “RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PLAN YEAR JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015” was presented to the council. Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock reported the city went with a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) health insurance plan for city employees back in FY2013 when the plan at the time was going to increase by about 45%. She reviewed the figures and reported that going to the HRA plan saved the city \$33,000 that fiscal year.

Mayor Camp reported a request from Junior Higgins to release a lien the city has on his property because he may sell it. Mayor Camp reminded the council that Mr. Higgins had a lien of about \$5,000 due to fines and the council probated about \$4,500 of the fines for 2 years as long as there were no more violations. Clerk Brock stated she normally would not release the lien until the two year probation period has expired. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned that the city send a letter to Mr. Higgins stating the lien would be released if someone purchased the house within the two-year probationary period. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

There were no further items on the agenda and therefore Mr. Scott motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 pm.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor