

Minutes: City Council Meeting
July 9, 2012
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2012 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Bruce Marklin; Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Superintendent; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Robert Johnson; Adam May, WHOP Radio; Carla Jiminez, *Kentucky New Era*; and, Catherine Darnell, *Todd County Standard*.

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

After reviewing the June 12, 2012 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Scott motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the June 18, 2012 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp informed the council that Clerk Brock met with Jim Kirby and Wesley Turner with the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection and walked through the Elkton Die Casting building. Clerk Brock stated that after walking through the office portion of the building, they felt like there was no reason the city and others could not start working inside that portion of the building. However, they did want to do more research on the foundry portion of the building and that there were old items that the previous owners should have to move out of the building. Once Clerk Brock explained that the building might be used for an adult training center, Mr. Turner suggested contacting Amanda Lefevre in their office about possible job training grants. Also, they will come back down in about a month to do some testing in the building and on the grounds.

Mayor Camp reported that she would like to discuss with the Todd County Community Alliance the possibility of them taking over the operation of the Historic Courthouse Welcome Center. After brief discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to authorize the Mayor to discuss the operation of the Welcome Center with the Todd County Community Alliance. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported a request from Pennyriple RC and D for our annual contribution of \$300. Pennyriple RC and D is currently assisting the city and county with writing a grant to clean out Elk Fork Creek to prevent flooding. After discussion, Ms. Sidebottom motioned to make the annual contribution of \$300 and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Gibson reported that he is working with several people on ideas to make the paving around Public Square better.

Mr. Jefferson called for a report from Chief Marklin. Chief Marklin stated he was proud of the citizens of Elkton for obeying the no fireworks ban over the July 4th holiday due to the extremely dry conditions. He stated there were only very few incidences of fireworks in the city and when those were reported, they immediately stopped. Chief Marklin also gave an overview of all activity by the department for June.

Mr. Scott reported that baseball and softball are finishing up in the park. Also, there are only a few items left to be completed for the Park Improvement Project.

Mr. Laster reported the water loss last month was 8.9% and the total for the fiscal year was 7.6%. However, Mr. Frogue did report two water leaks that need to be fixed as soon as all the utilities are located. Mr. Frogue also reported that in between utility work, the crew is inspecting and repairing sidewalks as needed. Mr. Frogue and Mr. Traughber had nothing new to report on the negotiations with Todd County Water District on the line separation and future territory. Mr. Traughber will continue to work with Water District Attorney Mac Johns to prepare a draft agreement. Mr. Jefferson asked about the order to conserve water in Clarksville and Montgomery County, TN and if that would affect our water supply. Mayor Camp stated their issue is that their water treatment plants cannot keep up with demand, not necessarily the lack of water source.

Mr. Powell reported that Fire Chief Cole and several department members expressed their thanks to the Mayor and Council for approving the purchase of extra SCBA devices at the last meeting. These items were much needed in the department.

Ms. Sidebottom reported that there has been a lot of limbs down in the cemetery due to the very recent storms.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp reported she sent a thank you note to the Todd County Standard addressed to the citizens of Elkton for their cooperation during the fireworks ban.

Mayor Camp reported the Kentucky Climate Center is installing a weather monitoring system on Old Trenton Road that people will be able to go online to www.kymesonet.org to monitor in real time.

The unemployment rate in Todd County is 7.2%.

Mayor Camp stated that Mr. Overholt is already working on his 5th house in Riverbend Subdivision and that the development is looking really nice with the curb and gutter and other improvements.

Mayor Camp reported each county in Kentucky has received funding to log and GPS all of the street signs on every road.

Mayor Camp read a thank you note to the Mayor and Council for the cost of living increase from the clerk's in City Hall.

Mayor Camp reported she received a letter from the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice commending the Police Department and Police Chief Marklin for passing their audit with flying colors.

Mayor Camp recommended the reappointment of Tammy Sharp to the Code Enforcement Board as long as she agrees to serve another term. Mr. Scott motioned to approve the reappointment if Mrs. Sharp agrees. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Laster motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer