

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
June 11, 2013
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

City Council members absent: Danny Laster.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Superintendent; Police Sergeant Rodney Moberly; Fire Chief Darrin Cole; Ryan Craig, *Todd County Standard*; Carla Jiminez, *Kentucky New Era*; Brent Brookshire; and approximately twenty-five other guests signed in.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed all the guests and reminded everyone only items on the agenda may be discussed.

AGENDA

1. Cemetery Maintenance Contract - Brent Brookshire
2. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2013-5 - Annual Budget Appropriations Ordinance for FYE June 30, 2014
3. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2013-6 - Budget Appropriations Amendment Ordinance for FYE June 30, 2013
4. Elkton Planning Commission Resignation and Appointment
5. Elkton Code Enforcement Board Appointments
6. Request to Accept Commerce Street Addition
7. Alley Closing Request
 - Alley #1 – Bryan Gilliland
 - Alley #2 – Donna Shanklin
8. Resolution 2013-4 – Authorizing Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant
9. Sergeant Rodney Moberly, Police Department Report
10. Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Department Report
11. Fire Department Report

Mayor Camp stated Brent Brookshire had requested to be on the agenda to speak about his concerns about the cemetery maintenance contract. She stated that before he spoke, she wanted to say that the city has a responsibility to maintain the cemetery forever. And, she wanted to state that she supports the council on their decision to award the contract to Ricchuite Enterprises because he has always done a great job. Also, at the time of awarding the contract, Watson Ricchuite had not been found guilty of any wrongdoing. After further comments she gave the floor to Mr. Brookshire. Mr. Brookshire stated that he did not deny that Watson Ricchuite did a good job maintaining the cemetery but the city seems to be supporting the actions of someone that has been charged with selling drugs and that it makes the city look bad. After further comments, Mr. Brookshire thanked the council. Mayor Camp stated that she would allow a couple more people to speak on this topic. Ryan Craig with the Todd County Standard protested this action stating that since we only had Brent Brookshire on the agenda and this was a special meeting that only he could speak. Mr. Smith Chastain stood up and said he was going to make a statement anyway that he supported the council and they were doing a good job. Mayor Camp stated that she would comply with the protest, thanked all in attendance and invited them to the next regular meeting and would move on to the next item on the agenda. (Several people

started leaving the meeting at this time.)

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2013-5, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014." Mr. Jefferson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2013-6, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013." Mr. Gibson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Camp reported that Robin Snardon has resigned from the Planning Commission. Mr. Jefferson motioned to accept the resignation and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp recommended the appointment of Melinda Service to fill the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Mr. Powell motioned to approve the recommendation and seconded by Mr. Haley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp stated we would skip the Code Enforcement Board item on the agenda.

Mayor Camp called on Terry Frogue to report on the Commerce Street addition. Mr. Frogue reported that Doug Rose built an extension to the existing portion of Commerce Street that is already a city maintained road. Mr. Rose is requesting the city accept the addition to Commerce Street as a city maintained road. Mr. Frogue stated the road was built according to city specification and recommended the adoption of the street by the city. Mr. Scott motioned to accept the Commerce Street addition as a city street and seconded by Mr. Haley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported the city has received requests to close two alleys. Clerk Brock presented a map that shows the two alleys that would be closed. Bryan Gilliland requested closing the alley located on his East End Village development at 402 E Main Street, indicated as Alley #1 on the map. Donna Shanklin has requested closing the alley in between her two lots located at 406 E Main Street and 505 E Washington Street. Both property owners have agreed to pay all expenses to close the alleys. Clerk Brock stated that if the council agrees to close the alleys, she will proceed with notifying all adjoining property owners who will also have to consent to the closure. After brief discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to proceed with closing the alleys, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp stated the city has the opportunity to apply for an Energy Efficiency Grant. Clerk Brock presented a proposal to apply for the grant to include installing new energy efficient light fixtures in all city buildings and install variable-frequency drives on motors at the sewer plant and main lift station. These two projects would cost \$43,500 with the grant paying 80%, or \$34,800 and the city paying 20%, or \$8,700. The city will apply for additional TVA incentives expected to bring in another \$3,300, which could bring the city's cost down to only \$5,400. These projects are estimated to save the city about \$4,150 per year in electric bills. Another option proposed would include spending \$50,000 on a commercial solar system. The city would apply to TVA to purchase the electricity produced by the system for 20 years. The grant would pay for 80%, or \$40,000 with the city paying 20%, or \$10,000. The solar system would generate approximately \$52,000 in revenue over the 20 year agreement with TVA. After discussion, Mr. Scott motioned to approve and seconded by Mr. Gibson, Resolution 2013-4, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DLG) FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION GRANT/LOAN, TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY DLG TO FACILITATE THIS PROJECT AND TO ACT AS THE

AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT.” Mr. Haley asked if this approval included the solar project, which Mayor Camp stated it did. Voting in favor of the motion were Powell, Gibson, Jefferson and Scott. Voting opposed was Haley. Motion carried. There was no police report.

Mr. Frogue reported he will be working with the state to locate water and sewer lines on North Main Street for the upcoming sidewalk and road widening project. Also, McGhee Engineering is continuing to work on plans for the North Main/Highway 68 water line extension and Goble Avenue replacement project. Mr. Frogue is working on obtaining the easements for the project.

Fire Chief Cole reported that there have been two fire runs since the last meeting. He recently ordered 8 pairs of new boots at a cost of \$2,600 to close out this budget year. Also, the department produced a video for an online contest to win 10 pair of boots for the fire department. He asked everyone who is on Facebook to go to the fire department page for directions on how to vote for the video. The Facebook post with the most votes wins the boots valued at over \$3,000. The department is currently in second place.

There were no other items on the agenda, therefore Mr. Jefferson motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.