

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
June 13, 2017
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

City Council members present: Michael Case; Doug Gibson; David Haley; Danny Laster; Frank McReynolds; and, David Powell.

Others present: Jeffrey Traughber, City Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Police Officer Leo Rowe; and, Paisley Case.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and reminded everyone that since it was a special meeting, only the items on the agenda could be discussed.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2017 Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2017 Special Meeting
6. Approval of Bills Payable and Financial Reports
7. Police Officer Leo Rowe
8. Second Reading Ordinance 2017-06 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 (Sponsor: Powell)
9. FY2018 Budget Proposal Discussion
10. Second Reading Ordinance 2017-07 - AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 (Sponsor: McReynolds)
11. Water and Sewer Rate Increase Proposals
12. First Reading Ordinance 2017-08 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 50.25 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON ADJUSTING WATER RATES CHARGED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ELKTON (Sponsor: Laster)
13. First Reading Ordinance 2017-09 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 52.04(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON ADJUSTING AND MODIFYING USER RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES IN THE CITY OF ELKTON (Sponsor: Laster)
14. Courthouse Museum Fund Balance to Historic Todd County, Inc.
15. Kentucky League of Cities FY2018 Property & Liability Insurance Proposal
16. Speeding
17. FY2017 Audit Proposal – Thurman Campbell Group
18. Water Hydraulic Study – McGhee Engineering
19. Planning Commission Recommendations
 - i. Recommended Changes to the Zoning Ordinance Text
 - ii. Recommendation for Zoning Approximately 1.00 acres adjacent to Helping Hands Health Clinic, Inc. DBA Blount Rural Health Center located at 810 South Main Street Upon Annexation
20. First Reading Ordinance 2017-10 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY A 1.0 ACRE TRACT LYING ADJACENT TO AND

CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CITY BOUNDARIES (Sponsor: Powell)

21. Street Paving Projects Update

Mayor Weathers led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Haley gave invocation

After reviewing the May 8, 2017 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the May 18, 2017 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for review and approval of the bills payable and financial reports. Mr. McReynolds motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Police Officer Leo Rowe thanked Mayor Weathers and the council for their time and stated he truly enjoys his job with the city and complimented Police Chief Brian Atkinson's leadership of the department. He presented Mayor Weathers with a certificate designating her as a Kentucky Colonel. He also has a certificate to present to Chief Atkinson. Officer Rowe thanked everyone and left the meeting.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2017-06, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017." Mr. Powell motioned to adopt after second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Weathers called for discussion regarding the FY2018 Budget Proposal. There was no discussion.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2017-07, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018." Mr. Haley motioned to adopt after second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock presented a proposal for water and sewer rate adjustments formulated during the utility department budget discussions. The proposal includes keeping the minimum bill rate for 2,000 gallons or less the same for both water and sewer and adjusting the rates for anything over 2,000 gallons or more of usage. Clerk Brock stated Mr. Case had presented information to the department indicating the city's water and sewer rates were giving the higher end users a large discount. For example, for 10,000 gallons of water usage an Elkton customer is currently charged \$69.37 for water, while a Todd County Water District customer is charged \$112.00. The average charge for 10,000 gallons in nearby cities is \$90.34. Current sewer rates are more in line with nearby cities. Mr. Case presented a proposal to lower the minimum water rate for 2,000 gallons from \$26.84 to \$21.00. His proposal would also adjust the overall water rate structure and keep the same sewer rate adjustment as presented to the council by Clerk Brock. Mr. Case's proposal would generate \$9,400 in additional revenue for the water department. He also pointed out that the city of Russellville has in their ordinance that usage over 100,000 gallons per month can be "contractually negotiated by the city council." All agreed this statement should be added to our ordinance for water and sewer rates. There was discussion about how long these rate increases would provide needed revenue. Clerk Brock and Superintendent Frogue stated water rates are more stable than sewer rates, but will be determined by the hydraulic study being performed by McGhee Engineering. Frogue reported to the council on the hydraulic study being updated by McGhee at a cost of \$2,000. The sewer system is in more need of repairs and therefore potentially more revenue in the future. After much discussion, Mr. Case motioned to adopt the water rate proposal he presented. Motion seconded by McReynolds and carried unanimously. After discussion, Case made another motion to qualify his previous motion includes accepting his water and sewer rate proposal presented and to include a sentence in the ordinance about negotiating water and sewer

rates for usage over 100,000 gallons per month. Motioned seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

First reading of water rate adjustment Ordinance 2017-08 was tabled until the next meeting.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2017-09, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 52.04(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON ADJUSTING AND MODIFYING USER RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES IN THE CITY OF ELKTON.”

Mayor Weathers reported the city has a small checking account designated for the completion of a museum in the historic courthouse welcome center and proposed that the balance of the account in the amount of \$682.66 be turned over to Historic Todd County, Inc., a non-profit designated for this purpose. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to approve the recommendation and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously. (Mr. Jeff Traughber left the meeting at this time to attend another meeting.)

Clerk Brock reported the city received the renewal proposal for Kentucky League of Cities property and liability insurance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Last year’s premiums were \$66,550 and the renewal cost is \$68,522, which includes a few minor additions and deletions. Also, KEMI’s worker compensation insurance renewal has decreased over last year from \$34,171 to \$26,948, a savings of about \$7,223 next year. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to approve the KLC proposal, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for discussion from Mr. Case, who requested speeding be placed on the agenda. Mr. Case proposed the city request to borrow from State Police a trailer with flashing speed signs to place around town to monitor speed. He stated some people may not realize how fast they are traveling and this will hopefully remind people to drive slower and safer. Mr. Haley motioned to have someone at City Hall request to borrow the speed monitor signs. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented a proposal from Thurman Campbell Group to perform the audit of the FYE June 30, 2017 financial statements and complete the City Uniform Financial Information Report at a cost of \$17,500, the same as last year. Mr. Haley motioned to approve the proposal, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock informed the council the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review proposed changes to the text of the Zoning Ordinance. After completion of the public hearing, the Commission voted to recommend several changes to the text of the zoning ordinance. Clerk Brock and Terry Frogue, Zoning Administrator, reviewed the recommendations. There was discussion regarding the recommendation for fences to be no taller than 3 feet in a front yard and if 4 feet should be recommended. After further discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to approve the recommendations from the Planning Commission as presented, seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock informed the council the Planning Commission also held a public hearing to hear public comments regarding the adoption of any comprehensive plan amendments and to make recommendations as to the zoning or other land use regulations which will be effective for approximately 1.00 acres adjacent to Helping Hands Health Clinic, Inc. DBA Blount Rural Health Center located at 810 South Main Street, upon its annexation. As a result of the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended the property be annexed and that it be zoned Neighborhood Commercial District (B-2) upon its annexation. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock stated Mr. Traughber prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2017-10, “AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY A 1.00 ACRE TRACT LYING ADJACENT TO AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CITY BOUNDARIES ON KENTUCKY HIGHWAY 181.” Mr. Case motioned to read the summary ordinance in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read first reading of Summary

Ordinance 2017-10.

Mr. Frogue gave an update of the street paving and repair projects being completed by Scotty's at this time. Mr. Gibson reported there is a low spot holding water near the new pavement near the garden homes that needs to be repaired. Mr. Frogue stated he will work with Scotty's on repairing the low spot. Frogue also reported the city has to rebuild the ditch along Industrial Drive and obtain an easement for moving the drainage ditch on Commerce Street before work can begin in those two areas.

Mr. Case motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer