

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
March 13, 2017  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2017 with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

City Council members present: Michael Case; Doug Gibson; David Haley; Danny Laster (arrived later in the meeting as noted); 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; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief and Todd County Emergency Management Director; Ron Sydnor, Park Manager, Jefferson Davis State Historic Site; Donald Settle and others representing Elkton Die Casting Technology and Community Center; Bruce Laster and guest; and, Amy Kearns, *Todd County Standard*.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Haley gave invocation.

After reviewing the February 13, 2017 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously (Case; Gibson; Haley; McReynolds; Powell).

After reviewing the February 16, 2017 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously by those in attendance (Case; Gibson; Haley; McReynolds; Powell).

Mayor Weathers called for review and approval of the bills payable and financial reports. Mr. Case asked if the bill from Ford Motor Credit was to pay off the loan for a police vehicle and Clerk Brock confirmed this was to pay off the loan one year early. Mr. Powell motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously by those in attendance (Case; Gibson; Haley; McReynolds; Powell).

Mayor Weathers welcomed guests and called for public comments.

- Mr. Ron Sydnor introduced himself as the Park Manager for Jefferson Davis State Historic Site in Fairview and explained he was in attendance to discuss the events that will be held at the Park during the total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. Mr. Sydnor explained that since this area is in the path of total eclipse, there will be thousands of visitors from all over the world to this area. He passed out information showing the Park will be hosting four days of activities as well as sites for people to camp and park RVs. He stated property owners in the area have the potential to rent land or their homes to visitors looking for a place to stay. Mr. Sydnor also passed around commemorative coins he is selling at the park and suggested the city might want to have one with the historic courthouse on it. Mr. Sydnor stated he will be encouraging visitors to the park to visit Elkton. He also offered to serve on any committee or help with planning for the event in Elkton and Todd County. After discussion, everyone thanked Mr. Sydnor for attending and he left the meeting.

Mr. Danny Laster entered the meeting during Mr. Sydnor's presentation.

- Mr. Donald Settle stated he and several others representing Elkton Die Casting Technology and Community Center were in attendance to ask the council to revisit their previous request to give the

group a vote of confidence that the city will extend the lease on the Die Casting property past March 2018. The group would like to make repairs to the heating and cooling units and plumbing and hesitate to make the repairs until the lease is extended. Mr. Settle introduced others in attendance representing the group, many whom have donated time to make repairs to the building and move in heavy training equipment. Mr. Settle explained the group was contacted about a year ago about an industry locating in the building, but without knowing what the industry was they could not commit. He stated the roof also needs repairs and he got a bid of over \$200,000 to repair the roof. Mr. Settle stated he has volunteers ready to help with plumbing and other repairs and stated as soon as the building has bathrooms, they will start training and placing people into jobs. Their training will be based on what local businesses and industry need. After some discussion, Mayor Weathers thanked Mr. Settle for having someone look at the roof and reminded them the city would be responsible for any roof repairs. Mr. Settle once again asked the council to consider a vote of confidence to extend the lease. Settle and other members representing the group thanked the Mayor and Council and left the meeting.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2017-01, sponsored by Council Member Gibson, "AN ORDINANCE STATING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY TO REDUCE FROM ITS BOUNDARIES A 14.871 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED NORTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 68 AND ADJACENT TO THE ELK FORK CREEK." Mr. Laster motioned to adopt the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Voting in favor of the motion were Haley, Laster and Gibson. Voting opposed were Powell, Case and McReynolds. Mayor Weathers stated that since this was a tie vote it would fall on her to break the tie. Mayor Weathers stated that when Mr. Laster first approached her about removing his property from the city she thought this only seemed to be an issue of water since the Todd County Water District would be taking over his water service from the city. She stated that being in the city limits is more than just a water bill and the city provides many more services to the citizens like police and fire protection through taxes. Mayor Weathers suggested he may be getting better insurance rates, however Laster stated he does not because there is not a fire hydrant close to his property. Also, allowing de-annexations opens the door to others in the city requesting de-annexation. Mr. Laster was informed at the time he requested annexation that this would be irreversible. Therefore, Mayor Weathers voted no to adopting Ordinance 2017-01, therefore the ordinance failed to pass on second reading. Mr. Laster stated he was told the city would keep his driveway built up because the water line is only 6" deep under the driveway and has only been taken care of once since 2003. He was also told the city would look into installing a pump station to install sewer to the area and it has never been looked into. Mr. Haley asked if the city could install a fire hydrant close to his property. Terry Frogue stated the city still owns the water line so a fire hydrant could be installed. Mr. Laster stated he would rather the city not install a fire hydrant and he and his guest left the meeting. Mr. Case stated that he believes the city should install a fire hydrant near the property and Haley agreed. Frogue stated the cost is about \$2,500.00 to install a fire hydrant. Case motioned to install a fire hydrant near the Laster property. Seconded by Haley and carried unanimously. Mayor Weathers suggested installing the fire hydrant so that it would also benefit the other property in the city limits on Highway 68.

Mr. Frank McReynolds reported the city received bids for the cemetery maintenance contract. Bids received on March 2, 2017: Boley Landscaping LLC, \$42,000.00; TK Landscaping and Lawncare, \$30,000.00; Cutting Edge Lawn Care, \$64,326.00; and Ricchute Enterprises, \$38,900.00. McReynolds, Gibson and Powell met to review the bids and narrowed them down to Boley Landscaping and Ricchute Enterprises. The majority of the committee decided they would recommend the contract be awarded to Ricchute Enterprises. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the recommendation to award the cemetery maintenance contract to Ricchute Enterprises. Motion seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously.

Terry Frogue presented a proposal from GRW Engineering to perform a feasibility study of Melvin Stinson Lake (city lake). Frogue spoke with council member Case who suggested a committee look over the proposal and discuss in depth the various options the city can take. Haley, Laster and Mayor Weathers agreed to serve on the committee with Case. Frogue stated he would put together a summary of information

about City Lake to report to the committee. Haley asked if the city were to return City Lake to a stream could we then dispose of the property. Frogue stated he did not see any reason why we could not dispose of the property at that time. Frogue reiterated that the Division of Water is holding off fining the city or ordering repair since the city is moving forward with studying our options. The committee will meet Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM at City Hall.

Mr. Gibson reported the city has several street projects we are preparing to bid out. The entrance of Commerce Street at East Main Street needs to be rebuilt. Gibson stated the culvert is too close to the road and large trucks are going off the edge and have caused damage. Gibson will be meeting with local State Highway Department foreman Michael Keith Daniel to look at what needs to be done to repair the street. Mayor Weathers read other streets that will be repaired or resurfaced and the group suggested some minor additions.

Mayor Weathers reported spring cleanup is usually held every year about the first week of May. She would like to start scheduling this event the same time every year so citizens will be aware of when it will happen. Clerk Brock stated she has not confirmed that Ricchuite Enterprises will contract to pick up the items again this year. The cost has been \$2,200.00 the last several years. Case reported a citizen contacted him and suggested the city used to also have a fall cleanup. Clerk Brock stated that in the last 20 years they have not held a cleanup in the fall. After discussion, Powell motioned to approve holding the spring cleanup the first week in May and to contract with Ricchuite Enterprises if they would do it for \$2,200.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mr. Case reported that he made a promise if elected to serve on the city council that he would be a good steward of city tax dollars. He also attended training as a newly elected official and learned more about procurement policies. He suggested the city amend its procurement policy to require bidding out purchases over \$10,000.00 instead of \$20,000.00. Many agreed this would be a good idea. Clerk Brock stated she looked back over the last year and the city would have had to bid out about two additional projects. Case also suggested the city require written quotes for projects of \$2,000.00. After discussion, Case motioned to authorize City Attorney Traughber to draft an ordinance amending the procurement policy to require bids for projects over \$10,000.0. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported she has received requests from other agencies to submit bids for the city's insurance policies next year. The city has been with Kentucky League of Cities the last two years. She reported the policies with KLC increased only \$350 last year and the total cost is still under what we were paying for Traveler's Insurance previously. Brock stated the renewal from KLC should be received by the middle of May and we could always decide to take bids at that time. It was the consensus to stay with KLC for the time being and not seek other bids.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Laster reported water loss was down to 17% last month. Frogue reported the Division of Water inspected the city's water distribution system and passed with good reviews and were complemented on their recordkeeping.

Mr. Powell called for a report from the fire department. Waggoner and Smith reported they will meet with Clerk Brock in the next few weeks to see what is remaining in their State Fire Aid expenditure budget.

Mr. Case reported that he met with Clerk Brock, Park Director Elizabeth Fitch and Assistant City Clerk Amy Bryant to work on a Land and Water grant application for the City-County Park. Jeff Traughber confirmed that Partner's of the Park sponsor donation letters went out in the mail to local business this past week. Case reported "The Dugout" will be operating the concession stand again this year.

Mr. McReynolds stated the city needs to do a better job of monitoring maintenance in the cemetery and

asked if anyone would be meeting with Ricchuite Enterprises to explain his duties. Clerk Brock stated that she had discussed with the committee reviewing the bids that she had received complaints about graves not being leveled and sewn with grass in a timely manner. She offered that City Hall could start preparing written work orders to give to Ricchuite Enterprises in hopes this would help the process go better.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers stated she needs one more member on the Ethics Board if anyone has a suggestion.

Mayor Weathers reported at the last meeting the council agreed on guidelines for public use of the Welcome Center. She asked for clarification that the groups working on restoration of the courthouse, Historic Todd County Inc. and the Courthouse Renovation Committee, could meet in the Welcome Center since they are working on renovation of the building. It was the consensus these two groups could meet in the Welcome Center.

Mayor Weathers read a thank you letter from the Peggy Moore Trust thanking the city for naming the City-County Park Street after Wilmon Moore and honoring the Moore family's contributions to the Park.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

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Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer