

Minutes: City Council Meeting
March 14, 2016
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 2016 with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

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

Others present: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Brian Atkinson, Police Chief; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief; Ashley Weatherholt, Assistant City Clerk; Kenzie Boehne, Welcome Center Director; 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 8, 2016 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Weathers called for public comments. There were none.

Mayor Weathers reported Waste Management has proposed to renew the residential curbside garbage pickup contract with the city for one more fiscal year (ending June 30, 2017) at the same cost of \$9.02 per container. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to renew the contract for one more year at the same cost. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-2, "A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH THE TODD COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE MUSEUM COMMITTEE IN SEEKING POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM LOCAL DONORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS OF THE HISTORIC TODD COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT ONE PUBLIC SQUARE" was presented. Clerk Brock explained this resolution states the city will work with the committee, which was formed by Todd County Magistrate Billy Bryant, and donations will be made to the city's account, now called the Todd County Historic Courthouse Museum Fund. All income and expenses will be kept separate from all other city funds and maintained separately in the city's budget. Weathers reported donations to the fund are tax deductible since the money is serving a public purpose to renovate the Historic Courthouse. The committee will make plans for renovations and present them to the city council for approval. Mr. Haley motioned to approve Resolution 2016-2, seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously. Mr. Haley suggested the committee establish a Facebook page and use the Todd Central Alumni list to solicit donations.

Resolution 2016-3, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR ELKTON SIDEWALKS PROJECT" was presented. Mayor Weathers stated this resolution authorizes the agreement with the Transportation Cabinet for the sidewalk project installing new sidewalks on West Main Street from Dairy Queen to the Dollar General. Mr. Haley motioned to approve Resolution 2016-3, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith informed the Mayor and Council that the Kentucky Division of Forestry has fire department assistant grants available. The grant requires the city to provide 50% of the project cost. The application is due April 29, 2016 and, if awarded, would be in next fiscal year's budget. The department would like to apply for a new pump for the brush truck at a total cost of about \$3,000, with the city match requirement of \$1,500. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the grant application, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2016-01, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY." Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Weathers reported the city is paying the electric bill for the lessee of the Die Casting building, the Elkton Die Casting Technical and Community Center. The lease states the city will pay the bill for three months and then the lessee will take over payment. The city council previously voted to continue paying the bill and review later. Mayor Weathers asked the council if the lessee should now start taking over payment. There was discussion that the city had to maintain the electric account when we applied for the TVA grant to install new lighting fixtures and that there may be additional fees to transfer the bill to another organization. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned that Elkton Die Casting Technical and Community Center should accept responsibility for the electric bill. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported she is coordinating the city's annual spring cleanup so that it does not coincide with Trenton's and Guthrie's cleanup. There was discussion of having the cleanup the first week in April for three days, April 4th through April 6th. Also, discussed were items that would not be included, such as demolition or construction debris, limbs, roofing material, and anything with freon. Electronics will not be picked up, but residents can take them to the county dump at their own expense. Mayor Weathers reported Ricchute Enterprises performed the pickup last year at a cost of \$2,200 and the consensus was to see if he would do it again for the same price.

Mayor Weathers presented a proposal from Sustainable Streams for evaluation, analysis and spillway design of the city lake dam at total cost of \$73,000. McGhee Engineering recommended the city perform just the evaluation first, which is estimated to cost \$4,200. However, Amy Frogue with Pennyrile Area Development District reports that any money the city spends on the city lake dam before applying for a grant will not be reimbursable. So, the city will apply for a grant first before any work is performed. The deadline for the FEMA grant is April 15th.

Clerk Brock reported that reburn-julia and associates, operated by Glenn Slack, is proposing to update and print a new Todd County map. The city participated in the last map produced about five or six years ago, a copy of which was presented. The city's fee for the map is based on population and will be \$2,170. The fee includes a full panel on the map promoting the city and an updated city street map. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to participate in the new map, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Terry Frogue reported that the Planning Commission met last week and reviewed items submitted by Arland Overholt to continue construction in Riverbend Subdivision. He submitted as built plans of the retention basin, and a letter of credit for construction of the road to the next 10 houses. Therefore, the Commission allowed him to continue working on the house he has been building, however the sale of the house cannot proceed until the water and sewer lines are constructed to the next 10 houses. Frogue reported the design engineer of the retention basin stated it will work as designed as long as less than 50% of the homes in the subdivision are completed. Once more than 50% of the homes are completed, there will need to be some additional dirt work completed in the basin. Frogue suggested the city needs to determine if the additional dirt work should be completed before being turned over to the city. Frogue also stated the council needs to determine if a fence will need to be installed around the retention basin before the city takes over the property. Frogue stated the council voted to require a fence installed around the basin many years ago, however Clerk Brock believes the fence was not included in the agreement the city signed with Mr. Overholt and was requested later. Mr. Frogue will get cost estimates for the construction of a fence. And, a firm timeline for completion of the retention basin and deeding the retention basin property to the city will need to be finalized.

Mayor Weathers reported the property on Elaine Court that was destroyed by fire has been demolished and removed. Mayor Weathers thanked the family taking care of removing the structure.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported there has been a lot of cleaning and repair work performed at the park. A new lease was awarded for the operation of the concession stand. Haley reported the new operator will be open for lunch daily as well as during events at the park. The Recreation Commission installed a new stove so the operator could sell more items. He reported the new operator scored a 100 on his health department inspection.

Mr. Laster reported the department has been flushing water lines over the past week. Frogue reported flushing at 170 fire hydrants in the city as well as testing and inspecting the fire hydrants by a certified inspector. He stated there are several repairs that will need to be made as a result of the inspections. Also, the condition of the water during the flushing was better than expected.

Mr. Frogue also reported on behalf of the Planning Commission that a public hearing was held on March 10, 2016 to rezone property on B. White and Foggy Road from commercial property to residential. One piece of property in the area proposed for rezoning has a contract for its sale pending rezoning of the property to residential. The potential buyer would like to build duplexes on the property. The Planning Commission found that B. White Road and Foggy Road are not wide enough for heavy commercial traffic. Also, there are already several single-family homes in the area. Therefore, the Planning Commission submitted a recommendation to the city council to rezone the property, as shown on the map presented, from B-3 Highway Commercial to R-2 Medium Density Residential. Mr. Haley motioned to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Laster. Voting in favor of the motion were Haley, Laster, Jefferson, Gibson and McReynolds. Voting opposed was Powell. Motion carried.

Clerk Brock explained that since the recommendation to rezone the property was approved by the council, an ordinance officially rezoning the property would need to be passed. Therefore, Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2016-02, "REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED ON B WHITE ROAD AND FOGGY ROAD." Mr. Laster motioned to approve after first reading, seconded by Mr. Laster. Voting in favor of the motion were Haley, Laster, Jefferson, Gibson and McReynolds. Voting opposed was Powell.

Motion carried. Following first reading, Clerk Brock asked the council if they would hold a special meeting in order to have second reading of the ordinance. After discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5:30 pm. There may be other items added to the agenda for the special meeting.

Mr. Powell called for a report from the Fire Department. Chief Waggoner thanked the Utility Department for their hard work inspecting and repairing the fire hydrants. He also reported the ISO inspection has been scheduled for April 12th.

Mr. Jefferson called for a report from the Police Department. Chief Atkinson reported they have been assisting other law enforcement agencies in a methamphetamine roundup throughout Kentucky and Tennessee. He commended his officers on the great job they did apprehending one of the fugitives in Elkton. He also reported the department is accepting applications for a Police Officer position due to a vacancy. Chief Atkinson reported receiving several applications from people that are not certified officers and none from certified officers. Mr. Powell asked what the cost would be to send someone to the Academy. Atkinson stated that it was not necessarily more expensive, however we would be short-handed an officer during the twenty-three weeks in the Academy. The department monthly activity report was also presented.

Mr. Gibson stated he would get some prices together for patching some city streets in this year's budget. Mayor Weathers reported the estimated amount the city will receive from the state for road maintenance next fiscal year is about \$40,500.

Mr. McReynolds reported receiving good reports of customer service at city hall and complimented Assistant City Clerk Ashley Weatherholt for her good work at the front desk. The Mayor and other council members concurred.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers reported the cemetery on the Brent Ridley property, where the founder of Elkton is buried, was vandalized recently. Mayor Weathers would like to find a solution for the city to help protect this cemetery. Mr. Powell suggested a security light be installed in the area. Mr. Haley suggested a security camera that can be accessed by the Police Department. Atkinson reported this is the area where the fugitive was running and apprehended and he could have caused the damage. Haley also asked if giving the city access to the cemetery would allow public access.

Mayor Weathers presented pictures of pedestrian crosswalk signs she would like to install on the Square. She will find the best place to install them and report back to the council.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer