

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
March 9, 2015  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2015 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: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Police Sargent Will Meyers; Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner; Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith; Bill Weathers; other guests.

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

After reviewing the February 9, 2015 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the February 23, 2015 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for public comments.

- Jon Partlow introduced Matthew Partlow who was present to complete his merit badge in citizenship and community. Mayor Weathers welcomed them to the meeting.

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

Clerk Brock reported construction on the South Streets Avenue sidewalk project has been slow due to the snow received in the last several weeks. The second project pay request was presented with engineer DBS and Associates requesting \$1,650.00 and contractor Scott & Murphy requesting \$51,366.49. Brock reported the engineer needs to do another inspection because there is a question about quantities in the pay request. Therefore, the engineer requested the council approve the pay request pending inspection by the engineer. After review, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the pay request pending the inspection, seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2015-1, "ORDINANCE ADOPTING COMPENSATION PLAN AND PAY SCALE." Mr. Powell motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Terry Frogue reported a draft agreement with the Todd County Water District for trading water lines including maps setting forth some customer territories for the city and county was mailed to the council in the meeting packet. Mr. Frogue reminded the council that engineers have stated the city really can't use the water tank on Highway 68/80, which was constructed using mostly grant funds for the industrial park that was near the tank at the time it was built. The industrial park no longer exists in this location so it is not really needed for future industry, plus it is in need of costly repairs. The agreement gives the county the water tank and the water line along Highway 68 from the existing city limits to the water tank. Terry Frogue reported the only item in the agreement he felt needed further discussion was item ten, which states that both parties agree to follow all recommendations and orders of the Public Service Commission (PSC). Frogue explained that even though we are agreeing to some future territories, these decisions would have to be reviewed by the PSC and this states we would let

the PSC decision stand. All agreed that sentence should be removed and presented to the county for approval.

Clerk Brock presented a request from Todd County Central High School for a donation for Project Graduation. The council contributed \$500.00 last year and there is \$500.00 in this year's budget. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to contribute \$500.00, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock informed the council that the Todd County Health Department received a small grant to pay for training to develop a Pedestrian Master Plan for the city. Clerk Brock, Mayor Weathers, Health Department Director Jen Harris, and Jill Harris with the Extension Office have agreed to serve on a committee to develop the plan. Brock explained they will seek community input on existing sidewalks, and new sidewalks or trails for walking and biking. This plan will not cost the city any money, but will help set goals for the community and give us a tool to seek grant funds in the future.

Clerk Brock informed the council she is working with two companies to provide quotes for a new Wifi system for downtown and at the city-county park. She hopes to have the two proposals ready for a special meeting that will be held in March.

Mayor Weathers asked the council if they want to hold the annual spring cleanup this year. All were in agreement to do it again. Brock explained we usually hold the cleanup in late April for four days. A list of items that can't be picked up is advertised, including electronics, shingles, tires, etc. Mayor Weathers reported we will need a contractor to pick up the items and since the council wants to continue this service, we will get quotes from interested contractors. Mayor Weathers reported the state will hold a tire pickup soon and information will be posted on the city's website.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. McReynolds stated it is a pleasure serving on the council and that he is looking forward to the spring when mowing season begins.

Mr. Gibson had nothing to report for the street department.

Mr. Jefferson reported the officers would like to go back to wearing khaki tactical pants and polo shirts for everyday uniforms. They will continue to use the Class A uniforms for court and special events. Sergeant Meyers reported the Class A uniforms currently being worn every day for the last year are very uncomfortable and are cold in the winter and hot in the summer. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to go back to wearing khaki tactical pants every day, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Powell called for a report from Daniel Smith and Derrell Waggoner.

- Mr. Waggoner thanked the utility department for keeping the fire department parking lot clear of snow over the last few weeks.
- He and Mr. Smith reported the council had previously approved about \$5,000 to repair the pump on the brush truck. They have worked on the truck themselves and made most of the repairs for less than \$500.
- The fire department asked about the TVA incentive for new lighting in the fire hall. Brock reported TVA is only offering incentive for industrial buildings at this time. After discussion, Powell motioned to get quotes from Coffman Lighting in Elkton to replace all of the light fixtures in the fire hall, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.
- It was reported that two firemen are inactive due to injuries and will be off for several months. Currently there are 19 active duty firemen and the policy only allows a maximum of 20. We have two young men, Michael Keith Daniel and Joshua Berry that are interested in rejoining the department. After discussion, Mr. Laster motioned to approve the addition of these two

firemen to the active roster. Motion seconded by Gibson and carried unanimously. Mayor Weathers can authorize changing the policy to include 21 firemen by executive order.

Mr. Laster thanked the utility department for all their hard work keeping the streets and sidewalks clear of snow over the last few weeks. They have also had to deal with repairing water leaks in freezing temperatures. The council and Mayor concurred with what a great job they have done.

- Mr. Frogue reported the new work truck ordered several months ago has arrived.
- The water department was notified by Logan-Todd Regional Water of a large water leak in town. After several weeks looking, they found a 6" water main leaking and with the water not surfacing it was harder to find. The department is still looking for other smaller water leaks.
- Frogue reported the city needs to consider purchasing better equipment to find water leaks. He will get prices together and propose the purchase in next year's budget.

Mr. Haley reported spring soccer begins in a few weeks. Also, the three baseball fields will be redone with leveling and new dirt.

Mr. McReynolds reported a retired educator spoke with him recently and asked if the city police department could start directing traffic at the high school in the morning and/or upon release of students in the afternoon. Sergeant Meyers reported the city had done it in the past, but it is both a manpower issue sometimes and a liability issue. Mr. Jefferson will speak with Chief Atkinson.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers reported the Todd County Detention Center will not be able to mow the city property at 617 West Main Street. Mrs. Linda Oliver had contacted the city about continuing to mow the property at \$55.00 per mowing. Mr. Haley motioned to hire Linda Oliver to mow the property, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

The city's property at 106 North Main Street will be vacated by the current tenant at the end of the month. This property will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next council meeting.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Jefferson motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

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Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer