

Minutes: City Council Meeting
May 11, 2015
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 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 Chief Brian Atkinson; Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner; Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith; Bill Weathers; and, Ryan Craig, *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 April 13, 2015 council meeting minutes and the April 20, 2015 special meeting minutes, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve both as submitted, 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 Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for public comments. There were no comments.

Clerk Brock reported on construction progress on the South Streets Avenue Sidewalk Project. The fourth project pay request was presented with engineer DBS and Associates requesting \$1,600.00 and contractor Scott & Murphy requesting \$111,307.97. Brock reported the engineer has a few questions about the contractor's request and would like any approval of payment to be contingent upon final approval by the engineer. Brock reported the project is supposed to be completed by the middle of June and looks to be on schedule and on budget. While some of the drain line had to be removed from the project, there was also a larger section of College Street that had to be cut down to lessen the slope, which involves more paving. But, those two items should balance each other out budget wise. Several council members had concerns about the steps leading to three properties that seem too steep. Brock will work with the engineer to see what can be done. Mayor Weathers asked all the council members to review the project area soon for any concerns or construction items that need to be addressed. After review, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the pay request pending final approval by the engineer, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for first reading of Ordinance 2015-2, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF CHAPTER 152 (PLANNING) OF THE CITY OF ELKTON CODE OF ORDINANCES." Clerk Brock reported Attorney Jeff Traughber has also prepared a summary of the ordinance. This ordinance re-establishes the Board of Adjustment and updates the date of adoption of the new comprehensive plan. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to read the Summary Ordinance instead of the full ordinance, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read first reading of Summary of Ordinance 2015-2. Mr. Laster motioned to approve after first reading and seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Weathers reported the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Pennyryle Area Development District conflicts with the June regular city council meeting. She asked if the council would like to reschedule our meeting so we can attend the dinner meeting. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to reschedule the June 8, 2015 regular meeting to a special meeting on June 9, 2015. Motion seconded by

Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock asked all the council members to let her know if they will be attending the dinner so she can RSVP for city attendance.

Clerk Brock presented a proposal from Thurman Campbell Group to perform the annual audit for FY2015 in the amount of \$17,000.00, which is the same cost as last year. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to approve the proposal, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported the utility department would like to declare the 1995 Ford ½ Ton surplus property and put it up for sale. This is the truck currently being used by the Animal Control Officer, but with the purchase of a new utility department truck, John Service will be issued the 1997 Ford so the 1995 Ford will no longer be needed. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to declare the 1995 Ford ½ Ton surplus property, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers and Clerk Brock informed the council there will need to be a special meeting held at the end of May to discuss the budget amendment for FY2015 and the proposed budget for FY2016. After discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported about 260 children signed up for baseball and softball this spring at the park. They are also reworking all three ball fields with new dirt and reshaping the fields.

Mr. Laster called for a report from Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue. Mr. Frogue reported the air conditioning at the sewer plant where the lab and much of the electrical system is located has gone out. The unit is over 20 years old and is in need of replacement instead of repair. Frogue reported three quotes to replace the unit with a gas unit: Mike Miller - \$6,000.00; Kerry Jessie - \$4,875.00; and, Vaughn's - \$6,300.00. Mr. Frogue would like to go ahead and replace the unit in this year's budget, which would also require a budget amendment. After discussion Mr. Laster motioned to go with the bid from Kerry Jessie and amend this year's budget to cover the expense. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Powell called for a report from the Fire Department. Assistant Chief Daniel Smith reported the department will finish their hose testing program this week. They are continuing to work with the Mayor on a proposed budget for next year.

Mr. Jefferson called for a report from Chief Atkinson, who presented a police department activity report for the year-to-date. Chief Atkinson reported the hiring of a new full-time officer, Scott Raup. Officer Raup has several years' experience with the city of Hopkinsville as a detective and will be bring much needed experience as a certified investigator and other skills in computer forensics.

Mr. McReynolds stated he has been checking the mowing in the cemetery every week and Ricchuite Enterprises is doing a great job. He also complimented the utility department on mowing the right-of-ways.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers had nothing to report, but it was mentioned the annual spring cleanup was completed last week. It has been suspected for some time that many people in the county are bringing items into the city and dumping them at the curb, but it seemed to be worse this year. Ricchuite Enterprises worked several days over to make sure everything was picked up and worked very hard on this project.

Mr. Powell reported someone is interested in purchasing the city's building on North Main Street. He knows we discussed using that building for storage, but we might consider selling it if someone is

interested. Mayor Weathers asked everyone to think about the building and it will be on the agenda at one of the next meetings.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Jefferson motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:27 PM.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer