

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
May 13, 2013  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Bruce Marklin; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Fire Chief Darrin Cole; Assistant Fire Chief Darrell Waggoner; Melissa Immel; Wayne Addison, II; David Addison; Jean Addison; Robert Harris; Lynn Yonts; Sersay Yonts; Ryan Sanders; Jessica Addison; Jamie Addison; George "Bo" Addison; Ken Griggs; Kim McLain; Brent Brookshire; Danielle Brookshire; Nick Johnson; Kathy Wilson; Todd County Sherriff Joey Johnson; (other names on the list were unreadable and others were present that did not sign in); Carla Jiminez, *Kentucky New Era*; and, Catherine Darnell, *Todd County Standard*.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Eugene Jefferson gave invocation. Mayor Camp welcomed all the guests.

After reviewing the April 8, 2013 council meeting minutes, bills payable and financial reports, Mr. Scott motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp introduced Melissa Immel to make a presentation regarding Relay for Life. Ms. Immel presented a permit to hold Relay for Life on Public Square this year on Friday, June 21, 2013. They would like to close down the Square from 5 PM to midnight. She asked if that would be possible and if they needed to find people to work the road blocks. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to allow Relay for Life to be held on Public Square on June 21<sup>st</sup> from 5 pm to midnight. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. Chief Marklin and Mayor Camp confirmed they would need to find workers for the road block. Also, this is pending approval of the permit by the State Highway Department.

Mayor Camp requested the council amend the agenda to allow the other guests to speak at this time. Mr. Laster motioned to approve and seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Camp requested that the group pick about three people to address the council. Mr. Jamie Addison addressed the Mayor and council first and stated that he has been reading the newspaper about what is going on in the city and especially regarding Watson Ricchuite, who works for the city, being arrested and charged with having a meth lab on his farm, thousands of buried ether cans and a buried 1,000 gallon anhydrous tank and meanwhile stating that he did not know it was happening on his farm. He said the city just awarded him another contract for cemetery maintenance when there was a lower bid by about \$12,000. He stated that this is all about perception and how the council looks for supporting a drug dealer. Doug Gibson stated that Watson Ricchuite has not been found guilty of the charges and that Mr. Ricchuite does an excellent job in the cemetery. Also, many that submitted bids did not have the equipment to do the job. Several others in the room also spoke, including Mr. Brent Brookshire, Mrs. Jessica Addison and other unknown speakers about the council needing to protect our children and community from drugs and the perception that the council is supporting and approving this behavior. Mr. Ken Griggs also stated that the city could have saved money by accepting the lower bid for cemetery maintenance that could be going to the park. There was much discussion through the evening about needing enough evidence from a grand jury to press charges. It was suggested the contract with Ricchuite Enterprises should be cancelled, however City

Attorney Jeff Traugher stated Watson Ricchuite would need to be convicted of the charges before the contract could be cancelled. Mr. David Haley stated that he wanted everyone in attendance to know their voices had been heard and the council will take it under consideration. Mrs. Jessica Addison requested a copy of the city's ethic ordinance. Mayor Camp announced the council needed to move on with the meeting and most of the guests in attendance left the meeting.

Mayor Camp reported the regular June council meeting conflicts with the Annual PADD Dinner meeting. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to hold the June council meeting as a special meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7 PM. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported Glass Door Solutions announced today they will be having a job fair on June 4, 2013 from 3 PM to 6 PM at the Milliken Community House to accept application for the plant that is opening in Elkton.

Mayor Camp stated that after the death of Ms. Jennie Sargenat, the city now owns the house at 203 E. Jefferson Street because she owned it under a lifetime estate. The house was built using a CDBG housing grant and all funds from the rental or sale of the house must be deposited in the Revolving Fund. The house needs about \$3,000 worth of work done inside the house and the Mayor would like to know if the council wants to rent or sale the house. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to spend up to \$3,000 to repair the house and then come back to the council for further discussion on how to proceed. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported she received complaints that overhanging trees on Pond River Road were damaging vehicles. She stated the trees were on Ed Borders' property and she or Terry would contact him about trimming the trees.

Mayor Camp presented the FY 2014 budget message and proposal. The proposed budget contains a 1% cost of living increase for all employees and officers. Also, several special projects: Streets Avenue Sidewalk Project; \$30,000 for economic and industrial development; \$15,000 contribution to the City-County Recreation Commission; grants will be sought through TVA for energy efficiency in city buildings and increases in building maintenance expenses in each department were made for this project; repairs to the house on East Jefferson Street at a cost of \$3,000; contract with Pennyriple Area Development District at a cost of \$11,200 for updating the city's zoning ordinance and zoning map; purchase a new Ford Explorer for the police department at a cost of \$30,000 and borrowing \$22,000 over the next three years to pay for it; \$4,100 in additional expenses for fire department technical supplies since the fire truck loan through State Fire Aid will be paid off this year; \$14,000 in repairs to the city's building on S. Perry Street; \$35,000 in paving expenses out of the Municipal Road Aid Fund at the City-County Park; \$80,000 in general street paving in the City-County Park; \$12,000 for a hydraulic study of the water system; water line extensions to separate lines with the Todd County Water District and Goeble Avenue line replacement through a KIA loan. Clerk Brock reviewed the proposed budget and answered any question the council had.

It was stated the city may not be able to spend Municipal Road Aid Funds on paving in the City-County Park. Mr. Scott motioned to not spend the MRA funds in the park until the legality was cleared and only if the county matches the expense. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

There were no further question regarding the budget and Mr. Laster motioned to approve the FY 2014 budget proposal. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2013-5, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014.” Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve after first reading, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock explained the council needed to officially amend the budget to include items that were voted on throughout the year. After discussion, Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2013-6, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013.” Mr. Powell motioned to approve after first reading, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported Tim Haley is considering renting the old Flynn wash plant on North Main Street to hold auctions a few times a month. They would like to install a gate on the fence around the Elkton Die Casting building and use about 1 acre of the city’s property for extra parking. Mayor Camp asked David Powell, Doug Gibson and Eugene Jefferson to serve on a committee to talk to Tim Haley about his plans.

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Mayor Camp reported water loss is still at about 10.5% in the city and called for a report from Mr. Laster. Terry Frogue reported plans for water and sewer line extensions on S. Perry Street have been submitted to the state for approval. McGhee Engineering is still working on the plans for the water line extensions and Goeble Avenue project.

Mr. Powell called for a report from Fire Chief Cole, who reported four fire runs since the last meeting. One run was for an elevator that was stuck and was a new experience for Chief Cole. Chief Cole also reported the department made a video to enter a contest on Facebook to win 10 new pairs of boots. Assistant Chief Waggoner thanked Doug Gibson for the donation of a copy machine to the Fire Hall and thanked others who also offered other items.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Scott motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.