

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
October 30, 2013
5:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

City Council members absent: Doug Gibson and Danny Laster.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Jeff Traughber, City Attorney; Craig Morris, Pennyrile Area Development District; Carla Jimenez, *Kentucky New Era*; and citizen guest.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and reminded everyone only items on the agenda may be discussed.

AGENDA

1. Todd County Water District Building Lease
2. South Elkton Bypass Route
3. November Council Meeting

Mayor Camp stated that she would like to discuss the South Elkton Bypass first to allow Mr. Craig Morris to give his presentation before other discussion. Mr. Morris stated that part of his position with PADD is transportation planning for the Pennyrile region. He also assisted the city in developing the recent Comprehensive Plan that was adopted by the Planning Commission. One of the top transportation projects in the Comprehensive Plan was a southern connector route from West Main Street (Business Hwy 68) to South Main Street (Hwy 181 S). He stated there were a lot of rumors and misunderstandings about the proposed project and he wanted to help people better understand the purpose. Mr. Morris presented a Project Overview and Concept Route Map and reiterated that the map is only a concept in order to present this to the state as a future project in the region. If the project moves forward, it would be fully funded and developed by the state. Mr. Morris stated the main reason the project is needed is because Public Square was designed in the 1800's for buggies and stagecoaches. Today, semitrailer trucks have a hard time making turns on and off the Square without going into the oncoming traffic lane. Also, during peak traffic times, the Square is often backed up in several directions many cars deep. Mayor Camp stated that during these times, emergency vehicles have trouble moving through traffic. Mr. Morris stated that while public safety and traffic concerns are the main goals behind the project, it will also open up a large area of property near the city limits that already has water and sewer available for industrial and business recruitment. Mr. Morris polled the council and all were in favor of the project, especially with the new concept of an extension of Elk Fork Road instead of connecting to Davis Mill Road. Mr. Traughber asked if there was anything else the city could do to help inform the public. Mr. Morris suggested he could contact the local newspaper to write a story on the project and to contact him for an interview. Mr. Morris thanked everyone in attendance and left the meeting.

Mr. Traughber reported that he received a counter proposal from the Todd County Water District regarding their lease of the city's building on West Main Street. The Water District proposed a month to month lease at \$1,000 per month. Mr. Traughber stated he also proposed a 90 day notice to cancel the lease by either party and they were agreeable. Mr. Traughber stated it is common knowledge the Water District is looking to build a new building and warehouse in the future and recommended accepting these terms. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to accept the recommendation and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported the regular city council meeting in November will fall on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2013. She asked the council if they would like to change the date of the meeting. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to change the November meeting to November 18, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. This meeting will be held as a special meeting, so only items on the agenda can be discussed.

Clerk Brock suggested changing the city's ordinance to allow the regular council meeting to be held on the following day if the meeting falls on a holiday. If this is done, the meeting would be considered a regular meeting and not have to follow only the agenda items. Brock suggested she and Mr. Traugher draft an ordinance for the next meeting. Mr. Powell motioned to draft an ordinance for the next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

There were no other items on the agenda, therefore Mr. Scott motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Powell. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 5:21 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer