

Minutes: City Council Meeting
September 10, 2012
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2012 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Bruce Marklin; Terry Frogue, Utility/Street Superintendent; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Adam May, WHOP Radio; 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. Danny Laster gave invocation.

After reviewing the August 13, 2012 council meeting minutes, bills payable and financial reports, Ms. Sidebottom motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2012-5, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE YEAR 2012." Mr. Powell motioned to adopt after second reading and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Camp reported she has been asked by several citizens to shorten the Halloween Trick-or-Treat times. The last several years, times were set at 5 PM to 8 PM. After discussion, Ms. Sidebottom motioned to set Trick-or-Treat on Halloween Day, October 31st, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp asked the council if they would like to have the annual leaf pick up again this year. Mr. Gibson stated if the city does not provide this service, then many people will burn leaves. Ricchuite Enterprises will provide the curbside pickup service for \$19,950, same as last year. After discussion, Mr. Scott motioned to hire Ricchuite Enterprises to perform the annual leaf pick up service for \$19,950. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. Mayor Camp will set the dates and times for pick up with Ricchuite Enterprises.

Mayor Camp reported a request from Elkton Baptist Church to close North Allen Street adjacent to their Church on Saturday, September 15th to hold a block party from 11 AM to 5 PM. The Church reported to the Mayor that they have asked the neighbors and all said it would be ok to close the street. Mr. Scott motioned to allow North Allen Street to be closed during the times requested. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Gibson had nothing to report. However, Mayor Camp stated she has asked the county to help resurface West Jefferson Street where it has been damaged and cut while building the new Justice Center.

Mr. Scott reported the tennis court lights are still being repaired under the Park Improvement Project. The new lights keep going out and we are not sure what the problem is. We also purchased eight new picnic tables for the pavilions, since many have been damage by vandals. Mayor Camp complimented the new pavilion that was built.

Terry Frogue reported that water loss is averaging about 10% over the last two months. We have had several water main breaks recently and you have to wait a few days for other utility lines to be marked before you can repair the leak. Frogue also reported the tank maintenance company has mailed the stencil to paint “Elkton, the heart of Todd County” on the city’s water tank on Garth Lane, but the painting company will have to schedule the work.

Ms. Sidebottom reported there will be some maintenance work in the cemetery in the next few months, like painting the fences, etc.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Camp reported the last “Cruise In” on the Square in August had about 60 participants, so it is getting bigger and bigger. Restaurants that are open at the time reported being very busy. Many of the participants have requested the Square be closed down to traffic during the next two events in that will be held on the 4th Saturday in September and October from 4:30 PM to 9 PM. They stated they would help find volunteers to work the road blocks. After discussion, Ms. Sidebottom motioned to allow the Square to be closed as requested. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp also reported that we need a good sound system on the Square to help with events like HarvestFest, Crusie In, and Bike Night as well as just for general events. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to amend the budget and authorize the purchase of a sound system not to exceed \$4,500. Mr. Powell seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp asked for a report from Police Chief Marklin. Marklin reported on activity in the department for August. He also reported officer Monte Strode has retired. The department advertised and hired new officer Rusty Morris, who has about 16 year of previous experience. Chief Marklin reported that we did not receive very many applications from certified police officers. It may be necessary for the city to sponsor a new officer in the Academy in the future.

Mayor Camp reported the Clarksville Rotary Club bicycle race recently came through Elkton with about 1,100 riders participating.

Mayor Camp reported a new boutique will be opening on the Square in the old Skipworth building and a spa will be moving into the Cowherd building on the Square.

HarvestFest is coming soon and the Mayor reported food vendors are still down from previous years because of the health department regulations. October 4th will be the last Bike Night, October 5th will be a concert and vendors on the Square and October 6th will be the festival on the Square. The carnival will also be in town all three days at the Die Casting property.

Ms. Sidebottom stated she was disappointed there was no fall soccer league at the park this year. Jimmy Scott stated there is a lack of people who have knowledge in soccer to help run and coach the sport. The park hopes that fall soccer will be back again next year.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Laster motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer