

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting  
September 10, 2015  
5:30 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Thursday, September 10, 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; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Police Chief Brian Atkinson; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner; Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith; Police Captain Will Meyers; Police Officer Jason Clardy; Karen Stratton; Jean Odum; Alice Jane Rager; and, Mitzi Page.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Because it was a special called meeting, only items on the agenda could be discussed.

### AGENDA

1. Recognition of Promotion of Police Captain Will Meyers
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ordinance 2015-8 – Adopting Compensation Plan and Pay Scale
3. 2015 Property Tax Rate
4. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 2015-9 – Adopting Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Year 2015
5. Resolution 2015-8 – Authorizing Application for Transportation Alternatives Program
6. Planning Commission Appointment – Bryan Blount
7. Board of Adjustment Vacancy
8. Closed Session Under KRS 61.810(1)(b) Deliberations of future Sale of Real Property by a Public Agency
9. Sale of City Property
10. Cemetery Trees
11. Annual Leaf Pickup
12. Fire Department Memberships
13. Parking on Public Square

Mayor Weathers stated we would wait for item one on the agenda until all the police officers and their family are present.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2015-8, “ORDINANCE ADOPTING COMPENSATION PLAN AND PAY SCALE.” Mr. Jefferson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock reminded the council they voted at the last meeting to set the real property tax rate for the year 2015 at the same rate as last year. This required a public hearing, which was held on September 3, 2015. No one attended the hearing and there were no public comments. Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2015-9, “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 2015.” Mr. McReynolds motioned to approve after first reading, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution 2015-8, “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM,” was presented to the council. Mayor

Weathers explained this project would install sidewalks on West Main Street down to the Dollar General Store. The city would be required to match the grant with 20% local funds. After discussion, Mr. Laster motioned to approve Resolution 2015-8, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported Bryan Blount's term on the Planning Commission is set to expire, but he has agreed to continue serving another term. Therefore, Mayor Weathers recommended Bryan Blount's reappointment to the Planning Commission. Mr. Haley motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers stated there is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment and if anyone knows someone that would like to serve to please let her know.

Mr. Jefferson motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations of future sale of real property by a public agency. Mr. Powell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Everyone left the meeting except mayor, council, clerk and attorney and the doors were closed to the public.

Upon returning from closed session the doors were open to the public and guests returned to the meeting. Mr. Powell motioned to declare the city's property located at 106 North Main Street surplus property. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Haley motioned to sell the property located at 106 North Main Street by sealed bid. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported that the trees along the entrance of the new cemetery addition seem to be dead. However, County Extension Agent Curt Judy said the trees are not very health, but we might give them until next spring to see if they recover. Mr. McReynolds stated he looked at the trees also and they did not seem dead. No action was taken.

Mayor Weathers reported Ricchuite Enterprises agreed to perform the annual leaf pickup at the same cost as last year, which was \$19,950.00. Mr. Gibson motioned to hire Ricchuite Enterprises at \$19,950.00 for leaf pickup in the city. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported the deadline for the first annual fire department membership drive has been extended until September 30, 2015. As of today, a little over 100 memberships from county residents in the city's fire district have been received. The address information received to mail the notices had some errors and some property owners did not receive the notice. Therefore, another notice will be mailed with the new deadline. Mr. Powell reported that several city volunteer firemen live in the county in the city's fire district. Mr. Powell motioned to waive the membership fee for our volunteer firemen in the city fire district. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Also regarding fire department memberships, Daniel Smith asked if the city intended to allow others not currently in our fire district to pay a membership to Elkton. Mayor Weathers called for comment from Dispatch Director Karen Stratton, who stated someone currently outside our fire district would have to make a written request to their current fire district fire chief to be moved to the Elkton fire district. That fire chief and the Elkton fire chief would both have to approve the request and then she would have to sign the request to verify the fire district is changed in the dispatch system. However, there was discussion about how far outside the city our department should respond. Ms. Stratton recommended the city come up with a policy and set guidelines for approving requests to be in the Elkton fire district. There was no action taken at this time.

Mayor Weathers reported the city receives many complaints about there not being enough parking on the Square and that people are parking on the Square all day or night, both business owners and carpoolers. Mayor Weathers called for comments from guests. Mitzi Page introduced herself as owner of the Purple Daizi on the Square. She stated her and other workers in her business park on the Square because there is

nowhere else to park. She stated if there was a parking lot behind her building she would definitely use it. Also, many nights they work until after dark and do not feel safe walking a long distance to their cars at night. She stated she was attending to find out what the city has in mind regarding parking on the Square. Ms. Alice Jane Rager, who also works at this business, stated she is not able to walk well and also parks in front of the business on the Square. Mayor Weathers stated the city is looking at a two hour parking time limit. A picture of a decorative sign that would be placed around the Square was given to the council. Mayor Weathers confirmed that there are complaints about this problem all over the Square, not just in front of their business. Mr. McReynolds stated two hour parking limit should be the last resort and reported he has polled many citizens and believes about 80% are against it. There was discussion of possibly only requiring a two hour limit during business hours. Or, possibly marking the parking spots on the Square and assigning at least one space to each business. It was also suggested the city make a commuter parking lot of the Square. Mr. Haley thanked everyone for the comments and stated at least a dialogue has been started to solve the problem. No action was taken.

Mayor Weathers recognized Police Officer Will Meyers who was recently promoted to Police Captain. She stated he is the epitome of what a Police Officer should be and presented him with a certificate of recognition. Police Chief Brian Atkinson then placed a Captain pin on his uniform and thanked Captain Meyers for his service. Everyone in attendance, including family and friend, applauded Captain Meyers for his promotion.

Mr. Jefferson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

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Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer