

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
September 12, 2016  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2016 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: Jeffrey Traughber, City Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Brian Atkinson, Police Chief; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief; Ronald and Janice Gill; Sue Gill Long; Michael Case; and, Amy Kearns, *Todd County Standard*.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Gibson gave invocation.

After reviewing the August 8, 2016 council meeting minutes, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the August 29, 2016 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Laster motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell 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 Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers welcomed guests and called for public comments.

Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner reported that ISO updated the city's fire rating to a 4 from a 7 for properties in the city limits and a 4Y for properties in the city's fire district but not in the city limits. Chief Waggoner thanked Daniel Smith for his assistance in this process. When asked how this affected the city, Clerk Brock stated that some residents should see a decrease in their property insurance premiums; however the city will then see a decrease in insurance premium tax income. Smith reported the rate goes into effect December 1<sup>st</sup>, however if a citizen or insurance agent requests a copy of the ISO letter from City Hall, then they may be able to get the reduced rate before that date. Mr. Laster stated residents need to contact their insurance agent to verify they are getting the reduced fire rating. Mayor and Council thanked the fire department on all their hard work to get the reduced rating.

Daniel Smith, reporting as EMA Director, stated he had no real update on the FEMA flood disaster. Mr. and Mrs. Gill and Ms. Long asked about the assistance to individuals. Mr. Smith stated the declaration for individual assistance has not been approved or denied yet. He also stated the FEMA Hazard Mitigation portion of the disaster that might help them is also in the works and he will be attending a meeting on this project next week. Ms. Gill also asked about their property that recently flooded and they demolished the house, but no one will want to buy anymore. They will still have to maintain this property in the future. Mayor Weathers stated that we are still very mindful of their loss and while we need to wait and see how the mitigation process proceeds, we will still keep them in consideration and in discussion regardless.

Clerk Brock stated City Attorney Jeff Traughber has prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2016-12 amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance if the council would like to read the Summary in lieu of the entire ordinance. Mr. Jefferson motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2016-12, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Therefore, Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2016-12, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF CHAPTER 151 (ZONING) OF THE CITY OF

ELKTON CODE OF ORDINANCES.” Mr. Powell motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. McReynolds and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2016-13, “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 2016.” Mr. Gibson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mr. Terry Frogue reported a request from residents of B. White Road to lower the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph. City ordinance states all city streets shall be 35 mph unless otherwise approved by the city council. Police Chief Atkinson agrees the speed limit should be lowered. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to set the speed limit on B. White Rd to 25 mph. Motion seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported Ricchuite Enterprises has agreed to perform the annual leaf pickup at the same price as last year, \$19,950.00. Mr. Laster stated this is the same price it has been for many years. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve Ricchuite Enterprises performing the leaf pickup at a cost of \$19,950.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. The dates for the pickup will be set once the leaves begin falling.

Mayor Weathers reported Halloween trick-or-treat times last year were from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to set trick-or-treat times on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported that due to the Columbus Day holiday, the October regular meeting of the city council will be held the following Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Brock stated the city ordinance requires the meeting to be held on the following Monday if the regular meeting falls on a legal holiday.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley requested the council make the annual contribution to the City-County Park. Clerk Brock reported the budgeted contribution is \$17,000.00. Mr. Powell motioned to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Mr. Haley also reported the central air unit in the concession building went out, but cleaning the unit out fixed the problem. The Board is going to work on an annual inspection checklist to make sure the unit does not get in bad shape again. Mayor Weathers reported the Police Department has requested the Recreation Commission install another street light in the back of the parking lot at the park. Chief Atkinson requested a new light anywhere near the old basketball court. Mr. Laster asked if a city street sign was going to be installed at the Park. The city council approved the name of the park street as “Wilmon Moore Circle.” Mr. Haley stated the road needs to be paved as well.

Mr. Laster reported water loss is up this month, however much of it is thought to be due to flushing and water line breaks at the North Main Street sidewalk and bridge project. Mr. Frogue reported the department has been busier than ever with the North Main Street project and rainy weather causing more mowing. The department will need to extend the sewer line on B. White Road this fall because more houses will be built. Also, this summer they did not get very far on smoke testing due to other projects. The temporary workers did get to inspect all the water meters in town, but their work time has run out.

Mr. Powell reported the fire department would like to declare 10 sets of turnout gear, including boots, helmet, pants and coat, as surplus property. This gear is out of date and not suitable for use. The fire department would then like to donate the gear to the Allegre Fire Department to use for training once they have signed an agreement that it can be used at their own risk. Mr. Powell motioned to declare the 10 sets of turnout gear surplus property, seconded by Mr. Haley, and carried unanimously. Mr. Jefferson then motioned to donate the 10 sets of surplus turnout gear to the Allegre Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Powell also thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work obtaining a lower ISO rating for the city. He stated he has heard nothing but positive comments about the fire department.

Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith reported FEMA fire grant applications open next month. He will report to the city council next month on potential projects, including a possible county wide grant sponsored by the city.

Mr. Jefferson reported monthly activity of the Police Department. Chief Atkinson reported the department has been very busy and they are still slowly moving along in the hiring process of the new police officer recruit. It looks like the earliest Academy date available will now be after the first of next year.

Mr. Jefferson asked Mr. Frogue to report on the lagoon (retention basin at Riverbend Subdivision.) Mr. Frogue stated there has been some work done and it is in better shape than it ever has been. Mr. Overholt has done some leveling and moved the drain pipe to where it should be. He still needs to sew some grass on the basin. Mr. Overholt has also worked on the road extension and new curb. He will probably be requesting the stop work order be lifted soon.

Mr. Gibson asked about paving the street to the new garden homes. Clerk Brock stated this street is on the list of paving that was to be bid out in July, however it was decided to wait until the North Main Street project is near completion. Gibson also reported a pothole on Commerce Street. Frogue stated he has looked at the issue and options to repair, but he is not sure patching the hole will fix the problem. This area is also on the list of paving projects. Frogue also reported to the council that the repairs on Elk Fork Road are being delayed until the project can be discussed with FEMA.

Mr. McReynolds reported several of the trees right on Pond River Road in the cemetery that we looked at last year seem to be in bad health. He reported John Walton has offered to remove the trees at no cost to the city. Mayor Weathers stated we can keep an eye on the trees and see if they need to be removed.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers reported the city can apply for TAP funding for sidewalk projects. The proposed project for the city would include new sidewalks along the Post Office on West Main Street. These sidewalks are in bad condition and need replaced. In this area, utility lines would be buried and decorative lighting would be installed. Also, it is proposed to install new sidewalks in front of Food Giant and Max Fuel and turning the corner on S. Streets Avenue to include a short section of sidewalk and curb to improve safety so people cannot take a short cut through the Max Fuel parking lot in order to skip the stop sign on S Streets Ave. The total cost of the project would be \$268,000 with the city required to provide 20% of the cost, or \$53,600.00. Resolution 2016-06, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM," was presented. Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve Resolution 2016-06, seconded by Mr. Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Police Chief Atkinson reported there have been a lot of complaints about speeders on Allensville Street and S. Streets Ave. Mr. Frogue has installed new speed limit signs in these areas and they are being patrolled. Ms. Sue Long stated the new signs have helped on Allensville Street. Mr. Gibson requested the department patrol Murrey Court and try to keep cars from parking in the street. Chief Atkinson stated he would request patrol in this area.

Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 pm.

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Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer