

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
September 17 2013
5:30 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

City Council members absent: Doug Gibson.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Jeff Traughber, City Attorney; and, Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and reminded everyone only items on the agenda may be discussed.

AGENDA

1. 2nd Reading Ordinance 2013-10 - Property Tax Rates
2. Cemeteries
3. 507 S Main Street Property
4. Annual Leaf Pickup
5. Davis Mill Road – Alternate Route
6. Todd County Water District
 - Building Lease
 - Water Line Separation
7. Water Line Separation and Replacement Bids

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2013-10, “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 2013.” Mr. Powell motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Camp reported several trees need to be removed in Glenwood and Elkton Cemetery before they fall. She tried getting several bids for the project but others either were not interested or did not meet the city’s insurance liability requirements. Sears Tree Service submitted a bid of \$10,500 to remove 5 trees using a crane. The project is in the budget and Mayor Camp just wanted to let the council know the work was being done.

Mayor Camp called for continued discussion on the request to negotiate the \$30,000 plus in liens the city has on property located at 507 S Main St. Mr. Traughber stated that he feels the city should negotiate with the company offering the house for sale in order to save possible attorney and legal fees in the future. After discussion, Mr. Scott motioned to authorize Jeff Traughber to negotiate a settlement of the liens on the property located at 507 S. Main Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp stated that Ricchuite Enterprises will provide the annual leaf pickup and removal service in the city at a cost of \$19,950. Mr. Jefferson motioned to contract with Ricchuite Enterprises for the leaf pickup at a cost of \$19,950. Motion seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp presented a map to the council of a proposed highway connector route from Business

68/West Main Street to South Main Street near the high school. Mayor Camp reiterated that this is not the exact route, but only shows a proposed route. The route could change in the future but this map shows the general idea of where a connector route could be located. This project was discussed and proposed in the new comprehensive plan approved by the Elkton Planning Commission and generally received positive comments from the public during the discussions. There was discussion that this would be a state project. Senator Whitney Westerfield is willing to help promote and find funding for the project if the city and county approve of the project. After discussion, Mr. Scott motioned to approve the proposed connector route and seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Voting in favor of the motion were Scott, Jefferson, Powell and Laster. Voting opposed was Haley. Motion carried.

Mayor Camp reminded the council the city must negotiate a new lease for the Todd County Water District office building by November 1st or the old lease will be in effect for another year at the same terms. Mr. Traughber stated that there have been discussions about trading a few customers with the Water District. The Water District feels that if they give any customers to the city, then those customers must agree first to be annexed into the city limits. Traughber stated that the state statutes seem to benefit the county more than the city because Kentucky Rural Water advocates for counties while no one is really working for cities on water issues. There was discussion about annexing properties on Moe Lane and Johnson Lane to gain these water customers. It was also discussed paving both streets if they agreed to be annexed. The property owners will be approached about annexation and reported at the next meeting. It was the consensus to get an estimate on the cost to pave these streets. Mr. Frogue stated if we did not transfer the city's customers on "wood chop hill" to the county, we would need to look into installing pumps to increase their water pressure. Terry will get an estimate on this cost. There was more discussion that it is thought the Water District is looking for land to build a new office and warehouse in one location. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to offer the Water District a new lease agreement at a cost of \$1,200 a month for a 1 year lease or \$1,000 per month for a five year lease. Motion seconded by Mr. Scott. Voting in favor of the motion were Scott, Jefferson, Powell and Haley. Voting opposed was Laster. Motion carried.

Terry Frogue reported the bids for the Waterline Extension and Replacement Project that were received on September 5, 2013 were reviewed by McGhee Engineering. The bids received were as follows: Abbico Contracting LLC - \$283,794.00; Cumberland Pipeline LLC - \$255,315.80; Scott & Ritter - \$436,259.00; Twin States Utilities Inc. - \$309,459.00; Stewart-Richey Construction Inc. - \$496,920.71; DTM Construction Inc. - \$260,263.00; United Pipeline Inc - \$357,244.00. McGhee Engineering informed the city that the low bid submitted by Cumberland Pipeline used an incorrect figure for cleanup and therefore their bid was thrown out. (It was noted that if the company used the correct figure of \$2.00 per foot as stated in the bid specifications they would not have been lowest bid.) Therefore, McGhee Engineering recommended accepting the bid of \$260,263.00. Using this bid, the total project is expected to go over budget by about \$47,000. There are some items we can explore to save money, but these will have to be negotiated with the contractor. The city was awarded a loan from KIA for \$320,000 for the project and we can ask for an additional 10% in loan funds, or about \$32,000, without having to submit a new application. Or, the city can use funds from reserves. Some reserve funds may need to be used anyway to complete the entire project. The loan payment would increase by about \$2,000 per year for the additional funds. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to accept the bid of DTM Construction in the amount of \$260,263.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Regarding the KIA loan, Mr. Laster motioned to ask for an additional 10% in funding up to \$352,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

There were no other items on the agenda, therefore Mr. Laster motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer