

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting
September 25, 2014
5:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session at City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, September 25, 2014 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

City Council members absent: David Haley; and, Danny Laster.

Others present: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jeff Traughber, City Attorney; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Rick Harper, bell engineering; Frank McReynolds; and, Bill and Jackie Weathers.

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

Agenda

1. Rick Harper, bell engineering – sewer plant projects
2. Plan Development Review Engineer
3. Elk Fork Creek Project Bids
4. Elkton Die Casting Building

Terry Frogue updated the council on issues at the sewer plant regarding sludge removal, aerators in the oxidation ditch, and other issues that could cause violations in the future if they are not corrected. Also, there are several improvements that can be made to lower ongoing maintenance costs. Frogue contacted several engineers to come up with solutions and Bell Engineering responded to the request and has made preliminary inspections at the plant. Mr. Frogue introduced Rick Harper, who works for Bell Engineering and lives in Elkton. Mr. Harper explained that they have looked at the plant and have some ideas to resolve several issues, but a more detailed study and proposal will have to be prepared. They estimate solving these issues and other improvements will cost anywhere from \$300,000 to \$900,000. Bell Engineering submitted a proposal for a Preliminary Engineering Report for a lump sum fee of \$10,000. Bell Engineering will also help the city seek grant and loan funding if the city decides to pursue their recommendations. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to hire Bell Engineering as set forth in the proposal submitted at a cost of \$10,000, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Terry Frogue, as Zoning Administrator, reminded the council the new zoning ordinance requires a new commercial development to submit development plans for review by the Planning Commission. There is a potential new development at the existing Gate gas station in Elkton. The Planning Commission will need to hire a consulting engineer to review the plans on behalf of the city. Bell Engineering has submitted a proposal to serve in this capacity for the city at a cost not to exceed \$1,200. Frogue stated he contacted several other engineering firms and received no other responses. Rick Harper stated there are several items the city can help review like setbacks and landscaping that could decrease the cost to the city. Frogue stated the developer will pay fees to the city to help cover the cost of hiring the engineer. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to hire Bell Engineering to review the development plans on behalf of the city. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported that bids were received for the Elk Fork Creek Debris Removal Project on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 10:00 AM. This project is funded through Todd County Fiscal Court, but the terms of the Interlocal Agreement with the county state the city should review the bids and make a recommendation to the county. The following bids were received: Siso Excavation, \$48,512.00;

Stratton Excavation, \$26,500.00; Jeff Lear Trucking/Jake Hicks, \$45,000.00; Carter Douglas Co., \$33,000.00; Jenkins Farm Construction, \$38,600.00; and, Knight Electric, Inc., \$56,000.00. Because there was such a difference in the low bid, the city, county, and Stratton Excavation met and determined that there was a clear understanding of the project by all parties. Mayor Camp also reported receiving a good recommendation for Stratton Excavation. Clerk Brock stated the bids came in under the total budget and it may be possible to do some more work in the spring. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to recommend to the county the contract be awarded to Stratton Excavation. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported the Elkton Die Casting and Community Center group has a potential renter of the warehouse portion of the Elkton Die Casting building. They have requested the warehouse be inspected before signing any agreement. Rabold Environmental presented a proposal to test the building for lead, PCBs and asbestos at a cost of \$5,645.00. Rabold also suggested taking a few soil samples in an area close to the building that have not been tested yet at an additional cost of \$425.00. After discussion, Mr. Jefferson motioned to hire Rabold Environmental to perform the testing including soil sampling as proposed. Motion seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

There were no further items on the agenda, therefore Mr. Scott motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer