

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
September 9, 2013  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

City Council members absent: Doug Gibson.

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Police Chief Jerry Pepper; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; City Attorney Jeff Traughber; Tony Deason; Chris Coffman; Ben Rettig, Attorney, Lerner Sampson and Rothfuss; James Epperson; Carla Jimenez, *Kentucky New Era*; and, Ryan Craig, *Todd County Standard*.

Mayor Camp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. David Haley gave invocation. Mayor Camp welcomed all the guests.

After reviewing the August 12, 2013 council meeting minutes, Mr. Scott motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the August 27, 2013 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp called for approval of the bills payable and financial reports. Mr. Powell motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp called for public comments or presentations.

Catherine Darnell, President of the Todd County Central High School Alumni Association, presented the Mayor and Council with information on the Association that was formed this year on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the high school's existence. Ms. Darnell informed the council of the organization's goals and future plans and asked the council for a \$400 donation to help the group get started. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to donate \$400 to the TCCHS Alumni Association. Motion seconded by Mr. Jefferson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp called for Ben Rettig to report on the 507 S. Main Street property that was discussed at the last special meeting. Mr. Rettig reminded the council he was requesting a reduction in liens totaling more than \$30,000 the city has on the property so that it can be sold to a third party. The property is only valued at about \$10,000. Chris Coffman and Tony Deason then stated they were the third party interested in purchasing the property and explained that they want to improve the property by either restoring the house or tearing it down for construction of new senior housing. They emphasized the property would reflect on them and their business in Elkton so they would definitely improve the property and keep it maintained. After some discussion, it was the consensus to take this information under consideration and discuss again at a special meeting in the next few weeks.

Mayor Camp read second reading of Ordinance 2013-9, "AN ORDINANCE CLOSING 132 FOOT OF SECTION OF UNIMPROVED ALLEY RUNNING EAST FROM PERRY STREET." Mr. Scott motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Camp reported Todd County Water District representatives met with her, Jeff Traughber and Terry Frogue to formally request that we give them 6 customers on Pond River Road and they will give

us 3 customers on Johnson Lane. The city would also like additional customers on Moe Lane, however the Water District contends there is a state statute that prohibits this. Mr. Traugher does not believe the statute prohibits this and has asked for additional clarification. Mr. Traugher also informed the council he has put the Water District on notice that we need a new lease agreement for the building they rent from the city by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Camp asked the council if they would like to lower the proposed rental amount of \$1,500 per month and no action was taken. Mr. Traugher will continue to work with the Water District on these issues and report back to the council.

Mayor Camp called on Terry Frogue to report on the Water Line Separation and Replacement Project bids that were received on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 11:00 am at Elkton City Hall. Mr. Frogue reported the bids need to be examined further. Also, the original budget for the project that was approved for a KIA loan was \$320,000. Taking the lowest bid received, the total project would now be about \$367,500. Frogue reported the bids will be examined and additional options such as asking for more loan money or reducing the project scope will be explored before making a recommendation to the council.

Mayor Camp reported a decision needed to be made on the property tax rates for 2013 that were presented at the last meeting. Clerk Brock asked if there was any further discussion or questions. After some discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to set the 2013 tax rates at Rate II as presented at the last meeting and seconded by Mr. Scott. (Rate II for 2013 is \$.247 per \$100 assessment for real property and \$.206 per \$100 assessment for personal property and the rate for motor vehicles is set at \$.303 per \$100 assessment.) Voting in favor of the motion were Laster, Powell and Scott. Voting opposed were Haley and Jefferson. Motion carried. Mayor Camp then read first 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 approve after first reading, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Camp reported it is time to set trick-or-treat times for Halloween. Last year the times were set for 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. After discussion, it was the consensus to set the times the same as last year on Halloween night.

Mayor Camp presented a request from Pennyriple Narcotics Task Force for their annual contribution of \$730.20. Police Chief Pepper stated he talked to the Force and they said they would help us in any way we needed and he will hold them to that promise. Clerk Brock stated the council did vote to commit to this funding in this year's budget. Mr. Scott motioned to approve the annual contribution request and seconded by Mr. Laster. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp and Clerk Brock reported HarvesFest will be held once again in Elkton from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 5<sup>th</sup> starting with the final Elkton Bike Night on Thursday, a Cruise In and concert on Friday night and street festival, vendors and music on Saturday. Other events may be announced soon as well.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Frogue reported they have been doing some cleanup at the City Lake Dam and still have a little more work to be done after it was inspected by the state.

Mr. Haley reported the Donkey Baseball fundraiser game held at the park recently was a big success. The void that appeared on the tennis courts has been filled with concrete. Also, the basketball court has been torn up by the county work crew. This area will now be used for a soccer field.

Fire Chief Cole reported four fire runs since the last meeting. He also reported Todd County Emergency Services is being required by Homeland Security to designate a fire department for each household in the county. Some areas are currently asked which fire department they want to respond

when they call in a fire. Therefore, all the fire chiefs in the county have met and are working on designating fire department boundaries for each department in the county. He also reported they have ordered some new equipment and boots that were approved in this year's budget. Cole also reported Homeland Security is also requiring automatic mutual aid for structure fires, which means all departments may have to assist other departments and cannot bill for those charges.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp is working with other officials on the transportation priorities in the area. We should know by November what the projects are and their priority.

Mayor Camp reported the unemployment rate in Todd County was announced at 8%.

Mayor Camp stated she was saddened to read recently that some parts of north Todd County like the cliffs in Clifty are now off limits to all visitors.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

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Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer