

Minutes: City Council Meeting
August 12, 2013
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2013 with Mayor Nancy T. Camp presiding.

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

Others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Laura Brock; Outgoing Police Chief Bruce Marklin; Police Chief Jerry Pepper; Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue; City Attorney Jeff Traugher; various citizen guests; Billy Mitchell, *Kentucky New Era*; and, Lindsay Kriz, *Todd County Standard*.

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

After reviewing the July 8, 2013 council meeting minutes, Mr. Jefferson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the July 11, 2013 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Camp requested the council amend the agenda to allow a presentation by Mr. Jefferson next. Mr. Powell motioned to amend the agenda, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously. Mr. Jefferson presented outgoing Police Chief Bruce Marklin with his handgun in a decorative display and thanked him for his 25 years of service to the city. Mr. Marklin thanked the council and stated he has enjoyed working for the city.

Mayor Camp called for public comments and reported Lisa Gibbner had requested to speak. Ms. Gibbner stated she was present to discuss cemetery maintenance. She stated she was not concerned with the recent charges against Watson Ricchuite who takes care of the cemetery and she was not concerned about how much the city was paying him. However, after reviewing the contract for cemetery maintenance she feels he is not doing the job as required under the contract. Ms. Gibbner showed pictures of headstones with grass clippings on them and reported that her grandparent's headstone was only placed in the cemetery a few weeks and it has two chunks knocked out of them from the lawnmowers. She requested that those headstones be replaced. She also reported piles of limbs and other headstones that were knocked over. Mr. Traugher thanked her for her concerns and stated the city sometimes relies on citizens to report complaints in the cemetery. He stated the city will look into her complaints and see what their options are to resolve the matters. Ms. Gibbner requested a response within two days. Ms. Gibbner's mother, Kathy Stahlnaker, also commented that the Elkton cemeteries were a disgrace and other cemeteries are better maintained. Mr. Traugher stated he would be in touch with them on this matter.

Mayor Camp reported the city received a response from the Todd County Water District regarding the new lease agreement for the city's building they occupy on West Main Street. The new terms were proposed for \$1,500 per month over ten years. Jeff Traugher reported he corresponded with Water District Attorney Mac Johns, who stated the Water District is satisfied with their current monthly payment of \$500. Mr. Traugher stated the city needs to respond within 88 days and can either renegotiate the terms or ask them to leave the building.

Mayor Camp reported the Todd County Community Alliance has been asked to sponsor a rest stop for the Clarksville Rotary Club Century Bike Ride that goes mostly through Todd County. Clerk Brock

requested the city turn over to the Alliance the remaining funds in the “Todd County Promotions Account” in the amount of \$868 to use to sponsor the rest stop this year. This fund was created about 10 years ago by selling advertisements to Todd County businesses for a promotional magazine about Todd County. Clerk Brock stated giving these funds to the Alliance would continue the purpose of promoting Todd County. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to give the funds to the Alliance, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp asked for Rhonda Powell to speak regarding the alley adjoining her property and the East End Village development. Ms. Powell requested that the new street constructed in the alley be designated one way. She said her family is already having some issues getting in and out of their driveway due to so many vehicles parked in the development area. She has also requested the alley behind her house be closed, but she would like to wait and see where the new street is constructed and if it is designated one way before that alley is closed. Regarding East End Village, Clerk Brock stated the city is working on the alley closing requested by the developer, G and H Properties. Also, they have requested the city consider accepting the deed to the additional 13.5’ right-of-way for the new street before the street is constructed. It was the consensus of the council to require a bond or letter of credit in the amount of the cost to construct the street before accepting the deed. This will be further discussed at a special meeting in the future.

Mayor Camp reported that Arland Overholt informed her he is in the process of finishing construction of the street into Riverbend Subdivision. He has been waiting on a quote from Scotty’s. Mayor Camp contacted Scotty’s in order to facilitate the completion of the street. Terry Frogue stated the entrance to the subdivision also needs to be torn out and rebuilt because it is in bad shape currently. Mayor Camp will ask Scotty’s to include repairing the entrance in their estimate.

Mayor Camp reported Terry Mallory contacted the city to see if there was any interest in the city purchasing his property located at 102 North Main Street. Mayor Camp reported he would show the building if there was any interest.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2013-7, “AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EXTENSION OF COMMERCE STREET AS A DEDICATED PUBLIC RIGHT -OF-WAY FOR PERMANENT MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF ELKTON.” Mr. Gibson motioned to adopt, seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2013-8, “ORDINANCE ADOPTING PAY SCALE.” Mr. Jefferson motioned to adopt, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Resolution 2013-6, “RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT,” was presented to the council. Mr. Laster motioned to approve and seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion carried unanimously by show of hands.

Donald Settle updated the council on the Elkton Die Casting Technological and Community Center non-profit group’s progress with the old Die Casting building. He reported the electrical service is being installed. He has received some interest in the training center and business incubator. He will be working with the Detention Center inmates to clean all the growth from the fence surrounding the property. He stated they have several goals for the immediate future and one is to get more volunteers to work on the project. Mr. Settle presented bids for the following work he would like to have done: A-Line Fence Company to repair the fence at a cost of \$2,600; Golden Rule Lumber and Hardware for \$1,291.05 for supplies to install a large sliding door in the foundry with Stephan Williams labor of about \$300; and, Glover’s Lock Service to open the safe at a cost of either \$350 if their machine can open it or a price not to exceed \$600 if they have to drill. After discussion, it was decided to review the information and discuss at the next meeting.

Mayor Camp reported the city council included the purchase of a new Ford Explorer for the Police Department in this year’s budget. She asked the council if they would like to proceed with the purchase. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned to approve the purchase of the vehicle and seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Camp reported a request from the Todd County Industrial Foundation for our annual contribution of \$10,000. Mr. Laster motioned to approve the request and seconded by Mr. Haley. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported she is continuing to work with Nena Francies on the Todd County School Board's sidewalk project. A meeting with Sunset Avenue residents was held and all in attendance were opposed to the sidewalks being "on their property" although Clerk Brock reiterated that the sidewalks would be in the city's right-of-way. She also stated some of the people on Streets Avenue are not happy, but most have signed the consent form. Sidewalks will also be replaced on West Main Street from the Middle School to Dairy Queen. Clerk Brock stated it might be a possibility to construct the sidewalks behind the houses on the high school property, but that would have to be approved by the School Board. McGhee Engineering has reported the project might be over budget and we may need to take the Sunset Drive portion of the project out anyway. Clerk Brock asked the council which direction they would like to proceed regarding Sunset Drive or the high school property. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to use the high school property if the School Board approves. Motion was seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Camp called for a police report and introduced new Police Chief Jerry Pepper. Mr. Pepper stated he looks forward to working with the Mayor and council. Chief Marklin reported police department activity for July. Chief Marklin once again thanked the council for their support over his 25 years with the city. His retirement with the city is effective August 30, 2013. Mayor Camp reported there will be a public reception for Chief Marklin on Friday, August 23rd from 12:30 to 2:00 PM at Elkton City Hall.

Mr. Laster called for a report from Utility/Street Superintendent Terry Frogue. Mr. Frogue reported he is finishing up the easements needed for the Water Line Extension and Goeble Avenue Replacement Project. The project should go to bid in the next few weeks and bids will be reported to the city council at the September meeting.

Mr. Haley reported there will be a "Donkey Baseball" game at the park on August 24, 2013. The proceeds of the event will go to Todd County Historic Preservation Society. The park will have the concession stand open. Mr. Haley also reported that a void opened up on the tennis court. The opening is less than a foot wide, but the hole underneath is about a four foot deep by six foot long. Mr. Haley requested the city pay for the expenses to fill the hole with rock and concrete and estimated those expenses to be around \$1,000. Mr. Haley stated the county would not help with any expenses. Mr. Gibson stated he would see if IMI would donate 3 tons of concrete. After discussion, Mr. Powell motioned that the city handle the project and cover expenses not to exceed \$500. Mr. Haley seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Camp reported she has received a request from the City of Clarksville, Tennessee to sign easements for the construction of a gas main through Elkton. The request was given to City Attorney Jeff Traughber to review.

There was no further discussion, therefore Mr. Scott motioned to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Haley. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Nancy T. Camp, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer