

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
October 16, 2017  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

City Council members present: Michael Case; Doug Gibson; David Haley; Danny Laster; Frank McReynolds; and, David Powell.

Others present: Jeffrey Traughber, City Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief; Wilhelm Meyers, Police Captain; Anita Jo Powell, Blount Rural Health Clinic; and, Billy Law.

Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Haley gave invocation.

After reviewing the September 11, 2017 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

After reviewing the September 18, 2017 special council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for approval of the bills payable and financial reports. After review, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers called for any public comments. There were no comments.

Clerk Brock reported Mr. Traughber prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2017-14. Mr. Haley motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2017-14, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2017-14, "AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 651, 659, 687, 693, 745, 753, 769, 789 AND 791 E. Jeff Davis Highway" sponsored by Case and Haley. Mr. Case motioned to approve after second reading, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock reported Mr. Traughber prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2017-15. Mr. Powell motioned to read the summary of Ordinance 2017-15, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2017-15, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF CHAPTER 151 (ZONING) OF THE CITY OF ELKTON CODE OF ORDINANCES" sponsored by McReynolds. Mr. Haley motioned to approve after second reading, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mr. Haley reported that Police Officer Corn complained to him about the city's health insurance. Mr. Haley and Mayor Weathers met with Officer Corn and he explained he wasn't happy that the city's HRA card only covers prescriptions and not office visit co-pays. Haley would like the city to look into allowing employees to use the card for co-pays. Mayor Weathers confirmed with Clerk Brock that the HRA card also covers all deductible expenses. Mayor Weathers stated the health insurance plans will be up for renewal next July and asked Mr. Haley if he would like to serve on a committee to review the plans. Mr. Haley said he would serve on the committee and asked Mr. Case to also serve, since he is familiar with health insurance and Mr. Case agreed. Mayor Weathers thanked them for their interest.

Mr. Haley requested discussion about the Blount Rural Health Clinic sewer line extension request. Mr. Haley reported the clinic is building a new building that will double the size of the clinic. They are currently

connected to the same sewer lateral line as United Southern Bank, which is on the adjacent lot. Mr. Haley proposed the sewer main be extended to the new building so they can connect to the main. Mrs. Powell stated her plumbers thought the connection would be at the sewer main when construction started, but then found the connection with the bank. The bank is reporting they already have sewer backup issues. Therefore, the Clinic would like the sewer main extended at the front of the building so both the old building and new building can be connected to the sewer main. Terry Frogue reported McGhee Engineering has drawn preliminary plans to extend the sewer main about 400'. If the city hires this project out it would cost about \$46,000. Frogue reported if we complete the projects ourselves we could save a good amount of money. Brock reported when the city hired out the sewer extension on the first 800 feet of property on B White Rod the cost was about \$55,000. The city employees completed the next 800' of sewer line extension for a cost of about \$17,000. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to extend the sewer main line at Blount Clinic and amend the budget to include the cost of the extension. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. Mrs. Powell stated they hope to do the paving for the new addition in 4-5 months and would like the sewer extension to be done by that time. Frogue stated the city is also having to lower the water main to the clinic and will get to the sewer line as soon as possible.

Mr. Frogue reported that the city council had previously approved the repair of a leak on the Morningside Drive water tank. However, Mr. Frogue stated this would be a good time to also wash out and disinfect the tank as well. He received three quotes with the lowest bid being from Utility Service at a cost of \$3,100. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the repair and wash out as presented, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock stated there are funds in the budget for the water tank repair and maintenance.

Mr. Case reported he had requested discussion regarding the creation of a Planning and Zoning Committee he would like to serve on to review, update and simplify the zoning ordinance. Mr. Haley and Mr. Powell volunteered to be on the committee. Mr. Traughber reported that he spoke with local engineer Rick Harper, who has experience with zoning in various cities and has voiced his willingness to help. Mr. Case will work with everyone to schedule a meeting.

Mr. Frogue reported there are two sewer line extension projects that have previously been discussed but have not yet been approved by the council. One project is extending the sewer main from the Fix It shop about 750' to a parcel with proposed duplexes or triplexes. The cost was previously estimated at \$56,000. At the end of B White Road, there is also a potential home to be built on Beckham Road, therefore the sewer would need to be extended from B White Road down Beckham Road about 400-500'. Mr. Frogue will report back at the next meeting with a more accurate footage and cost for that project. However, the main discussion is that the city's ordinance regarding extensions will need to be amended to more clearly state that the city can extend the sewer line if it is feasible. The current ordinance requires the developer to pay for the sewer extension. This item will be put on next month's agenda.

Frogue reported on sidewalk repairs that need to be made at several locations that were damaged by contractors demolishing homes. One contractor has verbally agreed to pay half the cost of the repairs, but he and Frogue both contend it is hard to know who damaged the sidewalks because there were other contractors and utilities on the properties. Frogue received quotes for the repairs from two contractors with liability insurance and several others stated they did not want to have to get insurance to work for the city. The contractor agreeing to pay half the cost would like to use his own contractor to submit a bid. Clerk Brock stated that Kentucky League of Cities has a safety grant that would pay for half the cost of sidewalk repairs, up to \$3,000. The deadline to apply is November 10<sup>th</sup>. Traughber stated the city should look at its sidewalks ordinance to see what liability the property owner has for the damage. Frogue reported the addresses of the damaged sidewalks are 504 East Main, 305 S Main, and across the street from 504 East Main. Clerk Brock stated future demolitions could require a bond or letter of credit to cover the cost of any damages to public property. Case suggested the city repair the sidewalk in front of the historic John Gray home on West Main Street. The existing sidewalk is mostly dirt and needs to be removed or repaired. After discussion, Laster motioned to apply for the KLC safety grant for replacement of the sidewalk in front of the John Gray house on West Main St, seconded by Mr. Case and carried unanimously. Mr. Case volunteered

to help get quotes for the project. After further discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to accept half the repair cost from the contractor on the damaged sidewalks if his contractor submits a bid, otherwise the city will make the repairs and send him half the bill. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers announced the city has received a Kentucky Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of a generator for the main sewer system pump station.

Utility Superintendent Terry Frogue reported the city advertised for Request for Qualifications from engineering firms for the KIA sewer system project. Three firms responded, with GRW being ranked by the scoring committee as the most qualified firm. Frogue presented a draft scope of services, cost estimate for engineering fees, and proposed project timeline from GRW engineers. Frogue explained the initial project is a planning loan project and as the studies are completed the projects and cost estimates may change. After discussion, Mr. Laster motioned to accept GRW as the engineer for the sewer project, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

Frogue reported the city advertised for Request for Qualifications for engineering firms for potential water system projects. The water system will need to be studied for potential water tank repairs and replacement of undersized or old water lines. Three firms submitted qualifications with McGhee Engineering being ranked by the committee as the most qualified. Mr. Case motioned to accept McGhee Engineering as the engineer for potential water system projects.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reviewed the monthly activity report from the police department noting 634 contacts for last month. Captain Meyers stated changes in the department work schedule are the main reasons for the large increase in contacts.

Mr. Laster reported water loss in the city was only 11% last month. He commended Frogue on the hard work of the department with all the projects going on in the city.

Mr. Powell called for report from the Fire Department.

- Fire Chief Waggoner requested permission from the council to apply for a thermal imaging camera grant through the Kentucky Fire Commission. The grant is 50/50 match and will cost about \$6,400 total. Also, the county has budgeted \$3,000 for each local fire department. Therefore, applying both sources of income, the city would only be responsible for about \$200 of the cost. Mr. Powell motioned to apply for funding from the county in the amount of \$3,000 for this project, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously. Then, Mr. Powell motioned to approve application through the state Fire Commission for thermal imaging camera. Motion seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.
- Chief Waggoner also reported he would like to appoint Steven Wayne Smith as a volunteer fireman to replace retiring member Mac Harper. Clerk Brock stated all pre-appointment testing has been completed and passed. Mr. Smith has experience and training hours in Tennessee they will try to get transferred. Mayor Weathers stated she approves the appointment.
- Assistant Fire Chief Daniel Smith reported the new fire truck purchase approved at the last meeting is scheduled to be delivered to the city by July 15, 2018.

Mr. Case reported the city-county park is halfway through the fall sports season. The Recreation Commission hopes to work on the fencing and lighting grant project this winter. Clerk Brock reported she just now received a copy of the grant agreement that will be signed and returned to the state.

Mr. Gibson asked for an update on the Elk Fork Road projects. Clerk Brock reported she received an

extension from FEMA for the flood damage repairs to the road and creek bank near the bridge through August 2018. McGhee Engineering quoted a cost of \$1,500.00 to prepare specifications to bid out all repairs so we can get estimates for the project, since the cost for each project is likely to be over \$2,000 each. After discussion, Gibson motioned to hire McGhee Engineering to prepare bid specifications for the Elk Fork Creek road repairs and creek bank erosion repairs. Motion seconded by McReynolds and carried unanimously.

Mr. McReynolds reported Boley Landscaping just completed work in the cemetery to remove a partially fallen tree and two dead trees at a cost of \$1,800. Boley was the lowest bidder of three received by the city.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers presented a request from Hopkinsville Mayor Carter Hendricks, Christian County Judge Executive Steve Tribble, and PADD Director Jason Vincent requesting the city joins AUSA (Association of the United States Army) at a cost of \$150 annually. This group helps welcome home soldiers from deployment, provides scholarships, holds networking events, and provides emergency assistance and much more. Mayor Weathers recommended the city join this group. Mr. Haley motioned to approve the recommendation and join AUSA, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported bids for curbside leaf pick-up service were received on October 16, 2017 with the only bid coming from Ricchuite Enterprises in the amount of \$22,000. Clerk Brock stated that since only \$20,000 is in the budget for this project, the budget will also need to be amended if the bid is accepted. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the bid from Ricchuite Enterprises and amend the budget as necessary, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

The Pennyrile RC and D Annual dinner meeting will be held October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM and they have requested representation from the city. After discussion, Mr. Danny Laster and his wife will attend on behalf of the city.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously. However, guest Billy Lear spoke up and requested information on the city lake project. Mr. Haley motioned to go back into session, seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lear is an adjoining property owner to City Lake and was recently contacted by the city. He stated his property may be affected by any future project, so he is interested in the discussion. Mayor Weathers explained the state wants the city to repair the city lake dam or breach it. Repairing the dam is estimated to cost \$1 million, plus continuing maintenance costs. The city and our engineers, GRW, have been in contact with Fish and Wildlife in studying breaching the dam and putting the stream back in place. There was discussion about the dam as flood control. Lear stated the box culvert on Highway 181 acts like a dam in a large rain event and water goes over the road. Mayor Weathers stated the state is also looking at possibly making that culvert larger. Mr. Lear reiterated his concern and Mayor Weathers stated she would keep him informed about the project.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer