

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
December 11, 2017  
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Jackie Boyd Weathers presiding.

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

Others present: Jeffrey Traughber, City Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Terry Frogue, Utility/Streets Superintendent; Wilhelm Meyers, Police Captain; and, Matthew Davenport.

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

After reviewing the November 13, 2017 council meeting minutes, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Weathers welcomed all guests and called for public comments.

- Matthew Davenport stated he lives on South Main Street and requested the city look at repairing the sidewalk in front of his home. There are chunks of the sidewalk breaking off in one section. Mr. McReynolds showed a picture of the area that needs repair. Frogue stated that they have looked at that area and it is on the list to be repaired.

Clerk Brock informed the council that the state has released the construction funds for the West Main Street Sidewalk Project. So, the project will be advertised for bid, which will then be opened on January 16, 2017. Hopefully, the bids will be presented to the council in February to award the construction contract.

Clerk Brock stated that we have two ordinances that need to be read regarding amending the code enforcement board ordinance. The first ordinance will repeal the old code enforcement ordinance and the second ordinance will re-establish the code enforcement board to be in compliance with state law. Clerk Brock and City Attorney Jeff Traughber explained the major differences are the establishment of a lienholder notification system and that if a citation is issued and violator ignores the citation it automatically becomes a final order and the maximum fine is due. This will save the city time because code enforcement board meetings will not have to be held unless a violator requests a hearing. Mr. Haley stated he would like to be notified when citations are issued just so he is aware of what is going on. Clerk Brock stated she will find a way to notify the council members when citations are issued.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2017-16, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-11 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO." Haley motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Case and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock stated Traughber has prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2017-17. Case motioned to read the Summary in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock then read first reading of Summary of Ordinance 2017-17, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY ESTABLISHING A CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD." Haley motioned to approve on first reading, seconded by Case and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Weathers recommended the appointment of Charlotte Meyers to another four year term on the Planning Commission. Gibson motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers recommended the appointment of Shelbie Stokes to another four year term on the Board of Adjustment. Laster motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers recommended the appointment of Marlene Herrell to a three year term on the Ethics Board. Case motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented a letter to the Council from the Kentucky Retirement System notifying the city of the new retirement matching contribution rates for next Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019. The rate for Non-Hazardous employees will be 28.05%, up from 19.18% this year FY 2018 and 18.68% in FY 2017. For Hazardous employees the rate will go up to 47.86% in FY 2019, up from 31.55% in FY 2018 and 31.06% in FY 2017. It is estimated to cost the city about \$57,943 more in retirement matching expenses next fiscal year unless the state legislature makes changes during the legislative session in January 2018. Clerk Brock just wanted to make the council aware of this major potential increase for next year.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley stated the council received the activity report from the Police Department for the year to date.

Mr. Laster reported that he met with Terry Frogue, McGhee Engineering, and Logan-Todd Regional Water Commission to discuss the city's water system. Terry stated we are still working with McGhee on a possible water project to replace old water lines and studying hydraulic issues and the need for one or two water tanks. Mr. Laster reported the department is meeting with GRW Engineers on Wednesday about the sewer project. Also, water loss was up last month, mostly due to a known water leak and flushing water lines.

Mr. Laster stated he and Frogue are going to meet with Mr. Gibson to discuss the need for sidewalk repairs.

Case reported Partners in the Park sponsor letters have gone out. Also, the Recreation Commission is advertising the lease of the concession stand for next year.

Gibson reported that the entrance to Commerce Street has been widened with the help of the State Highway Department, however Scotty's will not be able to complete the blacktopping until the spring.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers informed the council that Bluegrass Cellular will be making some upgrades to their cellular equipment on the city's water tank on Garth Lane to improve cell service.

Clerk Brock informed everyone that Fire Chief Waggoner let her know they could not attend tonight because they have state fire training this week.

Mr. Laster stated he heard many good compliments about the City's Christmas parade that was held this past Saturday and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.