

Minutes: City Council Meeting
January 8, 2018
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018 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; Brian Atkinson, Police Chief; Wilhelm Meyers, Police Captain; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; and, Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief.

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

After reviewing the December 11, 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. Mr. McReynolds asked about a bill to Roy's BBQ. Clerk Brock stated this was an invoice for the annual dinner meeting the fire department holds annually to hand out awards. Mr. McReynolds said that is great they have this annual meeting and just wondered about the expense. After review, Mr. Haley motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

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

Clerk Brock stated Attorney Traughber prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2017-17. Powell motioned to read the Summary in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Laster and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock then read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2017-17, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY ESTABLISHING A CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD." Gibson motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock reminded the council that construction on the West Main Street Sidewalk Project has been advertised for bid. A Pre-bid Conference will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, January 9th at 2:00 PM with the engineer and prospective bidders. Bids will be opened on January 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Then, bids will be tabulated and submitted to Frankfort for approval. Hopefully, the bids will be presented to the council in February to award the construction contract.

Clerk Brock reminded the council that last November we discussed the proposal from Waste Management to renew the residential solid waste weekly pickup contract for another year. Clerk Brock stated this contract was previously bid out in June 2008, with Waste Management being the lowest bid at \$8.85 per cart per month. Three other bids ranged from \$9.65 to \$13.74 per month. The original contract was for three years and it has been renewed yearly since then, with only one rate increase to the current price of \$9.02 per cart per month. The current proposal is to renew the contract for one more year at the same rate of \$9.02 per cart per month. There was discussion about possibly raising the rate the city charges to raise additional revenue. Mr. McReynolds motioned to table the discussion to

the next meeting. Motion died for lack of second. Mr. Case motioned to renew the contract with Waste Management as proposed at \$9.02 per cart per month, seconded by Powell and carried unanimously. Mr. Powell asked who the businesses use for garbage pickup. Clerk Brock stated the city's contract is for residential customers only with businesses contracting with any company they choose.

Mayor Weathers updated the council on the City Lake project. A meeting was held with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department and the property owners surrounding the City Lake property. The Department explained the process of removing City Lake and reconstructing the natural stream, mentioning similar projects they have completed in the past. There was good discussion between the department and the property owners. The department will be coming back in the first of 2018 to walk the area with the property owners, giving them time for discussion and questions one on one. Other details discussed at the meeting were the required restrictions on the area 50' on both sides of the new stream, which does not allow things such as mining or tree removal. The property is retained by the owners and would not be open to the public, except for possibly city owned property. Case noted how dense the wooded area on the city's property is and suggested the city look into removing timber before the project is completed to raise extra revenue. Mayor Weathers stated she did discuss this with the department and suggested the city look at just removing old growth trees in the area. Traugher stated with his experience in recent cases, logging or thinning out a wooded area can be beneficial for the area and suggested having someone look at the property to see if this is the case on the city's land. Mayor Weathers will further investigate the idea.

Mayor Weathers reminded the council there will be a special meeting on January 25, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Elkton City Hall for discussion of the restaurant tax. Mayor Weathers confirmed the restaurants will be invited and she wants to speak with many of them personally before the meeting.

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Mr. Haley reported the department has good news and bad news. Chief Atkinson stated Police Officer Recruit Keilo Jefferson is doing well in training and will graduate the Academy on March 2nd. Haley then reported that Police Captain Meyers will be leaving the city on January 22nd. Captain Meyers addressed the Mayor and council and stated he has been offered an opportunity that is better for him and his family. He stated the city is very special to him and he thanked them for the opportunity to work for the city. Captain Meyers shook everyone's hand and left the meeting.

Mr. Laster thanked Terry and his crew for all their hard work over the past several days. The crew had to deal with four water main breaks and one leaking water valve in the below freezing temperatures during all hours of the day and night and over the weekend. Chief Atkinson thanked the crews as well for helping with traffic control. Terry said he also commended his crew for their willingness to work hard and do things right for the benefit of the community. He also thanked the state highway department who volunteered to help the crew with traffic control and several citizens that brought them hot chocolate. Haley asked if the age of the water lines had anything to do with so many breaks. Frogue stated it certainly is a factor, but he believes it may have been the extremely dry conditions where the ground has no moisture to help insulate the pipes in the continuously freezing temperatures over several days. Laster reported water loss was at about 18% last month, but certainly with the recent water leaks it will be up next month.

Mr. Powell reported the fire department has been very busy this year with 6 fires in the last 8 days. Smith reported that FEMA grants can now be submitted until the February 2nd deadline. It was reported that ladder trucks are a funding priority. The grants are 95% federally funded, therefore a \$450,000 ladder truck would cost the city 5%, or about \$20,000 to \$30,000. Mr. Haley motioned to apply for funding for the purchase of a ladder truck, seconded by Gibson and carried unanimously.

Case reported Partners in the Park sponsorship has brought in about \$4,000.00 to the park so far. Case also reported that Casey Williams has resigned from the Recreation Commission effective 12/31/2017. Also,

there was a water line break in the concession stand that did quite a bit of damage. A claim has been filed with KACo Insurance who will cover the repairs less the \$1,000 deductible. Mr. Case motioned that the city make the annual budgeted contribution to the Recreation Commission in the amount of \$17,000.00. Motion seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

Gibson reported that Mike Sisco's business on Highway 68 West is now grinding blacktop and suggested this product might be better to use on Commerce Street intersection until it is paved. Frogue stated he may go purchase some and use it in other places in the city as well.

Mr. McReynolds stated that in his three years on the council we have never had a meal together and suggested doing this is good for fellowship. There was discussion that the city council used to eat dinner before every meeting prior to Mayor Weathers, who stated she just didn't think it was necessary every month. Clerk Brock confirmed the meal generally cost about \$50-\$60 a month. The city also used to hold an annual Christmas dinner with all employees and volunteers. McReynolds suggested the city do something to promote fellowship. Clerk Brock stated there has been a suggestion in the past to hold something at the park in the summer so that everyone can bring their families. It was decided the city will try to have something next year in the park after Labor Day.

Police Chief Atkinson once again thanked Police Captain Meyers for his service to the city and wanted to let the council know that Meyers wanted to give the city more notice than two weeks before his departure, but he just couldn't with the new opportunity he is pursuing.

Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Powell and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer