

Minutes: City Council Meeting
March 12, 2018
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 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; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; and, Ryan Craig, *Todd County Standard*.

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

After reviewing the February 12, 2018 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. Haley motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Mr. Gibson and carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Resolution 2018-02, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY AND THE KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY" was presented to the council. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Case and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-03, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT" was presented to the council. Mayor Weathers explained Logan-Todd Regional Water Commission is seeking USDA-Rural Development funding to extend water service to Springfield, Tennessee. As part of the funding agreement, each entity is being asked to amend the water purchase agreement to extend the term of the agreement by 40 years through December 31, 2060. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock informed the council that bids may need to be taken for the annual spring cleanup service. Ricchuite Enterprises has agreed to perform the service for \$2,200 and someone else may be interested in submitting a bid. He has done the service for \$2,000 in the past. It was suggested Ricchuite Enterprises be contacted again to see if they will perform the service again for \$2,000. The dates being considered for the cleanup are April 16-18 or May 7-9.

Clerk Brock informed the council that since 2016 when the city began offering fire memberships for property owners outside the city limits, but in Elkton's fire service district, there are about five property owners that chose not to pay the membership and therefore received a fire run bill for \$500 and have not paid the bill. Clerk Brock asked the council for permission to proceed with legal action in small claims court to collect the bills. The property owners receive a notice each year that the membership is optional, but if not purchased they are subject to fire run bills if called to their property. After discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to proceed with legal action on unpaid fire run bills, seconded by Mr. Case and carried unanimously.

Mayor Weathers reported that she, Clerk Brock and Zoning Administrator Terry Frogue met with Steve Bourne, Director, Community Development Services, City of Hopkinsville, to discuss the possibility of them assisting the city with zoning administration, floodplain administration and code enforcement. Their fees are about \$150 per citation, which includes up to three visits to Elkton for the same violation. They have

agreed to go ahead and look at our ordinances and make recommendations as to what is unnecessary for our community. There was considerable discussion that the zoning ordinance needs to be simplified. Also, there was discussion that city employees often have so many duties that it makes reviewing zoning cases complicated because we don't have the necessary time or training to respond to permits and development plans in a timely manner. Traugher reported on his understanding of Hopkinsville CDS and how they assist the city of Guthrie with Code Enforcement and Zoning. Many council members expressed it would be their desire not to turn these items over to Hopkinsville. Clerk Brock stated it was discussed in the meeting that the city may be able to handle code enforcement and easy zoning permits like installation of a storage building, but might need assistance in complicated zoning matters and development plans because they have staff dedicated to zoning issues. She also stated the Planning Commission has agreed that several items in the zoning ordinance need amending, but have been waiting on the recommendation of the planning and zoning committee created by the city council several months ago. It was the consensus that if the cities of Elkton, Guthrie and Trenton could work together and hire someone from Todd County to handle all of these services it would be best. Mayor Weathers will discuss this with the Mayors of Trenton and Guthrie and report at the next meeting.

City Attorney Jeff Traugher reported a meeting with Dwight Luton, D2 Energy, to discuss the upcoming gas franchise agreement renewal which expires in October 2019, but must be advertised for sale in April 2018. Mr. Luton has suggested the city offer a shorter agreement term of about two years in order for the city to have additional time to study our franchising options. Mr. Traugher will have a draft ordinance ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Haley reported on the committee meeting to review the compensation and benefit study proposals received. Two proposals were received: Lockton Companies, \$30,075 and Mercer Group, \$6,975. Mr. Haley stated that even though he made the motion several months ago to pursue a study, he does not feel that it would help us. Both he and Case recommended not pursuing the study. There was no action taken.

Clerk Brock reported the preconstruction meeting for the West Main Street Sidewalks Project was held last week and the Notice to Proceed was issued with a start date of Monday, March 19th. The contract requires the project to be completed in 90 days, but the contractor stated weather permitting they hoped to be done within 20-30 days. A set of construction plans is available in City Hall and the Mayor explained the two crossing areas, one near the apartments and one in front of the Dollar Store.

Mr. Haley recommended the city permanently mount the crosswalk signs on the Square and remove the temporary signs. After discussion, Haley motioned to permanently install the crosswalk signs on all four corners of the Square, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously. It was the consensus to mount them on the bump outs near the crosswalks.

Mayor Weathers reported that two street lights have been ordered for B White Road at a cost of about \$15.55 per month. As new houses are constructed, new lights will be installed at every two houses.

Mayor Weathers reported the utility department staff has done a great job this week installing the new sewer line extension on South Main Street to the Blount Clinic expansion. She thanked the department for all their hard work in the cold weather and muddy conditions. They expect to be finished tomorrow, but no later than Thursday.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Haley reported that Recruit Keilo Jefferson graduated from police academy training and has been promoted to Police Officer.

Mr. Laster reported Terry Frogue is absent tonight due to the death of his father. Mr. Frogue passed along his thanks to everyone for their kind words and support in the last few days. Regarding the fence at the Die Casting building, Clerk Brock reported a quote Frogue had received from Straight Line Fencing. The cost to install an electric gate is about \$8,000 and to install about 530 feet of fence to divide the back of the property

for the soccer program will cost about \$14,000. No other bids have been received at this time and Clerk Brock stated that since the total cost is over \$20,000 the project will have to be advertised for bid. Case suggested that since the Elkton-Todd County Park will be using the back portion for soccer that the county should be asked to contribute half the cost. He also stated John Walton should be consulted on how much land the industrial portion of the property should maintain for adequate parking and where the property should be separated.

Chief Waggoner reported all the fire department bay doors were repaired recently. The thermal imaging camera purchased with state and county grant funds has been received. Chief Waggoner reported several items including hose, 22 pair of gloves, and 6 radios totaling a cost of about \$6,000 that will be purchased with state aid funds.

Mr. Case reported the park is waiting on contractors to repair damage in the concession/restroom building caused by frozen water lines a few months ago. Traughber reported John Chapman has been awarded the lease for the concession building at the park and that he intends to be open several days throughout the week for lunch. Soccer practice started today.

Case requested the city consider a crosswalk at the intersection of South Streets Avenue and West Main Street at Five Star. After discussion, Mayor Weathers stated she will check with the Transportation Cabinet about a stop light.

Mr. McReynolds reported the committee to discuss the public WiFi on the Square met and recommends discontinuing the service, since most days it is not working. Haley motioned to discontinue the public WiFi on the Square and that all signage advertising the WiFi service be removed, seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

Mr. McReynolds also reported a complaint regarding damage done in the cemetery upon opening a grave. Clerk Brock reported other complaints and that Mayor Weathers sent a letter to Todd County Funeral Home, who has recently started digging their own graves, about the damage that was done and the repairs needed.

McReynolds questioned several properties reported in the newspaper for delinquent property taxes. Clerk Brock stated she is working with Attorney Jeff Traughber on a potential mass foreclosure action on anyone owing three or more years in delinquent property taxes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers stated she had contacted several contractors on possibly running the South Main Street sewer line extension for the city. However, the utility department worked hard and has almost completed the line. She thanked the contractors for submitting bids and will keep them in mind the next time they might be needed.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laster and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer