

Minutes: City Council Meeting
May 14, 2018
7:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 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/Street Superintendent; Brian Atkinson, Police Chief; 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 April 9, 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.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2018-01, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE THIRTIETH SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY." Laster motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-01 after second reading, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2018-02, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONSTRUCTING, TRANSPORTING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING AND DISTRIBUTING NATURAL GAS ALONG AND UNDER PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS IN CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH, THE SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE SHALL PAY TO THE CITY AN ANNUAL SUM EQUAL TO 2% OF GROSS REVENUES; AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING A BID PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF SAID FRANCHISE TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER." Haley motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-02 after second reading, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to the City Council, which recommends approval of a request to rezone property located at 309 and 311 East Main Street from R-2 Medium Density Residential District to B-1 Central Business District. After discussion, Haley motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Gibson and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2018-03, "AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 309 AND 311 EAST MAIN STREET." Powell motioned to accept Ordinance 2018-03 after first reading, seconded by Haley and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock stated City Attorney Jeff Traughber prepared a Summary of Ordinance 2018-04. Mr. Case motioned to read the Summary Ordinance in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read first reading of Summary Ordinance 2018-04, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF CHAPTER 119 (JOB DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM) OF THE CITY OF ELKTON CODE OF ORDINANCES." Powell motioned to accept after first

reading, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Weathers called for volunteers from the council for a member to serve on the Job Development Incentive Program Committee until the end of this term on December 31, 2018. Mr. Haley volunteered to serve on the committee.

Mayor Weathers announced the Annual PADD dinner meeting once again conflicts with the June city council meeting. It was the consensus to cancel the regular June meeting and hold a special meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7 PM.

Council member Case requested discussion about the alleys off of the four corners of Public Square. Mr. Bart Myers contacted him about it being unsafe for pedestrians when cars are pulling onto the Square from the alleys. There was discussion about making the alleys one way; however these alleys are used by many people and business going on and off the Square. After discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned to install stop signs at the alley intersections on the Square, seconded by Case and carried unanimously. The street names of the alleys also need to be installed on the sign post. Police Chief Atkinson also recommended making sure there are stop signs at the end of each alley as well.

Mr. Haley reminded everyone the pedestrian crossing signs on the Square need to be installed permanently. Frogue reported the existing signs do not have a bracket in the base to install on the sidewalks so one will need to be made. However, the maintenance staff noticed the bases were empty and filled them with sand and they seem to be working well and not blowing over. One more sign needs to be purchased to go on the Town Grill side of the Square.

Mr. Haley reported Elkton Baptist Church would like a pedestrian crossing painted on North Allen Street and East Main Street intersection because children use this crossing quite a bit. After discussion, Haley motioned to install the crosswalk markings and pedestrian crossing signs on North Allan Street and East Main Street intersection. Motion was seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock stated she wanted to correct the record from a previous meeting where she reported the city's lease of the old courthouse was for 40 years. The lease is for 25 years and will expire in February 2027.

Mayor Weathers reported a bid from Camp Electric to make electrical improvements to the tall section, office rooms, and break room at the Elkton Die Casting building to close out the electrical permit. Camp's bid was \$3,200 plus the cost of a lift and cages for the ceiling lights. Knight Electric submitted a bid just for the tall section of the building costing \$4,500. It was the consensus to get bids from other local electricians. Mr. Gibson motioned to get more bids on the electrical work and to contact electrical inspector Dossett to clarify what work needs to be done. Motion seconded by Case and carried unanimously. Terry Frogue will contact Mr. Dossett and email everyone what work is needed in the building.

Clerk Brock distributed pictures of fallen headstones in Glenwood Cemetery, mostly in the historic section, that will be repaired by Hopkinsville Monument with money remaining in this year's budget. Also, pictures were shown of headstones Assistant Clerk Ashley Coffman has been cleaning. Everyone praised Mrs. Coffman's work and commented how nice the headstones looked and could now be read for documenting interments.

Clerk Brock presented project pay request number two for the West Main Street Sidewalks Project. 52% of the construction contract time has elapsed and about 92% of the work has been completed. This pay request includes payment to Knight Construction for \$41,580.30 and McGhee Engineering for \$3,290.00. Haley motioned to approve the pay request, seconded by Powell and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Laster and Frogue reported the utility department is waiting on manholes to be constructed to begin working on the sewer extension from B White Road to Beckham Road. Plans for the sewer extension on B White Road near West Main Street have been submitted to the state for approval.

Frogue also reported two bids were received for completing the paving repairs at Blount Clinic. One bid was \$500 less, but they could not get to the work until at least August, so the bid was awarded to Scotty's Contracting.

Mr. Powell called for a report from the fire department. Chief Waggoner stated the FEMA grant for the new fire truck requires all firemen to have a recent physical exam to show they are capable of driving the fire truck. About 15 or 16 physicals will be paid from the project grant, which has close to \$12,000 remaining after the truck is purchased. The delivery date on the new truck is now July 1, 2018.

Gibson asked if there is an estimated time South Streets Avenue and Commerce Street will be resurfaced. Frogue reported Scotty's only stated they are on the list to be completed soon. Gibson also stated there are several potholes that need to be repaired in the city.

Case reported that soccer season has ended and baseball recently started in the park. Field one has been renovated and the new Rotary Club scoreboard has been installed. Case and Mayor Weathers reported Police Officer Jason Clardy has volunteered to supervise an inmate crew on Mondays to mow in the park. Laster requested they also pick up garbage after the weekend games.

Haley reported the issue of garbage being left on the Square at night seems to be getting worse. Chief Atkinson said he and the department will work on this over the next month.

McReynolds asked if anything could be done about dead animal carcasses on the streets in town and if it was feasible for Raymond Williams or Animal Control John Service to pick up the dead animals. Mayor Weathers will check with John Service to see if this is something he can do.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weathers recommended the city raise the price to purchase a cemetery lot in the city's cemeteries. She reported a lot in Hopkinsville ranges from \$690 to \$1,235 per lot and three other surrounding cities charge \$525 per lot. There was some discussion about charging a different price for city residents and out of city residents. However, after discussion Mr. Gibson motioned to raise the price of a cemetery lot to \$600 each, seconded by Laster and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock stated an ordinance will need to be passed and there may be other regulations that need to be reviewed and amended, for example the scattering of ashes and digging of graves.

Mr. Haley stated he believes the city should look at the cost of a business license in the city. He stated he just paid \$300 to work in Hopkinsville, where he works very little, but the minimum fee for Elkton is only \$62.50. He believes we need to consider raising the minimum fee.

Laster motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property and under KRS 61.810(g) for discussions concerning the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of a business. Powell seconded the motion and carried unanimously. Haley motioned to go back into open session, seconded by Powell and carried unanimously. Upon return from closed session, doors were opened to the public.

As a result of the closed session, Clerk Brock presented Municipal Order 2018-01, "A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REBATE OF UP TO ONE-HALF OF ALL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAXES DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FROM THE SALARIES, WAGES AND OTHER COMPENSATION TO BE PAID ON NEW EMPLOYEES OF DDS GLASS DOORS, LLC FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS." Haley motioned to adopt Municipal Order 2018-01, seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock reported the city has received an application from AT & T to construct a new cell tower on West Jefferson Davis Highway and a public hearing has been scheduled by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission just recently approved another application from AT & T to construct a cell tower on

South Highway 181.

Mayor Weathers announced a special meeting will be held on May 29, 2018 at 5:30 pm to present the FY2019 Budget Message and Proposal.

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Case and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Jackie Boyd Weathers, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer