# Mayor's Upper Window

Arthur Green, Mayor

### **Welcome to New Assistant Clerk**



The city of Elkton welcomes new Assistant City Clerk, Becky McGonigal. Becky began working for the City in May 2019. Becky is a 1986 graduate of Christian County High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Kentucky. Becky's main duties include billing and collection of utility payments, maintenance of cemetery records, remitting sales and utility tax and works with the Code

Enforcement Board. Becky will begin working toward achieving Certification as Kentucky Municipal Clerk in July 2019.

## Contact Us:

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#### **City Council Meetings:**

2<sup>nd</sup>Monday Every Month at 7 PM At City Hall, 71 Public Square

> All meeting dates and times are posted on our events calendar at www.elktonky.com.

## Thank You Terry Frogue for Your Service!

Longtime city employee, *Terry Frogue*, has announced his retirement effective July 31, 2019. Terry is currently serving as Utility/Street Superintendent. Terry graduated from Todd County Central High School in 1985 and a few years later began working for the city of Elkton Utility Department. After a short transfer to the Todd County Water District, Terry returned to the city and soon became the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. Terry was promoted to Utility/Street Superintendent in January 2001. We thank Terry for his dedication to making our community a better place to live, work and play and for his many years of service to the citizens of Elkton.

# Resolutions of Appreciation

At the Elkton City Council meetings held in June and July, the Mayor and City Council passed several Resolutions of Appreciation recognizing and thanking citizens and organizations that have made significant contributions to our community.

First, the Mayor and City Council thanked **Knuckles Insurance Agency** for once again sponsoring the best fireworks show around! Thanks go to fireworks coordinators Johnny Knuckles, Chris Borders, Tim Little, Kenneth Knuckles, Jenny Knuckles, Aaron Orr, and Eddie Borders. Also, special thanks go to event organizer Shelby Knuckles, the Todd County Board of Education for their support of this event and a special thanks to Walt Higdon, the man ever on the spot to assist!

The council also expressed appreciation to the employees of the **Pennyrile Rural Electric** Cooperative for their outstanding volunteer service to the Elkton-Todd County Park. The following employees of Pennyrile Electric worked to assist the citizens of Todd County in the 2019 Park Beautification project sponsored by Pennyrile Electric. We give special thanks to the following: Alan Gates, Brent Gilkey, Sandy Grogan, John Wheeler, Mike Stokes, Billy Lear, Mike Oglesby, Steve Walters, Ali Cotton, Bobby Standard, Clayton Miller, Mike Sweeney, John Walpole, Kenny Griggs, Christy Doepel, Susan Hurt, Hannah Mansfield, Anthony Ervin, Mallory Seay, Ashley Powell, Carmen

Spurlin, Deborah Thomas, Emily Pyle, Mindy Sweeney, Josh Johnson, Alysse Nash, Justin Long, and Steven Oliver.

During the 2019 Park Beautification Project, several local businesses and individuals assisted Pennyrile Electric and were recognized by the council as well, including: Haley's Hardware-Tom Haley and Staff; Highlandbrook Nursery—Ashley Short; Whitney Westerfield--Drone Photography; Sears' Tree Service—Greg Sears; Dorris Blick-- Stump Grinding; and City of Elkton Employees.

Finally, the Mayor and Council recognize the students of **Otoe Baptist Church**, **Pawnee**, **Oklahoma f**or their outstanding volunteer service to the Elkton-Todd County Park. Volunteers included **Makayla Bible**, **Marilyn Goodman**, **Landreth Harrison**, **Lila Bible**, **Kyla Warrior**, **Alyssa Hubbard**, **Kaidence Jefferson**, **Noah Buffalohead**, **Thomas Primeaux**, **Allen Jones**, **Katie Bell Polluck**, **Jamie Molina**, **Alby Primeaux**, **Nathan Jefferson**, **MaKenzi Bible**, **and Adult leaders Jimmy Kenner and Ashlee Castle**.

## From the Mayor's Desk

The city of Elkton took a giant step on July 9<sup>th</sup> in Frankfort, KY when the KIA (Kentucky Infrastructure Authority) approved loans for water and sewer projects of \$3,604,451. With this loan KIA will forgive up to \$1,085,000.00 on completion of the projects as long as their terms are met. This loan is a 30 year loan with a 0.50% interest rate.

In the area of water, the city will receive a loan of \$85,000 for an improvement project that will include contract work on Popular, West Main, and North Williams Lane to replace a small water line with a six inch line and upgrade a fire hydrant. The cost of this project is projected at \$170,000.

In the area of sewer, the city will receive a loan of \$3,434,451.00 for this project with the first contract to make repairs to sewer lines and manholes with this cost being about \$1.5 million. This project must be done due to the State Division of Water requirement that we solve our infiltration problems in our sewer system. The second contract in this project will include improvements to our plant to increase capacity and efficiency. Depending on the amount of the contract when they are bid the city will look at other needed improvements.

Just like all cities, we must address our infrastructure and make improvements and these improvements are expensive. Elkton receiving this loan and grant package enables us to move forward in these repairs. However, we are required by KIA to increase our water and sewer income to meet the debt payment of this loan. In order to meet this obligation you will see an increase in your water and sewer bill this year and again next year. Along with this increase we are undergoing a rate study to better determine how our water and sewer rates should be structured.

I am excited that we have with the help of KIA and Kentucky Division of Water, the ability to address our problems. Contract bids will be called for in the next few months and we hope to see work in progress late summer or early fall. If you have questions about these projects, please contact City Hall.

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# Park Improvements and Closure

Starting July 2, 2019, the Elkton-Todd County Park located at 421 S Main Street in Elkton, Kentucky will be closed Monday-Friday for a construction project involving installation of new metal poles and light fixtures around the softball field. The Park will be open on weekends, however please be careful moving about the park and please be mindful there will be some areas around the softball field and concession building that will be designated "no entry" due to trenching and other construction. Construction is expected to end around August 2<sup>nd</sup>, when an announcement will be made that the Park is open. We thank you in advance for your cooperation as we make improvements in the Park.

Also, by the end of August you will see new ramps installed in the Skate Park. The city has also applied for additional grant funding to install new light poles on the two baseball fields.