

Minutes: City Council Special Meeting  
September 15, 2021  
5:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

City Council members present: Michael Case; Doug Gibson; Danny Laster; Frank McReynolds; George Orr; and David Powell.

Others present: Jeffrey B. Traugher, legal counsel; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; and, John Walton, Todd County Industrial Foundation.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

McReynolds motioned to read Summary of Ordinance 2021-09, "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE THIRTY-THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY," seconded by Case, and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2021-09. Case motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Orr and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Clerk Brock read second reading of Ordinance 2021-10, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE UPON THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY, FOR THE YEAR 2021." Laster motioned to adopt after second reading, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Mayor Green stated it was requested that discussion regarding the Mayor and Council salaries be placed on the agenda again this meeting. Gibson motioned that the Mayor's salary be increased by \$10,000.00 per year and city council member salaries by \$50.00 per month, and seconded by Powell. Case and Laster stated they believe the salaries should be left the same. After discussion, McReynolds, Gibson, Powell, and Orr motioned to approve. Voting opposed were Case and Laster. Motion carried. Clerk Brock read first reading of Ordinance 2021-11, "AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICES OF MAYOR AND OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY" sponsored by Gibson.

Mayor Green stated there is no recommendation regarding the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Improvements – Contract 3 as bids are still being reviewed.

Municipal Order 2021-09, "A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING COVID-19 PREMIUM PAY FOR ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES" was presented to the council. The mayor's proposal includes giving all full-time employees \$0.50 per hour and part-time employees \$0.30 per hour worked during the COVID-19 pandemic from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. All volunteer firemen would get \$5.00 per fire run worked for the same time period. Mayor Green stated if approved, he would sign an Executive Order declaring all employees within the police, fire, utility/streets, and administration departments as essential employees since all departments are critical to maintaining the continuity of operations of government. After discussion, Case motioned to approve Municipal Order 2021-09, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented an Investment Pool Performance Summary and Sample Portfolio Options as prepared by PNC for participation in the Kentucky League of Cities Investment Pool Plus Program. Mayor Green recommended Option 2 in the proposal which includes a Reserve Fund Pool with the objective of providing liquidity and current income with less volatility using \$275,000 in recently received ARP funds and

\$400,000 in water and sewer reserve funds. The proposal also includes an Investment Fund Pool for more long-term growth using \$800,000 in general fund reserves. Mayor Green presented a sample allocation proposal for each fund and asked the council if they would like to adjust the percentage allocated to each bond and equity fund in each pool. Case stated that he contacted Elkton Bank and Trust Company and Mayor Green reported he and Clerk Brock had also met with the bank several months ago before it was proposed the city participate in the KLC Investment Pool. After considerable discussion no action was taken.

Powell motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(g) for discussions regarding siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of specific businesses, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Doors were closed to the public with all others in attendance remaining in the closed session.

Case motioned to return to open meeting, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Doors were open to the public. There was no action taken as a result of the closed session.

Case motioned to adjourn, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

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Arthur Green, Mayor

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Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer