

Minutes: City Council Meeting
October 13, 2022
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 6:00 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: Jeff Traughber, Attorney; Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Jakop Smith, Police Captain; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; and, Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief/Todd County EMS Director.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council member Orr led the Pledge of Allegiance and McReynolds led invocation.

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting, September 15, 2022 special meeting, and September 29, 2022 special meeting. There were no corrections, therefore the minutes were approved as presented by consent.

Mayor Green called for discussion of the bills payable and financial reports. Clerk Brock called for questions. Mayor Green reported there was an issue reported with the COPS grant the city received July 1, 2020. All funding received to date must be returned, however the city can begin requesting reimbursement of those funds again effective April 2022 when the city hired an eighth police officer. Case asked about the bill payable to GRW Engineering for work on city lake dam breach study. Mayor Green stated this is a continuation of the previous dam breach study approved by the council. After some discussion, Case motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BID OPENINGS

Bids were received at 10:00 am on September 30, 2022 for the lease of five fully equipped police vehicles with one bid received: Don Franklin Auto, \$44,160.00 per year for 3 years. After discussion, Case motioned to approve the bid of Don Franklin Auto, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Bids were received at 11:00 am on September 20, 2022 for the Painting, Repairs, Modifications, 150,000 Gallon Elevated Tank Project for the water tank on Morningside Drive, with three bids received: C&S Quality Services, LLC, \$110,377.00; D & Six Sons Painting, \$194,300.00; Sam Estes Painting, \$115,556.00. After discussion, Powell motioned to accept the bid of C&S Quality Services, LLC, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green reported the city listed the surplus 1987 Pierce Lance Pumper fire truck for sale by auction through GovDeals.com ending Thursday, September 29, 2022 and the reserve of \$10,000 requested by the council was not met with the highest bid being \$4,300. The high bidder rejected the offer to purchase the truck for \$10,000. Mayor Green stated the city can bid the truck out again locally or he suggested finding a fire department in Eastern Kentucky that may need a truck after the recent flooding. There was discussion that locally it might sell for \$4-7,000 but it will be used for parts, whereas a department in Eastern Kentucky may need it for a fire truck. Mayor Green contacted Kentucky League of Cities who believes there is probably a department that could use the truck if the city chooses that option. After discussion, Gibson motioned to donate the fire truck to a department in Eastern Kentucky in need, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Green presented draft architectural drawings of proposed renovations to the façade of City Hall and interior remodeling to the reception area for security upgrades. Case stated he is working on some modifications to the draft and would like to present them at the next meeting. Mayor Green stated everyone should review the plans for future discussion.

GRANT AND PROJECT UPDATES

Resolution 2022-07, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE WEST MAIN SIDEWALK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT" was presented. Orr motioned to approve Resolution 2022-07, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green reported the Notice of Award to Westate Construction for the Goebel Avenue Bike/Sidewalk Project was signed October 11, 2022 at a preconstruction meeting and the contractor began work on October 12th. The project is scheduled to be completed in January 2023. However, Mayor Green stated the paving portion of the contract may need to wait until spring.

The waste tire grant project for pour-in-place rubber safety playground surface in the City-County Park has been completed. Mayor Green commended maintenance workers from city and county governments for their work on the project. Mayor Green also stated county workers are completing work on the new dugouts at the ball fields and a new batting cage.

Mayor Green reported Kentucky Lumber has decided to decline the CDBG grant loan agreement for equipment purchase due to language in the state required documents. This will not affect any other part of their locating in Elkton.

Mayor Green reported the city received 11 applications for the CDBG housing project grant. PADD has begun reviewing the applications to make sure everyone meets the requirements of the grant program.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Leaf pick up in the city will start October 24th and end December 7th. Leaves will be picked up on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The city is a sponsor of the Veteran's Day Breakfast and Program at Todd Central High School on Friday, November 11th. Anyone planning to attend the event can let City Hall know so we can RSVP prior to the event.

The city is sponsoring a free movie and cookie decorating at the Community Trunk or Treat event at Todd Central High School on October 27th.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Traugher reported the property located at 205 College Street has been set for sale on October 26th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Waggoner reported the trucks are due for their annual maintenance and pump testing. It was discussed that the city can test their own pumps if we purchase the gauge needed. The new ladder truck is working well. The department is still waiting on turnout gear ordered using last year's state fire aid funds.

Police Chief Toombs reported Stayce Player graduated from the police academy today. Officer Player received the Recruit of Distinction Award and the Academic Achievement Award in which Officer Player achieved the

highest grade point average on all of his academic tests. The department had 669 calls for service last month with 32 alcohol related incidents.

Public Works Director Chris Orr reported the sewer line extension on Beckham Road has been completed. Phase III of the Sewer Improvements Project is expected to be completed in November after several delays. The sewer line project for the Elkton Die Casting property is complete. Orr stated the city and county staff worked well together getting all the projects completed in the park.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Green reported the city is still waiting on the property survey in order to complete the sale of the Elkton Die Casting property to Kentucky Lumber.

A report of Planning and Zoning and Code Enforcement activity was presented to the council.

Mayor Green reported bids are being accepted at the end of the month by the Library Board for construction of the new library.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

McReynolds reported everyone seems pleased with the new handrail installed at the Post Office. Mayor Green reminded everyone the city installed the handrail and the property owner will reimburse the city \$250.

Laster thanked the Public Works Department for picking up limbs in the city.

Mayor Green commented how many people have been in town the last several weeks viewing the Hay Bale Trail and shopping around town.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer