

Minutes: City Council Meeting
December 8, 2022
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, December 8, 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; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; and, Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief/Todd County Emergency Management Director.

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

Mayor Green welcomed everyone and invited them to attend a lunch at City Hall on Friday, December 16th at 12:30 pm sponsored by BR Knuckles Insurance, who will provide smoked Boston butts.

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the November 10, 2022, city council meeting. Case motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green called for discussion of the bills payable and financial reports. Clerk Brock called for questions. McReynolds motioned to approve the bills payable and financial reports, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-10, "RESOLUTION AGREEING TO THE CITY ROAD SYSTEM" was presented to the council and Mayor Green stated this makes a correction to the resolution approved at the last meeting. After review, Orr motioned to approve Resolution 2022-10, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-11 was not ready to be presented to the council.

Resolution 2022-12, adopting and entering into a Joinder Agreement with Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority and authorizes the mayor to execute said agreement, was presented to the council. Case motioned to approve Resolution 2022-12, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

GRANT AND PROJECT UPDATES

Mayor Green reported Westate Construction did not quite get finished with concrete work as planned before cold weather. Therefore, they will be returning in the spring to finish up concrete and resurfacing Goebel Avenue.

Mayor Green signed a contract with C&S Quality Services, LLC for work on the Morningside Drive water tank. Work on the tank will begin in March or April and will be completed by the end of June 2023.

Mayor Green reported the FEMA Mitigation project to purchase two properties owned by Sue Gill Long on East Main Street has been cancelled. The properties have been sold and the new owner does not want to participate in the project. Mayor Green reminded everyone there is still another active FEMA Mitigation grant project to purchase or raise the homes of several properties in the city.

The CDBG housing application is still in the hands of the PADD office and will be submitted soon.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council member Case will present updated drawings of the city hall façade at the next meeting.

Mayor Green reported the city's Comprehensive Plan is overdue for an update and presented a proposal from PADD to do a completely new plan for \$18,500. Or PADD will update and certify the existing plan for about half the cost. After discussion, Case motioned to hire PADD to update and certify the existing plan, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock distributed Financial Interest Statements and Method of Communication Authorization Forms to the mayor and council to complete and return to her by January 6, 2023.

Mayor Green informed the council that due to legislative changes regarding state sales tax, all utilities will have to start charging sales tax on residential properties that have multiple accounts in their name starting January 1, 2023. The only exemption for residential properties is if the multi-property owner signs a Declaration of Domicile form declaring one property as their place of domicile. Clerk Brock and staff will be notifying multiple property owners about the form in the next few weeks. Starting January 1, 2023, all new customers will have to sign the Declaration form or they will have to pay sales tax on water and sewer service.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Traughber reported the property located at 205 College Street will be sold on December 21, 2022.

Mayor Green reported Jeff Traughber completed the deed for the transfer of the Die Casting property to Foster Lumber LLC (Kentucky Lumber). The deed has been given to Foster Lumber LLC to review.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Waggoner reported all fire trucks have been serviced and the pumps all passed certification testing. Mayor Green reported he has ordered several awards for fire department members that will be presented later. There has been no word from Whispering Meadows Fire Department on if they want to purchase the surplus fire truck. Daniel Smith reported this has been the busiest year for the department with almost 60 fire runs so far this year.

Police Chief Toombs reported the department had 505 calls for service last month, including 24 alcohol related calls.

Public Works Director Chris Orr reported leaf pick up will be ending this week. The staff are performing annual water system flushing. Phase III of the Sewer Improvements Project is still delayed. Water and sewer services are being extended to the new assisted living facility with construction of the new facility now expected to begin in the spring. Orr thanked the mayor and council for the extra pay at Christmas time. Gibson reported to Orr that there is a fire hydrant that needs to be repaired on Murrey Court.

Mayor Green reported that as of today, the Sewer Improvements project was budgeted for about \$4,600,790 in expenses and has about \$489,306 remaining. The construction expenses are very close to the original budget, however due to multiple delays there will need to be a change order issued for additional engineering fees. It is expected that ARPA funds will need to be used soon to complete the project, however Mayor Green believes

there will be about \$250,000 in ARPA funds remaining for other projects.
Mayor Green is working on bidding out construction of a garage and storage building at the sewer plant.

Mayor Green distributed a Planning and Code Enforcement activity report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Green presented a report on the state's Work Ready Communities designation with information about Todd County's standing as a Work Ready Community and statistics about where citizens come from and travel away from Todd County to work.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

Powell thanked the utility staff for the dangerous work they do during leaf pick up.

Laster thanked the City Beautification Committee for the beautiful new lights on the Square for Christmas. Mayor Green stated he has received a lot of complements and the committee members will be recognized in the next newsletter.

Case motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Mayor, council, attorney, and clerk remained in the closed session and all others left the meeting.

Case motioned to go out of closed session, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. There was no action taken because of closed session.

Orr motioned to adjourn, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer