

Minutes: City Council Meeting
July 13, 2023
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, July 13, 2023, 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: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Jeffrey B. Traugher, Attorney; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; Amy Chester, *Kentucky New Era*; Scott Brown, WEKT Radio; and John and Melinda Service.

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

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the June 8, 2023 special council meeting. There were no changes and Laster motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the June 12, 2023 council meeting. There were no changes and Orr motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Brock presented the financial reports. Brock reported receiving a thank you card from the family of John Walton for the flower arrangement sent to his funeral service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BIDS

Mayor Green reported the city received bids for asphalt surfacing of various city streets on Thursday, July 6, 2023 with one bid received: Scotty's Contracting and Stone, \$84,110.00. After review, McReynolds motioned to approve the bid from Scotty's, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Green presented a request for the city to begin construction of a connector road from South Main Street to Allensville Street that will also serve as the entrance to the first phase of the new Crouch Farm Subdivision. The proposal includes the city performing the dirt work and rock installation for the entrance using Municipal Road Aid funds, which will have about \$80,000 remaining after the asphalt surfacing project is complete. After discussion, Laster motioned to approve the Mayor's proposal for constructing the entrance, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Mayor Green stated preliminary plans and cost estimate from Scotty's to construct the entire connector road with a length of about 3,550' is about \$960,000. Mayor Green is seeking grant funds to help pay for the construction.

GRANT AND PROJECT UPDATES

Mayor Green reported Bell Engineering continues to work on the design for the West Main Street Sidewalks and Drainage Improvements TAP project.

Mayor Green reported the Goebel Avenue TAP project is complete, however the contractor has stated they will

not be able to do additional work on the project to complete drainage improvements. The city will have to look into other options to make the drainage repairs.

WBW Engineers is working on design plans for installing new poles and lighting on ball field three as part of the Land and Water Conservation Fund project in the park. Construction on this phase of the project is expected to begin in October. Once that project is complete, the remaining funds will be spent on new playground equipment.

MUNICIPAL ORDERS

Municipal Order 2023-09, "MUNICIPAL ORDER RE-APPOINTING JIMMY SHEMWELL TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE" was presented to the council. Powell motioned to approve Municipal Order 2023-09, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Municipal Order 2023-10, "MUNICIPAL ORDER RE-APPOINTING TYLER WISEMAN TO THE ELKTON PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 2026" was presented to the council. Case motioned to approve Municipal Order 2023-10, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Green presented a final design from AW Designs of Elkton for façade renovations to City Hall and the Police Department. Current plans include painting the brick on both buildings. On City Hall façade, new windows and new door will be installed on the first level and on both buildings a stone veneer will replace vinyl siding areas. A porch will be installed across both buildings. Case suggested bidding the entire project out so we know the estimated cost of the project before we begin any work. Mayor Green will get an estimate on all of the work.

Mayor Green reported he will have a recommendation for amending the ordinances for livestock and bidding procedures at a future meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Green distributed a Planning and Code Enforcement activity report prepared by Megan Willenborg, Zoning Administrator/Citation Officer.

Fire Chief Waggoner reported the department is continuing to work with the mayor on drafting updated policies and procedure for the fire department. ISO will visit the department for inspection in August. The fire department received a thermal imaging camera and a gas meter through Fire Commission grants. Mayor Green reported he is getting a cost estimate from someone to add on a 40' x 40' addition to the fire department.

Police Chief Toombs reported the department had 669 calls for service last month, including 24 alcohol related calls.

Mayor Green reported public works is continuing to work on sidewalk repairs in the city. The department continues to work on issues with the new aeration equipment at the sewer plant. The equipment is still under warranty. Mowing and tree removal work is being performed at city lake.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

Powell reported he has received several calls about construction of the new library. Mayor Green stated this project falls under the direction of the library board and he understands weather delayed the project for several days.

Laster proposed looking into naming a street after former mayor John Walton. Mayor Green stated we can look into this further and indicated there may be something else more appropriate to honor Walton.

McReynolds reported he has received several compliments about the looks of the new addition to the cemetery after all the trees were removed. Mayor Green reported a few tree stumps still need to be removed and maintenance staff will be working on cleaning the fence row in Elkton Cemetery. The iron fence in Glenwood Cemetery received damage from fallen limbs and will need repair. Mayor Green stated that later in the fall the city will need to remove more trees.

McReynolds asked for an update on the CDBG housing grant. Mayor Green stated the application is still in the hands of PADD for completion and submittal to the state.

Mayor Green reported the city is on the list for the state to spray for mosquitos.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mayor Green reviewed dates of upcoming events and reported the Car and Truck Show sponsored by “That Guy Who Stuff” held during the Cruise In last month was very well attended.

Mayor Green also reported receiving many compliments about the flowers and how nice the Square looks. He stated Sandy Boss did an excellent job planting the flowers.

Melinda and Johnny Service asked about the entrance and exit to the new Crouch Farm Subdivision and indicated they were worried about the dangerous hill near their home on South Main Street. Mayor Green stated the entrance is further down South Main Street and that the developer has applied for a permit from the state to install the entrance to the subdivision and “line of site” is one area that is reviewed during the process. Mayor Green invited them to look at the plans for the subdivision after the meeting.

Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer