

Minutes: City Council Meeting
November 9, 2023
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Laura Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; John Johnson and Bobby Standard, volunteer firemen; and, Amy Chester, *Kentucky New Era*/WEKT Radio.

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

Mayor Green stated our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Danny Laster after the death of his brother Ford Laster.

Mayor Green also thanked all veterans for their service to our country, including Frank McReynolds and Derrell Waggoner.

Mayor Green presented an award to volunteer firemen John Johnson for 5 years of service and Bobby Standard for 45 years of service. Mayor Green also presented an award to Public Works Director Chris Orr for 30 years of service to the city.

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

Clerk Brock presented the financial reports. Brock presented a report showing all outstanding debt for the city. Brock also reported that the general fund had a certificate of deposit set to renew and after getting quotes from all three local banks, the best rate was from First Financial Bank and so a new CD was purchased through them. After discussion, Gibson motioned to approve the financial reports, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCES

Case motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2023-11 in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2023-11, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 33.51-33.54 PROCUREMENT STANDARDS OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES." Powell motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-11 after second reading, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

Orr motioned to read the Summary of Ordinance 2023-12 in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously. Clerk Brock read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2023-12, "ORDINANCE AMENDING COMPENSATION PLAN AND PAY SCALE." McReynolds motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-12 after second reading, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Green reported the Todd County Industrial Foundation recently announced the property on East Main Street will be named the John E. Walton Business Park after the city requested this by resolution. The Industrial Foundation opened bids today for extension of utilities to the new Business Park.

ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Green reported the city received a notice to renew AirEvac memberships for city employees with a cost of \$1,365.00 for the year. Mayor Green recommended not renewing the memberships and there was no opposition.

GRANT AND PROJECT UPDATES

Mayor Green reported the city received a notice that the application for a TAP grant for new sidewalks on Commerce and Allensville Street was not approved. The city will request a debriefing with the state to discuss why this project has not been funded the last two years.

Mayor Green stated a meeting has been scheduled for next week with the District Highway office to discuss how to complete drainage repairs on Goebel Avenue to close out that TAP grant project.

New poles and lights have been ordered for the Park Improvement Project with installation expected in February of next year. Clerk Brock met with a playground company to get a proposal for new playground equipment as part of that grant project.

Mayor Green reported bids were opened for moving water and sewer lines for the turn lane project into the Middle School on West Main Street. The low bid was about \$74,000.00 and will be reviewed, approved, and paid for by the state. Work is expected to be completed in the spring.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Green distributed the Planning and Zoning and Code Enforcement report from Megan Willenborg. Mayor Green reported the Crouch Farm Subdivision continues work to complete infrastructure for the development. Mayor Green also reported discussions regarding another possible new subdivision about a year away from development.

Police Chief Toombs reported the department had 627 calls for service last month, including 32 alcohol related calls. Toombs reported one application has been received for a potential Police Officer Recruit with the background check process being completed now. There has been one other inquiry, but no application has been submitted.

Fire Chief Waggoner reported there have been 49 fire runs this year. The ISO inspection of the department is scheduled for November 15th.

Public Works Director Chris Orr reported water loss so far this year is at 5.42%. Leaf pick up is underway and will probably get busier in the next few weeks. The department has extended approximately 1,100 feet of sewer line including grinder pump to Kirkman Roofing on West Main Street adjacent to the current city limits.

Mayor Green reported the developer of Fawn Acres Subdivision has applied for four new water services for new construction.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The bridge on Elk Fork Road has been inspected by the state and passed.

Mediacom has agreed to settle their claim for damages with the city regarding an accident this past January with initial claim of \$30,000.00. Mediacom has agreed to settle for \$2,500.00.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

Case asked about the toppled over headstone he discussed at a previous meeting and Orr reported it has been repaired.

McReynolds reported dogs running loose that are attacking other small dogs. McReynolds reported this to animal control. Traugher stated Megan Willenborg can also handle dogs running loose through code enforcement.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mayor Green reviewed upcoming events and reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Saturday, November 25th. The Elkton Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 9th. Mayor Green reminded city council members to contact Charlotte Myers if they plan to be in the parade this year. The Police Department is also sponsoring a Toy Run before the parade on December 9th.

Case motioned to adjourn, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously and meeting was adjourned. At 6:37 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer