

Minutes: City Council Meeting
January 11, 2024
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, January 11, 2024, 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: Kayce Bright, Assistant City Clerk; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Jeff Traughber, attorney; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief; and, Amy Chester, *Kentucky New Era*/WEKT Radio.

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

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the December 14, 2023, council meeting. There were no changes and McReynolds motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Mayor Green presented Findings of Fact and Recommendation from the Elkton Planning Commission, which held a public hearing on January 4, 2024, and after findings of fact, recommends the council approve rezoning 10.783 acres of land from parcel 056-27 on the west side of Elk Fork Road from I-1 Light Industrial and R-2 Medium Density to R-3 Multi-family Residential. After review, Gibson motioned to approve the findings of fact and recommendation as presented, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Orr motioned to read Summary of Ordinance 2024-01, “AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A 10.783 ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF ELK FORK ROAD” in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Clerk Bright read first reading of Summary of Ordinance 2024-01.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-01, “RESOLUTION MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY HUTSON SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE” was presented to the council. Local veterinarian John Laster is on the committee working on this project seeking a veterinarian school. Case motioned to approve Resolution 2024-01, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Resolution 2024-02 was presented, which approves and authorizes submission of a 2023 Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Housing Application in an amount up to One Million Dollars. Mayor Green explained this is the same project that was advertised and discussed at least a year ago and all applicants have been contacted by the PADD office. Laster motioned to approve Resolution 2024-02, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. A public hearing regarding the application has been advertised and will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Elkton City Hall.

BIDS

Mayor Green reported the city received Request for Proposals for the Park Playground Project for new playground equipment to be installed in the City-County Park under the Land and Water Conservation Fund

grant project. Mayor Green presented copies of proposals received from Eco Play Structures, Play Mart Playgrounds, DWA Recreation, and Miracle of Ky-Tn. The request invited companies to submit designs for two playground areas with a maximum budget of \$135,000. Mayor Green reported all proposals were reviewed by several council members and other community members with small children and the consensus was to go with the proposal submitted by Miracle of Ky-Tn. After some negotiation and amendments to the original proposal, the final proposal recommended to the council was from Miracle of Ky-Tn totaling \$134,772.42. Case motioned to approve the final recommended proposal from Miracle of Ky-Tn as presented, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Green reminded the council that no bids were received on the City Hall and Police Renovation Project that was bid several months ago. The city has since received a bid from Dixie Restoration for the portion of the project to paint the front of the buildings. Dixie Restoration is currently doing some work in Logan County and stated they could get to us soon before they move all their equipment from Logan County, possibly in the next three or four weeks. Mayor Green has contacted David Greenfield about doors and windows and is looking for someone to install the porch.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Jeff Traugher presented an Interlocal Agreement between the county, Elkton, Guthrie, and Trenton for establishing a joint planning commission for the limited purpose of completing the Comprehensive Plan and conducting all necessary public hearings for the consideration and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Traugher noted there is a clause in the agreement where any party can pull out of the agreement at any time for any or no reason. After discussion, Orr motioned to approve the Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Green presented the Planning and Zoning report prepared by Zoning Administrator Megan Willenborg.

Fire Chief Derrell Waggoner reported 12 fire runs in December. There has been no report from the ISO inspection in November.

Police Chief Toombs reported the department had 563 calls for service last month, including 34 alcohol related calls.

Public Works Director Chris Orr reported annual system wide flushing was completed last month as required. Orr also reported the department has started working on lead and copper surveys of the city water system as required by Environmental Protection Agency. The city must determine the material of all main water lines and customer service lines by either excavation or other means and report to EPA by October 16, 2024.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Green reported Kentucky League of Cities "City Day and Night" will be held in Frankfort on February 28th if anyone is interested in attending.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

Case thanked everyone for working on the Park Playground Project because it has taken years to get new playground equipment and he is glad the project is getting completed.

Case motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Mayor, Clerk and council remained in the meeting and doors were closed to the public.

Case motioned to go out of closed session, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously. Doors were opened to the public.

In open meeting, Mayor Green reported there was no action taken because of discussion in closed session.

There was no further discussion, therefore Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Case, carried unanimously, and meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer