

Minutes: Special City Council Meeting
May 23, 2024
8:00 AM

The Elkton City Council met in special session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 8:00 AM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer; Perry Knight, volunteer fireman; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; Daniel Smith, Assistant Fire Chief/Todd County EMS Director; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Derrell Waggoner, Fire Chief.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 8:13 am and led invocation.

Everyone enjoyed breakfast prepared by Carolyn Farmer.

Mayor Green presented Resolution 2024-03, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND FUNDING FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES" and reported this resolution corrects the project total that was presented at the last meeting. The correct total project is estimated at \$472,200 with 50% grant of \$236,100. Orr motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green reported he met with several candidates interested in the position of Fire Chief once Derrell Waggoner's retirement effective May 31, 2024. After meeting with each candidate, Mayor Green recommends the appointment of James "JT" Calvery to the position of Fire Chief. McReynolds motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously. (Smith and Knight left the meeting.)

Mayor Green presented the FYE June 30, 2025 Budget Message and Proposal. He reported that Elkton was recently cited by the Kentucky State Data Center as the third fastest growing city in the state of Kentucky with an 8.3% population increase since the 2020 Census. The population of Elkton is now estimated at 2,230. The budget proposal estimates a 6% increase in tax revenue with no tax increases proposed. The budget proposal includes a 3.4% cost of living salary increase for all employees and public officials. Mayor Green reviewed main projects in the proposal including \$24,000 for the purchase of asset management, mapping and workflow software and equipment; two residential development incentive agreements previously approved are expected to become due and one proposed new incentive agreement will be proposed in detail at the next council meeting; \$14,000 increase in fire department expenditures for turnout gear and equipment; \$10,000 in planning for a new addition or location for a fire department; increased contribution to \$1,000 for the Imagination Library program in Todd County; new contribution of \$1,000 to the Todd County Fair Board; water and sewer department will continue to seek grants for needed maintenance of the system. Mayor Green then reviewed the line-item budget breakdown of each department. Mayor reiterated that the council can propose changes to the proposal and that first reading of the budget ordinance is scheduled for the June council meeting.

There was no further discussion, therefore Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by McReynolds, carried unanimously, and meeting was adjourned at 8:52 am.

Arthur Green, Mayor

Laura M. Brock, City Clerk/Treasurer