

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Rebecca Collins, Assistant Clerk; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Jakop Smith; Police Captain; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; JT Calvary, Fire Chief; Amy Chester, WEKT Radio; Justin Griffin, Planning & Zoning Officer; Dylan Eddleman, Darrell Waggoner, Emily Carroll, Justin Moberly, Josh Reynolds, Jim Weathers, Christopher Brady, Travis Greenfield, Ben Hayden, Officer Josh Corn, and Officer John Webb.

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

Mayor Green presented awards to the following city employees: Officer Josh Corn for 10 years of service in November of 2023; Officer John Webb for 5 years of service in November 2024; Captain Jakop Smith for 5 years of service in November 2024; Chief Robert Toombs for 5 years of service in September 2024; Fire Chief JT Calvary for 5 years of service in August 2024; Chris Brady for 5 years of service in September 2024; and Travis Greenfield for 5 years of service on the fire department in August 2024.

Mayor Green presented a Life Saving award to Captain Jakop Smith and Fireman Justin Griffin for their actions on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, when they rendered aid to Ben Hayden.

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, council meeting. There were no changes and Orr motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented the financial reports and called for any questions and there were none. McReynolds motioned to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darrell Waggoner announced concerns regarding tree limbs on Pond River Road near the cemetery that require trimming. Mayor Green stated that the matter has been discussed with the county, and they have agreed to address the issue.

No other comments were made.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Green announced he met with Ryan Baker from Ascendant regarding the Ascendant Energy Proposal. Ryan presented the Mayor with a proposal that focused on solely on solar power. The cost of the project would be an estimated cost of \$728,000. Case motioned to approve proceeding with the proposal and entering a contract with Ascendant, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented a resolution that gives approval for the submission of a 2024 Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Housing Application in an amount of up to one million dollars. Case motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

## ORDINANCES

Powell motioned to read Summary of Ordinance 2024-13, “AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY A 3.559 ACRE TRACT LYING ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING CORPORATE CITY LIMITS ON KENTUCKY STATE HIGHWAY 181 (SOUTH MAIN STREET) in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously. Assistant Clerk Rebecca Collins read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2024-13. Orr motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-13 after second reading, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously by show of hands.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Green presented the results of the November 5th election on Medical Cannabis, with 1,260 votes in favor and 560 votes against. The council requested the creation of an ordinance to regulate medical cannabis distribution. The proposed ordinance would require distributors to obtain a license and operate within the business district, permit processors in the industrial district, and prohibit cultivators within city limits.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Jeff Traugher was absent. Dylan Eddleman will relay the meeting report to him. Mayor Green informed the council of a retirement reception for Ken Dillingham scheduled for November 19th at 2:00 PM.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning and Zoning administrator, Justin Griffin, reported that a total of 6 building permits were submitted in October- 2 of the permits being commercial.

Police Chief Toombs reported that there had been 369 calls for service with 16 being alcohol related. He reported that a new hire has completed new hire testing and will begin work on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Fire Chief JT Calvary reported the fire department had 15 runs during the month of October. The fire department is in the process of submitting a grant to FEMA for new air packs.

Public Works Director, Chris Orr, reported that the drainage concern at 406 East Main Street has been addressed. He also stated that the annual flushing will begin the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Green reported that from the submitted streets to be paved, only three were placed on the list submitted to the legislature: Mary Drive, Foggy Lane, and Marion Street.

Mayor Green reported that Elkton is number 86 out of 150 on the list for the North Todd Elementary School project.

Mayor Green reported that Logan Todd Regional Water has increased the water rate to an additional .03 cents per 1,000 gallons. This does not make a significant difference to the city so there will be no increase to water rates for customers at this time.

Mayor Green informed the council that a citizen has requested the discontinuation of the ordinance that requires a yard sale permit be required.

Mayor Green informed the council that new and re-elected city council members could attend KLC training in Madisonville or Bowling Green on December 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

McReynolds raised concerns about the need to repair the sidewalk in front of 205 South Main Street and noted significant damage to the sidewalks on West Main Street.

Orr suggested exploring the possibility of establishing dedicated parking for Amish community members.

Powell informed the council that he had many citizens ask why the different departments do not have their own committees. The mayor stated that the council had the ability to manage their own committees.

Mayor Green requested that the new and re-elected city council members establish a date for the swearing-in ceremony.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to remember were reported as Leaf Pick Up October 22<sup>nd</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

There was no further discussion, therefore Gibson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59PM.

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Arthur Green, Mayor

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Kayce L. Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer