

Minutes: Special City Council Meeting  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in special session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Kayce Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer; Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Jeff Traughber, attorney; Amy Chester, WEKT Radio; Justin Griffin, Planning & Zoning Officer; JT Calvery, Fire Chief; & Emily Carroll.

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 September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular council meeting. There were no changes and Orr motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, special council meeting. There were no changes and McReynolds motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, special council meeting. There were no changes and Laster motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Gibson, and carried unanimously.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darrell Waggoner suggested that the restroom doors at the park remain unlocked. However, Mayor Green explained that, because of misuse and vandalism, the restrooms cannot remain unlocked unless there's an event taking place. As a compromise, it was decided to try using a portable toilet as a solution.

No other comments were made.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Mayor Green presented a finding of fact and recommendation of the Elkton Planning Commission to the council. The Elkton Planning Commission received a request from Helping Hands Clinic, Inc. DBA Blount Rural Health Center for a consensual annexation of a 3.559-acre tract lying adjacent to the existing corporate city limits on Kentucky State Highway 181 (South Main Street). The property would further be designated a zoning classification of Neighborhood Commercial District (B-2). Orr motioned to accept the recommendation of the Elkton Planning Commission, seconded by Case, and carried unanimously.

#### ORDINANCES

Orr 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 Case, and carried unanimously. Clerk Bright read first reading of Summary of Ordinance 2024-13.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Green reported that the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting focused on an energy proposal for the city. Ryan Baker was asked to provide a summary, highlighting that the main component of the proposal involved installing solar panels at the sewer plant and on the roof of the police station, as well as upgrading the manholes. Originally estimated at \$3.5 million, Mayor Green noted that if the city moves forward, the project would need to be funded through bonds. An updated proposal was distributed for the council's review. After review of the updated proposal, it was decided that Mayor Green would speak with Ryan about updating the proposal to mainly focus on the solar panels. No other decisions were made at this time.

#### GRANTS

Mayor Green reported that the city was approved for the 2024 KLC Liability Grant. The city shall receive \$3,000 from KLC within the next few weeks.

Mayor Green reported that the city had to submit a list of streets needing repaving to the state by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The city submitted five streets along with several intersections for consideration. The district transportation office will assess these areas to determine the city's eligibility for the County Priority Project Program. A Final decision on the grant is expected by April 2025.

In 2023, the city received clean water funding to improve the water plant's floater rotation system and replace the necessary head gates. Approval to proceed was granted in August 2024, and the required items have since been ordered, with delivery expected within the next year. An estimated \$250,000 in funding remains to be processed to cover these repairs.

#### ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney, Jeff Traughber, reported progress on the joint City and County Planning Commission. The next meeting is to be scheduled at the beginning of November.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief, JT Calvery, reported that there was a total of 9 runs in the month of September.

Planning and Zoning administrator, Justin Griffin, reported that a few building permits have been issued for new homes in the Crouch Farms Subdivision. He also noted a positive response to code enforcement efforts, with successful outcomes from letters that were sent out.

Police Chief Toombs reported that there had been 472 calls for service with 21 being alcohol related. Officer Case Horn will be graduating the academy on December 19<sup>th</sup>. They are also in the process of hiring another police officer. He is currently in Phase 1 of the hiring process.

Public Works Director, Chris Orr, reported that the lead and copper report which was due by October 16<sup>th</sup> has been submitted. They are still in the process of continuing efforts to gather information for every residence within Elkton in order to update the city records. There is also a couple of potential customers on the East of town who are looking into pricing for sewer grinder pumps and getting city sewer.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Green reported that he did not have anything to report at this time.

#### CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

Case asked if the beautification committee would be asked to help with setting up Christmas decorations this year. Clerk Bright stated that they would be called in but was not sure of a date at this time.

Laster reported that there are a couple of bushes in town that needed attention. Planning and Zoning administrator, Justin Griffin, stated that he is aware of these bushes and that he would be reaching out to the homeowners.

Powell stated that there are several safety concerns about the cross walks on the square. Mayor Green reported that the city has been looking at a TAP grant to address these issues.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to remember were reported as Leaf Pick Up will begin on October 22<sup>nd</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>, Trick or Treating will be Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30PM-7:30PM, 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 Orr motioned to adjourn, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

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Arthur Green, Mayor

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Kayce L. Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer