

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

City Council members present: Emily Carroll; John Mullins; Frank McReynolds; George Orr; and David Powell.

Others present: Justin Griffin, Assistant Fire Chief/Planning & Zoning Officer; Captain Jakop Smith; JT Calvery, Fire Chief; Jeff Traughber, City Attorney; Tammy Miller, Assistant City Clerk; Amy Chester, WEKT; Barbara McKinney and

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 called for review of the minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, council meeting. There were no changes and Orr motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green informed the council that the FY2024 Audit Report has been completed. Damion Davis, with Tichenor & Associates, informed the council that there were no findings. He informed the council that the city has a total net position of \$4,479,456 for the governmental activities. For the business activities, there was a net position of \$6,641,057. Compared to last fiscal year, there was a \$631,000 increase for governmental activities. For business activities, there was a \$1.3 billion increase. There was a total deposition in governmental activities of \$11.4 million.

For water, there was a net position of \$1.1 million. For sewer, there was a net position of \$5.4 million. For solid waste, there was a net position of \$77,000.

Mullins motioned to approve the FY2024 Audit Report, seconded by McReynolds, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented the financial reports and called for any questions. He informed the council that there were a couple of CDs that matured. After checking with all local banks, it was decided to leave the CD's where they remain with a 4.6% APY.

Mayor Green reported that there was an error made at the previous council meeting. In February we announced that we received a reimbursement of \$50, 726.01 from FEMA for the storm that occurred on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The correct amount that was reimbursed was \$58,842.17.

Clerk Bright informed the council that out of 1,169 issued property tax bills, all have been collected except for 50 bills.

Mayor Green again called for any questions regarding the financial reports. There were none.

Mayor Green presented Assistant City Clerk, Tammy Miller, a Five-Year Service Award.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Belinda Kenee announced to the council that she recently purchased a home on Riverbend Drive. She informed the council that she is having issues with rainwater building up behind her house. There are two storm drains on Riverbend Drive and both drains are in front of her house at 129 Riverbend. This causes all the rainwater to run into her backyard causing a big crevice. Mayor Green had told Ms. Kenee the previous week that the streets are still owned by the developer, Arland Overholt. Ms. Kenee is asking for the city's help with this issue.

Mayor Green informed the council that due to not owning the street, there's not a lot the city can do on the street. However, there may be some things the city can do with the drainage.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Mayor Green presented Ordinance 2025-02 “**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CITY OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN TRAINING RELATED TO CITY GOVERNMENT**”. Carroll motioned to read Ordinance 2025-02, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Clerk Bright read the Summary of Ordinance 2025-02.

Mayor Green presented the bids that was received for the cemetery contract.

1. Griffin Mowing \$45,500
2. Skipworth Tree Service \$75,000
3. Stokes Lawn Care \$65,000

Mullins motioned to approve Griffin Mowing contract for \$45,500, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

### **MELVIN STINKSON LAKE DAM UPDATE**

Mayor Green received a response from his previous letter.

### **GRANT UPDATES**

Mayor Green provided an update on the Urban Forestry Grant. The City is currently looking and preparing a request for a proposal for a person certified for an ISA tree risk assistant.

Approval from the Highway District Office is still pending before bidding can begin for the utility work under the West Main TAP grant.

The city submitted an application for the Crumb Rubber Grant.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

City Attorney, Jeff Traughber, presented the goals and objectives for the joint City-County Planning and Zoning Comprehensive Plan.

Orr made a motion to approve the recommended goals and objectives, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Captain Jakob Smith reported a total of 510 calls for service in February, with 27 being alcohol related.

Fire Chief JT Calvery reported a total of 12 runs for the month of February. The Elkton Fire Department received a letter from Keith and Carol Sharp expressing their gratitude for their swift and courageous efforts in extinguishing a fire and protecting their home.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Justin Griffin reported that five building permits were submitted in February.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

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Mayor Green informed the council that the Public Works Department has been in the process of detecting water leaks within the city. Elkton Spring Clean Up has been scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Green announced that a City Employee Breakfast will be held on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at 8:00AM at City Hall, and council members are invited to attend.

## CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

McReynolds expressed concerns about trees that have fallen into the creek. Mayor Green informed the council that it is ultimately the responsibility of the residents to clean the creek.

Carroll raised concerns about employees of businesses on the square parking in front of their workplaces, which prevents customers from finding convenient parking near the businesses they are visiting. Mayor Green stated that, in the past, businesses have been sent letters reminding employees to park behind the business.

Orr voiced concerns about the nuisance of barking dogs. Mayor Green informed the council that the city is currently researching the purchase of a decimeter to help establish noise level guidelines.

Powell emphasized the importance of staying mindful and cautious while driving as warmer weather increases outdoor activity among children and pedestrians.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to remember were reported as 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month April-October 2025- Cruise Ins on the Square; Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Bike Night; Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>-Touch a Truck at the Park.

There was no further discussion, therefore Orr motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mullins, and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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Arthur Green, Mayor

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Kayce L. Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer