

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Chris Orr, Public Works Director; Justin Griffin, Assistant Fire Chief/Planning & Zoning Officer; JT Calvery, Fire Chief; Jeff Traughber, City Attorney.

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

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, council meeting. There were no changes and McReynolds motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented the financial reports and called for any questions. There were no questions. Mullins motioned to approve the financial reports, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green reported that a contract has been signed for the purchase of a new copier for City Hall at a cost of \$8,076. The existing copier will be relocated to the Police Department.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Laster motioned to read Summary of Ordinance 2025-02 “**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CITY OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN TRAINING RELATED TO CITY GOVERNMENT**”, in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Clerk Bright read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2025-02. Roll Call was conducted for the vote. Council members Frank McReynolds, Emily Carroll, George Orr, Danny Laster, David Powell, and John Mullins motioned to adopt Ordinance 2025-02.

Mayor Green presented Municipal Order 2025-03 “**REAPPOINTING DEBBIE LASTER TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**.” Orr motioned to approve Municipal Order 2025-03, seconded by Mullins, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented Municipal Order 2025-04 “**REAPPOINTING BILLY JONES TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**.” Laster motioned to approve Municipal Order 2025-04, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented Municipal Order 2025-05 “**REAPPOINTING ARTHUR GREEN TO THE LOGAN/TODD REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION**.” Mullins motioned to approve Municipal Order 2025-05, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented a proposal from the Public Works Department for the purchase of a hydro excavator and a skid steer. He made a recommendation to allocate \$58,000 from the FEMA reimbursement and \$58,000 from the Water account, totaling \$116,000, to fund the purchase of the equipment and any necessary attachments. Orr made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Carroll, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green informed the council that the current garbage contract with GFL includes the option for a one-year extension. GFL has proposed a 4% rate increase, bringing the per-can cost to \$11.43. Mayor Green recommended renewing the contract for one year while maintaining the current customer rate of \$11.25. A motion to approve the one-year renewal with GFL at the 4% increased rate was made by Laster, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously. A separate motion to maintain the current garbage rate for customers at \$11.25 was made by McReynolds, seconded by Mullins, and carried unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Green introduced the Air Med Care program to the council, explaining that the program would provide air ambulance membership coverage. He noted that all city employees, including part-time staff, would have the opportunity to voluntarily opt in for these benefits. The council briefly discussed the potential value of the program for staff and the ease of access it could provide in emergency situations.

Mayor Green informed the council that a request had been received to rent lots surrounding the Welcome Center for use during the 400 Mile Sale event. After consideration, the council chose not to approve the request.

## **GRANT UPDATES**

Mayor Green reported that all required documentation for the West Main TAP Grant has been completed. The City is anticipating the possibility of beginning utility relocation and initiating sidewalk improvements by the end of May, pending final approvals and coordination with relevant agencies.

Mayor Green noted that several improvements have been made to the Elkton-Todd County Park, funded by grant money allocated to all Todd County parks through a county-wide distribution. Improvements include the installation of a new roof on the pavilion near the Senior Citizen Center, fresh paint on park fencing, and the planned addition of new benches throughout the park.

Mayor Green provided an update on the development of the new soccer field. He reported that the County has issued a bid for the installation of field lighting. Following the completion of the lighting, plans include the construction of a building to house restrooms and concessions, as well as the installation of fencing around the perimeter of the field.

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.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire Chief JT Calvery reported a total of 20 runs for the month of March. He noted that all fire trucks underwent pump testing and successfully passed inspection. Additionally, three new firefighters have been added to the department's roster.

Mayor Green informed the council that, due to the recent increase in fire department calls, there is a growing need to consider raising the current \$45 fire membership fee. He also shared that preliminary discussions have taken place with county officials regarding the potential development of an emergency services complex near the existing dispatch and ambulance services. The project remains in the early discussion phase.

Police Chief Robert Toombs reported 509 calls for service with 38 being alcohol related for the month of March. He noted that they are in the process of interviewing a new officer.

Mayor Green informed the council that the old library building is scheduled to be auctioned on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. He noted that if the council is interested in exploring the possibility of submitting a bid for the property for use as a police department, a closed session would be required at the end of the meeting to discuss the matter further.

Public Works Director Chris Orr reported to the council that the city's current water loss is 5.99%. He informed the council that a sanitary survey will be conducted by the Division of Water on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Spring cleanup is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Solar panels are expected to be installed at the sewer plant by the end of June. He also noted that several projects at the cemetery will be addressed in the near future, including sealing and pressure washing the cemetery wall, installing new signage, rewelding the fence, and replacing dirt around the foundation.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Green informed the council that on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9AM he will be at the park to read a proclamation for child abuse for the month of April.

He also informed the council that, in reference to the resident who attended the March 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting, he and Public Works Director Chris Orr had visited the property. They observed that the resident's backyard is situated in a ditch, making it difficult to prevent flooding. It was noted that the most effective solution would be for the resident to install a tile in the ditch to improve water flow.

He also noted that the FY26 Budget Draft will be presented at the May City Council Meeting for the council's review.

### **CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Mullins reported that Billy Hightower has expressed concerns regarding a large tree located between the Milliken House and the Justice Center, noting its potential to fall. Mayor Green responded that the Milliken House Board is responsible for the tree and is already aware of the issue.

Laster expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for their efforts in maintaining a low water loss percentage.

McReynolds also expressed gratitude to the department for their ongoing maintenance of the cemetery.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dates to remember were reported as: Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> City Hall will be closed for observance of Good Friday, 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.

Laster motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition of real property. Carroll seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Laster motioned to go out of closed session, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously. There was no action taken as a result of closed session.

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There was no further discussion, therefore Laster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Powell, and carried unanimously.

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Arthur Green, Mayor

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Kayce L. Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer