

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, October 9<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; Danny Laster; and David Powell.

Others present: Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Justin Griffin, Planning & Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer; Kayce Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer; JT Calvery, Fire Chief; Sue Powell and Ryan Baker.

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

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, council meeting. There were no changes and Laster motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, special council meeting. There were no changes and Mullins motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Carroll motioned to read Summary of Ordinance 2025-14 **“AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING THE THIRTY-SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY”** in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Clerk Bright read first reading of Summary of Ordinance 2025-14.

Mayor Green presented a resolution authorizing participation in the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and Assistance program. A motion to approve the resolution was made by McReynolds, seconded by Orr, and passed unanimously.

Mayor Green informed the council that Hopkinsville Solid Waste will discontinue its recycling program. He recommended that the recycling trailer located at the City Dump on Garth Lane be removed by Hopkinsville Solid Waste. A motion to approve the removal of the trailer was made by Laster, seconded by Orr, and passed unanimously.

Mayor Green presented an addendum to the Economic Development Incentive Agreement between the City and Cimmaron Investments LLC, originally adopted on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The addendum authorizes the extension of sewer lines to support the housing development, including the purchase of materials from the City and payment to a contractor to perform the work under City supervision. It also provides for reimbursement to Cimmaron Investments LLC in the amount of \$37,136.89 upon verification of incurred expenses. A motion to approve the addendum and amend the FY26 budget was made by Carroll, seconded by Mullins, and passed unanimously.

## **ASCENDANT ENERGY REPORT**

Ryan Baker with Ascendant Energy reported to the council that construction on the city's energy project has been completed. Solar panels have been installed at the Police Department and Sewer Plant, LED lighting has been upgraded at all city facilities, and the HVAC system at the Welcome Center has been replaced. Baker noted that all systems are operating properly, and quarterly reports will be conducted to ensure continued performance.

He also stated that TVA rebates are currently being processed.

## **GRANT UPDATES**

Mayor Green informed the council that construction is in process for the West Main TAP grant.

Mayor Green informed the council that the city is still in the process of securing a forester to begin work on the Urban Forestry Grant.

Mayor Green reported that the installation of crumb rubber at the Elkton-Todd County Park is complete.

Mayor Green informed the council that the county is currently soliciting bids from engineers to develop a building design. He also noted that grant opportunities are still being explored to help secure funding for the project.

Mayor Green reported that the city was approved for the 2025 KLC Liability Grant. The city shall receive \$3,000 from KLC within the next few weeks.

Historic Todd County is currently in the process of having the Welcome Center's clock tower cleaned and repainted.

The historic Upping Stone has been relocated from the corner of West Main Street to the north side of the Welcome Center.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Planning & Zoning Officer Justin Griffin reported that 11 building permits have been submitted since the September council meeting.

Police Chief Robert Toombs reported 425 calls, 17 of which were alcohol related, for the month of September. He also announced that new officer Alex Dahan began employment on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 and is scheduled to attend the police academy in January 2026. Additionally, School Resource Officer John Ed Higgins has submitted his resignation, with his last day of service to the city set for October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Chief JT Calvery reported that the department responded to 32 calls in September. He also announced that the city was awarded the 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$162,666.66. As a condition of the grant, the city is required to contribute at least 5% of the federal funds, totaling \$8,133.34, bringing the total approved budget to \$170,800. These funds will be used to purchase new air packs. The air packs donated in February 2025 will be passed on to another county fire department once the new equipment is received.

Mayor Green informed the council that several new water and sewer taps have been installed and that a new sewer line is currently being installed in The Oaks subdivision.

Mayor Green reported that fallen headstones will be reset in the coming weeks.

Mayor Green reported that the Logan Todd Water Commission is currently in the process of updating its policies and bylaws.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Green presented invitations to the council for a Hog Roast put on by Kentucky Lumber and the Veterans Day event hosted by Todd County Central.

Mayor Green informed the council that the city has been coordinating with the Todd County Emergency Director, Ash Groves, to ensure safety at city events. He noted that the city square will be closed for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to provide a secure environment for all attendees. The vendor form for events will also be updated to ensure that all food vendors are equipped with the necessary safety equipment.

## **CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS**

Mullins reported that he enjoyed his time attending the Kentucky League of Cities conference and found the sessions and networking opportunities to be informative and valuable.

Powell informed the council that he will be resigning from his position on the city council due to health reasons. Clerk Bright read his resignation letter to the council. Mayor Green explained the process following the resignation, noting that the seat will not be officially vacant until the next council meeting. From that date, the council will have 30 days to select a replacement. If a replacement is not chosen within 30 days, the Governor's Office will appoint someone to fill the position.

Orr expressed his gratitude to Powell for his many years of service to the City of Elkton.

Laster also expressed his gratitude to Powell and shared how proud he is of the growth and progress taking place in Elkton.

Carroll also expressed her gratitude to Powell and inquired about this history of sidewalks in the city. Mayor Green suggested scheduling a time to discuss the sidewalk history in more detail.

McReynolds expressed that he is concerned about individuals speaking negatively about him and the city to others rather than addressing concerns directly with him. He noted that he finds it frustrating when people are courteous in person but critical behind his back.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dates to remember were reported as: October 20<sup>th</sup>-December 3<sup>rd</sup> Leaf Pickup every Monday and Wednesday; October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30PM-7:30 PM Halloween Trick or Treating; Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00PM-6:30PM Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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

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Arthur Green, Mayor

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Kayce L. Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer