

Minutes: City Council Meeting
February 12th, 2026
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, February 12th, 2026, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

Others present: Robert Toombs, Chief of Police; Jakop Smith, Police Captain; Justin Griffin, Planning & Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer; Kayce Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer; JT Calvery, Fire Chief; Jeff Traughber, City Attorney; Justin Moberly, Public Works Director; and Annie Catron, WEKT.

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

Mayor Green called for review of the minutes of January 8th, 2026, council meeting. There were no changes and Mullins 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. Orr motioned to approve the financial reports, seconded by Griffin, and carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Clerk Bright read first reading of Ordinance 2026-01 “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.**”

McReynolds motioned to read Summary of Ordinance 2026-02 “**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING RIVERBEND DRIVE AND RIVERBEND COURT AS DEDICATED PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR PERMANENT USE AND MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY OF ELKTON**” in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously. Clerk Bright read first reading of Summary of Ordinance 2026-02.

Orr made a motion to accept the deed of conveyance for the retention pond in Riverbend Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Mullins and passed unanimously.

The Council discussed Chapter 90, the City of Elkton Animal Ordinance. No action was taken.

The Council discussed recently new bills currently under consideration during the Kentucky General Assembly session. No action was taken.

Mayor Green reported that approximately \$15,000 has been donated toward the purchase of grain bin rescue equipment. Fundraising efforts are ongoing to assist with the total estimated cost of \$68,662. No action was taken.

Mayor Green reported that approximately 85 hours were spent on cleanup efforts related to Winter Storm Fern. Additionally, \$5,600 was expended for 56 hours of road grading. No action was taken.

The Council discussed the GFL contract. No action was taken.

GRANT UPDATES

Mayor Green informed the council that construction on the West Main TAP Project is complete, with the exception of the replacement of the Mediacom box. Safety cones will remain in place until the work is finalized.

Mayor Green informed the council that an extension request has been submitted for the Urban Forestry Grant.

MAYORS REPORTS

McRenolds made a motion to move the April Council meeting to April 16th. The motion was seconded by Mullins and passed unanimously.

A proclamation was issued recognizing FFA week in honor of the National FFA Organization.

Mayor Green reported that Ash Groves will be utilizing a drone to survey the creek in coming weeks.

CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS

Griffin reported that he has received complaints regarding trees located behind the Community House that are obstructing the view of the roadway.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning & Zoning Officer Justin Griffin reported that a public hearing will be held within the next few months regarding the rezoning of certain property in the Oaks Subdivision.

Public Works Director Justin Moberly reported ongoing equipment issues. The most recent water loss report indicates a loss of 7.88%.

Mayor Green recommended renewing the cemetery mowing contract for an additional year. Orr motioned to approve the renewal, Mullins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, with Griffin abstaining from the vote.

Fire Chief JT Calvery reported that the department responded to 31 calls in January.

Police Chief Robert Toombs reported 398 calls, 20 of which were alcohol related, for the month of January. The department is now fully staffed.

Captain Jakob Smith provided information on the potential benefits of the Police Department participating in Hazardous Retirement. No action was taken.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to remember were reported as: City Hall will be closed Monday, February 16th, 2026, in observance of Presidents Day and City Employee Breakfast on March 20th at 8:15AM.

Laster motioned to go into closed session under KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property, and pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation. Orr seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

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

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

Arthur Green, Mayor

Kayce L. Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer