

Minutes: City Council Meeting  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
6:00 PM

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 PM with Mayor Arthur Green presiding.

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

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

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

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

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Carroll motioned to read Summary of Ordinance 2025-17 “**AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PARCEL #056-27D LOCATED ON B. WHITE ROAD AND FOGGY LANE**” in lieu of the full ordinance, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously. Clerk Bright read second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2025-17. Roll call was then conducted for the vote. Council members Emily Carroll, George Orr, Frank McReynolds, and Wade Griffin motioned to adopt Ordinance 2025-17.

Mayor Green presented Municipal Order 2026-01 “**REAPPOINTING JIMMY SHEMWELL TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE**”. Orr motioned to approve Municipal Order 2026-01, seconded by Carroll, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented Municipal Order 2026-02 “**APPOINTING LINDA GROVES TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FULFILLING AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 2027**”. Griffin motioned to approve Municipal Order 2026-02, seconded by Orr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented Municipal Order 2026-03 “**REAPPOINTING CHARLOTTE MYERS TO THE ELKTON PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 2029**”. Orr motioned to approve Municipal Order 2026-03, seconded by Griffin, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green presented Municipal Order 2026-04 “**APPOINTING LYNN KEMP TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 2029**”. Orr motioned to approve Municipal Order 2026-04, seconded by Griffin, and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Green informed the Council that the City has been exploring the purchase of a portable electronic road sign using alcohol funds. The sign would be used to promote public safety messages, including reminders not to drink and drive, as well as for other purposes such as special events and road closures. The estimated cost of the sign is approximately \$20,000. Orr made a motion to approve the purchase of the sign and amend the budget. The motion was seconded by Carroll and carried unanimously.

Mayor Green provided an update regarding the City Lake. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the City received an administrative summons requiring a response. An administrative conference call is expected to be held in February to schedule an administrative hearing. The administrative hearing will allow the City and the Cabinet to discuss required actions and will result in a proposed final agreement. If the City does not agree with the outcome, the matter may proceed to court. No action was taken at this time.

## **GRANT UPDATES**

Mayor Green informed the council that construction on the West Main TAP Project in front of the Post Office is nearing completion.

Mayor Green informed the council that the TAP grant application period is open and that an application has been submitted for improvements around the square.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Planning & Zoning Officer Justin Griffin reported that 86 building permits were submitted in 2025, with 38 being new construction homes.

Police Chief Robert Toombs reported 490 calls, 33 of which were alcohol related, for the month of December. New cruisers should be delivered in upcoming weeks.

Fire Chief JT Calvery reported that the department responded to 18 calls in December. For calendar year 2025, the department responded to a total of 210 calls, including 84 fires, 38 lift assists, 12 mutual aid runs, 12 auto mutual aid runs, 3 traffic control calls, 28 fire alarms, 10 gas leaks, 1 hazardous materials call, 18 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 train derailment.

Public Works Director Justin Moberly reported that the new headwork has been installed at the sewer plant and is now operational. Annual flushing has been completed. Installation of two services has been completed.

Mayor Green informed the council that Chris Orr will be returning as a part time employee to help coordinate projects.

Mayor Green informed the council that the city is researching the development of a new website to maintain ADA compliance and to improve access to online forms and payment options for residents and businesses.

## **CITY COUNCIL CONCERNS**

McReynolds inquired about the status of 2025 property tax collections. Clerk Bright reported that approximately 92% of the 2025 property taxes have been collected.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dates to remember were reported as: City Hall will be closed Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and City Hall will also be closed Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in observance of Presidents Day.

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