

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

The Elkton City Council met in regular session at Elkton City Hall, 71 Public Square, on Thursday, March 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; Kayce Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer; JT Calvery, Fire Chief; Jeff Traughber, City Attorney; Annie Catron, WEKT, John Service, Melinda Service, John Riley Service, Kevin Gardner, Carol Smith, Lisa Hadden, Scott Gibbs, Susan Ferreira, Andy Neathery, Mike Hightower, Chantell Hightower, Shae' Hightower, and Raine Hightower.

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 February 12th, 2026, council meeting. There were no changes and McReynolds 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. Griffin motioned to approve the financial reports, seconded by Laster, and carried unanimously.

Chief Robert Toombs and Captain Jakop Smith presented a memorial plaque, on behalf of the Elkton Police Department, to the family of fallen Officer James Coleman Hightower.

Mayor Green presented a 20-year service award to John Service in recognition of his 20 years of dedicated service as the City Animal Control Officer.

ACTION ITEMS

Clerk Bright read second 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.**” Orr motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-01, seconded by Carroll. Roll call was then conducted for the vote. Council members Emily Carroll, Danny Laster, George Orr, Frank McReynolds, Wade Griffin, and John Mullins motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-01.

Carroll 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 second reading of Summary of Ordinance 2026-02. Orr motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-02, seconded by Griffin. Roll call was then conducted for the vote. Council members Frank McReynolds, John Mullins, Wade Griffin, Danny Laster, Emily Carroll, and George Orr motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-02.

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

Orr motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-01 “**RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONS TO CITY ROAD SYSTEM**”, seconded by Mullins, and carried unanimously.

Orr motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-02 “**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND, UPON ARRIVAL, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY (KOHs), TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED**

NECESSARY BY KOHS TO FACILITATE AND ADMINISTER THE PROJECT AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT”, seconded by Griffin, and carried unanimously.

Carroll motioned to approve a 2.8% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the police department and to proceed with completing an application for the police department to participate in Hazardous Duty Retirement. The increase will take effect at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027. The motion was seconded by Mullins and carried unanimously.

Orr motioned to approve a five-year contract extension with GFL with a 4% cap on the annual price increase. The motion was seconded by Laster and carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Green reported that there will be a public hearing held on April 2nd to discuss possible re-zoning a portion of The Oaks Subdivision.

Police Chief Robert Toombs reported 421 calls, 29 of which were alcohol related, for the month of February.

Fire Chief JT Calvery reported that the department responded to 14 calls in February and was awarded a \$7,000 grant to be used for the purchase of additional firefighter gear.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to remember were reported as: Employee Breakfast on March 20th at 8:15AM; City Hall will be closed Friday, April 3rd, in observance of Good Friday; Special City Council Meeting on April 16th, 2026 at 6:00PM; and Spring Clean Up on April 13th & April 14th.

Carroll 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. Mullins seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

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

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

Arthur Green, Mayor

Kayce L. Bright, City Clerk/Treasurer