

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 2011

Elkins Common Council met in regular session in the council chamber of city hall at 7:10 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011. Present were Mayor Duke Talbott; Councilpersons: R. N. Beckwith, J. S. Bibey, N. E. Bross-Fregonara, V. T. Broughton, M. D. Cuonzo, T. Z. Hensil, C. L. Metheny, D. G. Satterfield, M. D. Scott and R. A. Woolwine; R. P. Pingley, operations manager; L. D. Daniels-Smith, city treasurer; P. J. Graziani, city clerk; H. R. White, Jr., police chief, T. W. Meader, fire chief; and G. S. Roberts, city attorney.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elkins Sewing Center owner Sue Pifer said she and other members of the downtown merchants association were disappointed to read that the city planned to reintroduce parking meters to some areas of the core downtown shopping district. She said the merchants had never been consulted, nor had there been any meetings at which the public could appear to speak to the issue. She and the other merchants believed, she said, that additional parking meters would result in fewer shoppers, and fewer shoppers would result in reduced collections of business and occupation tax to the city. Additionally, she said the merchants felt the reintroduction of parking meters could result in abuse of the metered parking spaces by employees of downtown businesses. Metered parking spaces occupied by those employed downtown would not be available for customer parking.

ON TRAC Promotions Committee chair Karen Carper said that neither she nor her fellow committee members supported reintroduction of parking meters into the core downtown shopping district, on the grounds that the meters would result in a loss of retail activity.

Local business owner Martha Metheny also expressed her opposition, inferring that retail customers would be deterred from shopping downtown.

Melvin Marks, River Street resident, asked that a depression in River Street, perhaps a sinkhole, be filled in. It represented a danger to pedestrians, children at play and passing vehicles, he said.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No minutes were presented for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cm Beckwith, seconded by Cm Scott, **MOVED THAT ORDINANCE 125, ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CITY CLERK, BE BROUGHT FORTH, READ BY TITLE ONLY AND PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING.** A roll call vote being requested, the clerk read the roll:

Beckwith	-	Yes	Hensil	-	Yes
Bibey	-	Yes	Metheny	-	No
Bross-Fregonara	-	Yes	Satterfield	-	No
Broughton	-	Yes	Scott	-	Yes
Cuonzo	-	Yes	Woolwine	-	Yes

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Cm Scott, seconded by Cw Cuonzo, **MOVED THAT ORDINANCE 126, ORDAINING THAT, IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MAYOR MAY DIRECT THE TREASURER TO SIGN AN ATTESTATION OF THE CITY CLERK ON AN OFFICIAL CITY DOCUMENT, BE BROUGHT FORTH, READ BY TITLE ONLY, AND PASSED ON FIRST READING.** The motion carried.

Cw Cuonzo, seconded by Cm Hensil, **MOVED COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION 265, APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT DRAWDOWN #37 THEREOF, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,370.54, FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM DESIGN BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2007.** The motion carried. The disbursement of \$9,370.54 will be made to Chapman Technical Group.

Cm Broughton reported on his attendance at the national Main Street conference in Des Moines, IA. His experience was both informative and positive. The 2012 conference will be held in Baltimore, MD.

Adjustment of fine structure for parking violations was not discussed. The subject matter will appear on a future agenda, the mayor said.

Treasurer Daniels-Smith said Worker’s Compensation Insurance coverage could be extended to members of the Elkins Volunteer Firemen’s Association, Inc. when the Association lost its own separate coverage effective July 1, 2011. Council would have to approve the extended coverage.

Cm Woolwine, seconded by Cm Hensil, **MOVED COUNCIL APPROVE OF INVOICES AS THEY APPEARED ON THE DATA SHEET [SUPPLIED TO EACH MEMBER.]** The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING

The committee received 22 applications since the last meeting of council. Twenty-one applications were building-related in character and one was for demolition of a structure. Application 649 was void. Acting upon recommendation of the building inspector, the committee approved all applications. Cm Satterfield, seconded by Cm Woolwine, **MOVED COUNCIL GRANT PERMITS FOR THE 22 APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.** The motion carried.

PERMIT	APPLICANT	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Dem-04-11	Tomblyn Funeral Home	49 Randolph Ave	Demolition	\$ 8,000
646	Davis, Valerie	15 10th St.	Install Drywall & Paint	\$ 1,500
647	Hill, Laura	201 Ferndale Dr.	Replace 2 Garage Doors	\$ 2,100
648	Elkins Truck Service	38 11th St.	New Garage	\$ 100,000
649	Void			\$ -
650	Powell, Tim	120 Davis Ave	Renovate, add bath, wiring	\$ 2,500
651	Cross, Mark	1623 Taylor Ave	Siding, windows and flooring	\$ 15,000
652	Biola, Joe	232 Elm St.	New Flooring	\$ 2,000
653	Jim C. Hammer Co.	300 15th St.	Re-Roof	\$ 60,695
654	Corley, Jerry	100 Washington Ave	Garage, Breezeway, and Porch	\$ 28,500
655	Nucilli, Mary	301 Center St.	Re roof	\$ 8,975
656	Valley Supply	11th St.	Paint, Drywall, and Drop Ceiling	\$ 15,000
657	Simmons, Brian	120 Central St.	Metal Roof and Painting	\$ 10,000
658	Andriko, Louis	106 Westview Dr.	Repair Water Damage	\$ 6,658
659	Randolph Co. Housing Authority	115-125 Fourth St.	Re roof	\$ 33,245
660	Randolph County Commission	4 Randolph Ave	Install New Generator	\$ 62,000
661	Brady, Jack	302 Andrews St.	Re Roof	\$ 5,366
662	Varner, Julia	113 Spruce St.	Re Roof	\$ 5,845
663	Shaw, Marty	216 Central St.	Re Roof on Back Porch	\$ 1,054
664	Gongola, Andrew	21 High Street	Brick Wall	\$ 5,000
665	Wamsley, Naomi	130 Vector Ave	Replace Shingles	\$ 4,500

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666	Belan, John	20 Cherry St.	Adding Roof Over Existing Deck	\$ 4,000
666-A	Parker, Michael	115 Grandview	Repair weather damage	\$ 18,800

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS

OPERATIONS MANAGER

The street sweeper was reported back in operation, after a period of inactivity due to repair and maintenance.

Pot holes were being patched as possible.

The format of a proposed consent decree between City of Elkins and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency should be available by the meeting of June 16, Pingley said.

Alterations of the first floor of city hall were progressing.

TREASURER

Daniels said she was trying to determine how the city could take advantage of early payment discounts available from some vendors.

POLICE CHIEF

Donald B. Sturdivant was appointed an entry-level police officer to commence a 1-year period of probationary employment beginning July 4, 2011. Matthew J. Sigley was appointed an entry-level police officer to commence a 1-year period of probationary employment beginning July 5, 2011. Both officers were enrolled in the WV State Police Training Academy class that begins July 18.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS

The mayor said he had met with Scott Flynn, U.S. Geological Survey, concerning a project being planned to install new gauges at the flood control project that would allow for more accurate control of the river's water level. The project would have to be completed by September 30, to take advantage of available grant funding. The annual cost of labor, maintenance and upkeep in servicing the gauges could amount to between \$12,000 and \$18,000. The mayor appointed an ad hoc committee composed of Hensil, Beckwith, Bross-Fregonara and Pingley to investigate the potential for city involvement in the project.

Creation of an ad hoc committee to consider recycling in the city was being discussed.

The attorney said she will present information on ownership of land by the Elkins-Randolph County Regional Airport Authority.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.