

# **ELKINS COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

*401 Davis Avenue  
Council Chamber, 2nd Floor  
May 3, 2012  
7:00 p.m.*

Elkins Common Council met in regular session in the council chamber of city hall at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 3, 2012. Present were Mayor Duke Talbott; Councilpersons J. S. Bibey, V. T. Broughton, M. D. Cuonzo, T. Z. Hensil, C. G. Kinnison, C. L. Metheny, J. J. Sabatino, M. D. Scott, and R. A. Woolwine; Operations Assistant P. A. Blosser, Treasurer L. D. Daniels-Smith; Fire Chief T. W. Meader; City Clerk S.R. Stokes; City Attorney G. S. Roberts; and Inter-Mountain Reporter Melissa Toothman. Absent were Cw. Bross-Fregonara, Operations Manager R. Pingley, and Police Chief Captain H. R. White, Jr.

## **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Travel request for officers S. Judy and C. Cross to attend supervisor training in Morgantown, May 23.

Action on ordinances designating zoning assignments for various annexations.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

## **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Mark Stewart, an inspector with the Fire Department Services Division of the West Virginia State Fire Commission, announced that the Elkins Fire Department had passed its inspection and received state certification for another five years. Fire Chief T. W. Meader thanked the professional and volunteer staff of the fire department for their hard work preparing for the inspection.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Cw. Cuonzo, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2012. The motion carried.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cm. Broughton, seconded by Cm. Sabatino, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO ASSIST WITH FUNDING RESTROOM CONSTRUCTION IN GLENDALE PARK.** The motion carried.

Cw. Cuonzo, seconded by Cm. Bibey, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE FULL EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR PATROLMAN BRANDON D. TICE UPON COMPLETION OF HIS ONE-YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD.** The motion carried.

Cm. Woolwine, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE BUDGET REVISION 11, TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CLERK TO MAYOR.** The chair requested a roll-call vote. The motion carried. Council votes were as follows:

J. S. Bibey	Yes	C. G. Kinnison	Yes
N. E. Bross-Fregonara	Absent	C.L. Metheny	Yes
V. T. Broughton	Yes	J. J. Sabatino	Yes
M. D. Cuonzo	Yes	M. D. Scott	Yes
T. Z. Hensil	Yes	R. A. Woolwine	Yes

Cm. Sabatino drew council’s attention to the “FirstEnergy Lighting for Business Incentive Program,” which provides incentives for switching from traditional to LED bulbs and fixtures. He suggested that AmeriCorps workers might be able to assist with the required initial energy audit and said that he would be routing this proposal through the Municipal Property Committee. No action was taken.

Cm. Bibey, seconded by Cm. Metheny, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE A TRAVEL REQUEST FOR POLICE OFFICERS S. JUDY AND C. CROSS TO ATTEND SUPERVISOR TRAINING IN MORGANTOWN, MAY 23.** The motion carried.

Council next considered thirteen proposed ordinances assigning zoning designations to various annexations.

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cm. Metheny, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 141 (“TAJ MAHAL”: C – COMMERCIAL) ON FIRST READING.** The motion carried.

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 142 (MOUNTAIN SCHOOL: B - RESIDENTIAL) ON FIRST READING.** The motion carried.

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 143 (ELKINS REGIONAL CONVALESCENT CENTER: B - RESIDENTIAL) ON FIRST READING.** The motion carried.

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 144 (BRIDGEWATER ESTATES: B - RESIDENTIAL) ON FIRST READING.** The motion carried.

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 145 (DAVIS TRUST COMPANY, BEVERLY PIKE BRANCH: C - COMMERCIAL) ON FIRST READING.** The motion carried.

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 146 (COLONIAL ESTATES: B - RESIDENTIAL) ON FIRST READING.** The motion carried.

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 147 (HIGHLAND MEADOWS: B - RESIDENTIAL) ON FIRST READING.** The motion carried.

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 148 (DAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM DIRECT CARE FACILITY: C- COMMERCIAL) ON FIRST READING. The motion carried.**

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 149 (ELKINS SERVICE CENTER OF ALLEGHENY POWER: C - COMMERCIAL) ON FIRST READING. The motion carried.**

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 150 (H.G. KUMP PROPERTY: C- COMMERCIAL) ON FIRST READING. The motion carried.**

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 151 (BOE MIDLAND PROPERTY: C - COMMERCIAL) ON FIRST READING. The motion carried.**

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 152 (NORTH SCHOOL: B - RESIDENTIAL) ON FIRST READING. The motion carried.**

Cm. Scott, seconded by Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL PASS AND APPROVE ORDINANCE 153 (THIRD WARD SCHOOL: B - RESIDENTIAL) ON FIRST READING. The motion carried.**

## APPROVAL OF VENDOR INVOICE PAYMENTS

Cm. Bibey, seconded by Cm. Sabatino, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE INVOICES PRESENTED. The motion carried.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Building Committee

Cm. Sabatino, seconded by Cm. Broughton, **MOVED THAT COUNCIL GRANT BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE APPLICATIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA. The motion carried.**

BUILDING PERMITS TO BE ACTED UPON				
May 3, 2012				
Permit	Applicant	Location	Description	Value
969	Been, Kim	1310 1/2 South Henry Ave.	Reroof	\$4,000
970	Church of God	1414 Taylor Ave.	Reroof	\$5,000
971	Frost, LaDonna	40 High Street	Reroof and gutter	\$12,000
972	Holland Ent.-Richard Holland	213 Fourth Street	Vinyl siding and repair porch, reroof	\$8,000
973	Dillon, Bruce	311 Scott Ford Road	Repair floor joist and beams	\$2,825
974	Vance, Sam	104 Hanley St.	Porch extension and bath addition	\$14,200
975	Tanner, James L.	103 Sylvester Dr.	Remodel bathroom	\$6,000
976	Randolph Co. Housing Authority	4th Street Apartments Apt.# 19	Interior remodel	\$10,000

977	Lamb, Verla	137 Riverview Dr.	Foundation repair	\$14,000
978	Brown, Maurice G. II	208 Central St.	24' x 36' pole garage	\$9,600
979	Fifield, David	302 Harpertown Road	6' privacy fence	\$1,800
980	Johnson, Donald A.	633 Central Street	Remodel front porch	\$6,000
981	Wright, Clinton & Cindy	1711 Livingston Ave.	Replace siding, windows, roofing and soffit	\$20,500
982	Simon, Jeremy	1715 Lavalette Ave	12' x 16' deck on the back of the house and log siding on one side and rear of house	\$6,189
983*	Carpenter, Jamie	989 Harrison Ave.	Remodel interior into custard stand	\$30,000
* Pending electrical contractor.				

**Sanitation and Landfill Committee**

Cm. Metheny reported that an analysis of the Sanitation Department’s finances shows that no rate increase will be needed in the near future.

**Water Committee**

No report.

**Parks Committee**

Cm. Broughton advised council that the Glendale restrooms project is continuing. He also reported on a vandalism incident at Elkins City Park in which picnic tables were damaged, trash cans upended, and a fire started in the main pavilion.

**Finance Committee**

No report.

**Street Committee**

Cm. Kinnison reported that Cm. Broughton had asked the committee for input on his cell-phone parking ordinance. He also told council that his committee recommended the city publicize the rule against and penalty for leaving grass clippings in the street.

**Rules and Ordinances Committee**

Cm. Scott announced that the next meeting of his committee was postponed from May 8 to May 15.

**Municipal Property Committee**

No report.

**Personnel Committee**

No report.

**Public Safety Committee**

No report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**Operations Manager**

Operations Assistant Blosser reported on the Spring Clean-Up, the Randolph Avenue water-line replacement project, and the city hall storm-window replacement project. She announced that pothole repairs would begin soon.

**Treasurer**

Treasurer Daniels-Smith updated council on health-related absences within her department.

**Police Chief**

Captain White, Jr. was absent due to his participation in the search for William Dumire.

**Fire Chief**

No report.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**911 Committee Update**

At Mayor Talbott's request, City Clerk Stokes, the chair of the Elkins 911 Committee, gave council a progress report on the committee's activities.

**Civil Service Commissions**

The mayor advised council that the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce has replaced its representatives on the police and firefighters civil service commissions, as follows:

- William Johnson replaced John Gainer on the Firefighters Civil Service Commission.
- Kenny Sexton replaced Donald Pritt on the Police Civil Service Commission.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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