

Approved Minutes

**ELKINS COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

***401 Davis Avenue
Council Chamber, 2nd Floor
January 3, 2019
7:00 p.m.***

Elkins Common Council met in regular session in the council chamber of city hall. Present were City Clerk J.R. Sutton (acting as Mayor and recording secretary); Councilpersons R.C. Chenoweth, M. D. Cuonzo, C.H. Friddle, III, M.M. Hazen, C.C. Lowther, C. L. Metheny, E.R. Ochsendorf, D.C. Parker, L.H. Vest and R. A. Woolwine; Police Chief G. Galloway; City Treasurer T. Judy; Fire Chief T. W. Meader; Operations Manager R.P. Pingley; City Attorney G. S. Roberts; and Inter-Mountain Reporter B. Johnson.

Absent was Mayor V.T. Broughton

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Guye, 107 Sylvester Drive, encouraged council to apply for the Flex-E grant. She stated that the Benedum Foundation, which is a partner in the grant, has always been supportive of Elkins and that this grant is in the best interest of the citizens.

David Green, 95 11th St., reported to council an incident occurring near his home a few weeks ago involving the police. Mr. Green admitted to being a past drug dealer and advised that he doesn't believe that the police are doing a bad job, but that the current dealers are not afraid of the police. Mr. Green states that he is scared.

Missy Anello, 1003 ½ S. Kerens Ave. believes that it is wrong for the City to pay for the demolition of buildings belonging to others, in particular a building currently taken over by Woodlands Development Group.

PRESENTATION

Tracy Fath, VP of Marketing and Development for Davis Medical Center presented information on a newly opened facility within the hospital focused on geriatric behavioral health. Laurel Place is short term, psychiatric care for those over the age of fifty-five. Mrs. Fath answered questions from council and invited elected officials and the public to an open house in February.

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Cm. Metheny, **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2018.** The motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Cm. Ochsendorf, **MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1182: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FLEX-E GRANT THROUGH THE WEST VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.** Operations Manager R. Pingley presented information on a dilapidated properties online database. His intention is to use this grant funding and assistance from Region VII and ESRI to develop something similar for Elkins. This tool would streamline workflow for code enforcement and improve transparency and access for the public. The City’s would need to provide fifteen percent matching funds, at a maximum of \$1500. The motion carried.

Cw. Hazen, **MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1183: REAPPOINTING D. TURNER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF ELKINS.** The motion carried.

Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1184: APPROVING “FULL-TIME REGULAR EMPLOYEE” STATUS AND CONFIRMING COMPENSATION FOR N. SOUTHERN.** The motion carried.

The City Clerk presented the proposed election board for the 2019 municipal election. The final board will be presented for council approval at the next regular meeting.

Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD LEITNER TO THE ELKINS BUILD COMMISSION FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM VACATED BY C. THOMPSON AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2019.** The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR INVOICE PAYMENTS

Cm. Woolwine, **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE INVOICES PRESENTED.** The motion carried.

The invoices in question were as specified on the following list, which is attached and made part of this record:

- Accounts Payable check transactions for the period December 17 – 28, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTIFICATIONS

Council received the following correspondence and notifications:

- Issued building permits.

The following building permits have been issued since the previous regular council meeting.

ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS				
Permit	Applicant	Location	Description	Value
180311	Rush, Andrea	1516 Lavalette Ave.	Re-Roof	8,252.00
180312	Harris, Kaela	459 Wilson St.	Privacy Fence	2,196.00
180313	Davis, Leslie	1101 S Henry Ave.	Fence	2,500.00

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Cm. Metheny, **MOVED ADJOURNMENT.** The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

*Approved by council at the meeting
of January 17, 2019*

Van T. Broughton, Mayor

Attest:

Jessica R. Sutton, City Clerk