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**ELKINS COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jamie Bickel of 1010 S. Kerens Avenue addressed council regarding issues he has with his neighbor including his failure to install gutters on his house, a brush pile behind their properties which he believes to be a fire hazard, a fence that impedes his ability to see when he backs his vehicle from his driveway, and a recently issued building permit for the installation of a driveway. Mr. Bickel also believes that the City needs to address a watershed issue that is causing his home to sink.

Marly Hazen, Fourth Ward Councilor, spoke regarding a future proposal she hopes to bring to council. Ms. Hazen is suggesting that Robert E. Lee Ave be renamed to honor Katherine Johnson, a WV native known for her contributions to the world of mathematics. Ms. Hazen suggests this as a way to attract new residents and retain graduates.

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Cm. Metheny, **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2019 MEETING.** The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 260: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING ELKINS CITY CODE, CHAPTER 14, POLICE, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, AND RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ELKINS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SEC. 4.04, APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 241 (SECOND AND FINAL READING).** In accordance with Resolution 924 and the amended City of Elkins Rules of Council the chair called for a roll call vote. The clerk called roll in random order. The motion carried. Council votes were as follows:

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R. Chenoweth	Yes	M. Hazen	Yes	D. Parker	Yes
M. Cuonzo	Yes	M. Hinchman	Yes	L. Vest	No
C. Friddle III	Yes	C. Lowther	Yes		
J. Guye	Yes	C. Metheny	Yes		

Cm. Metheny, **MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1219: APPROVING INVOICES RELATING TO THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF.** The motion carried.

Cw. Cuonzo, **MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #1220: APPROVING “FULL-TIME REGULAR EMPLOYEE” STATUS AND CONFIRMING A COMPENSATION LEVEL FOR L. CRAWFORD.** The motion carried.

City Clerk J. Sutton requested input from council on the possible installation of a new sound system in downtown. Council was generally in favor of the idea, so long as very clear guidelines of usage and control were established. Municipal Properties was asked to consider it at their next meeting.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR INVOICE PAYMENTS

Cw. Hazen, **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 April 11 – 26, 2019

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
190068	Ramsey, Heather	1014 S Kerens Ave	Install Fence	900.00
190069	Davis & Elkins College	590 Campus Dr (Science Center)	Replace Boiler	151,000.00
190070	Price, Tim & Melodee	200 White Oak Ln	Install Metal Roof	13,890.00
190071	Phares, James	2 Ridge Ln	Replace Windows	4,343.00

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ISSUED BUILDING PERMITS				
Permit	Applicant	Location	Description	Value
190072	Kolsun, Phillips	220 Sylvester Dr	Drywall and Subfloor	15,000.00
190073	Bennett, Edward	126 Chestnut St Lot 3	Replace Shingles	4,000.00
190074	Jordan, Jerry	414 Glendale Ave.**	Install Metal Roof	2,500.00
190076	Carter, Clayton	203-1/2 Randolph Ave.	Repair Bathroom Damage from Fire	7,500.00
190077	Masten, Derdim	413 Kerens Ave	Sign	1,300.00
190078	Talkington, Dariel	1012 S Kerens Ave.	Driveway	900.00
190079	Strong Properties LLC	210 1/2 Kerens Ave	Repair Fire Damage	1,000.00
190080	Summerfield, Elizabeth	309 Main St.	Remodel Kitchen, Bath and HVAC, Electric	30,000.00
190081	Elza, Patrick	102 Ward Ave.	Install Metal Roof	3,600.00
190082	Nucilli, Carl & Cindy	215 Evergreen Dr	Front Porch and Bath Tub	13,000.00
190083	Washington, Chandra	22 Central St	Privacy Fence	2,000.00
190084	Clingerman, Jonathon	242 Diamond St.**	Demo Garage	2,000.00
190085	Okun, Peter	11 Key St	Electric Service Upgrade	1,000.00
		** Denotes: Flood Plain Permit Also		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cm. C. Friddle provided copies of the book Building a Vibrant Community to all council members and administrative officers for the purpose of opening discussions.

Mr. Fiddle also commented that the recent claim quoted in an Inter Mountain article that the City was fiscally irresponsible for spending money on the Rail Trail Connector was incorrect. The City funded no part of that project.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

*Approved by council at the meeting
of May 16, 2019*

Van T. Broughton, Mayor

Attest:

Jessica R. Sutton, City Clerk