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ELKINS COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

***401 Davis Avenue
Council Chamber, 2nd Floor
December 19, 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, G.M. Hinchman, C.C. Lowther, C. L. Metheny, D.C. Parker, L.H. Vest, and K.L. Wilmoth; City Treasurer T. Judy; Fire Chief T. W. Meader; Police Chief T. Bennett; City Clerk J.R. Sutton (acting as recording secretary); and Inter-Mountain Reporter B. Johnson.

Operations Manager R.P. Pingley and City Attorney G. S. Roberts were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Mullenex, owner of Gun Mart and resident of Laurel Mountain Road, acknowledges that neither his home nor his business are inside the City limits and that he cannot vote or run for city office. However, he feels taken advantage of by the City because of having to pay property taxes and the fire fee. Mr. Mullenex believes that the annexation being considered by the City is one step closer to charging him more money with no additional benefit. He also stated that no one he has talked to about annexation is in favor of it and urges council to not proceed.

PRESENTATION

Monongahela National Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran addressed council regarding his recent move to the area and his upcoming plans for the Forest. Mr. Cochran detailed some of the benefits the presence of the Forest offers, such as managing ecologic systems, providing financial support to local schools, recreation opportunities and educational programming. 2020 will be the centennial of the MNF and they expect to celebrate in collaboration with the surrounding cities. One program already underway is the Mon Forest Towns, in which the USFS intends to support the efforts of gateway communities in tourism and economic development. Accompanying Mr. Cochran was Jack Tribble, Greenbrier District Ranger; Troy Wasky, Cheat/Potomac District Ranger; and Kelly Bridges MNF Public Affairs Officer.

Director Dr. Heather Biola presented to council on behalf of the Kump Education Center. Dr. Biola was happy to present the new signage identifying the Altice Learning Lab within the Center. Altice recently donated funds towards the development of the space, several laptops, a secure storage area and the signage. Other KEC collaborators include Americorps, the YMCA, the DAR, a local beekeepers group, the DNR, D&E College, the Emma Scott Garden Club, and

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the Interact Children's Museum. Dr. Biola also advised that it has become necessary to supplement county funded education and thanked the City for their help in this.

MINUTES

Cm. Metheny, **MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2019 MEETING.** The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Cm. Chenoweth, **MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 268: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELKINS, RANDOLPH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE § 8-6-5 BY ANNEXING THERETO BY MINOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELKINS BEING PART OF HARRISON AVENUE AND THE FORMER TEXACO STATION ON HARRISON AVENUE (2ND AND FINAL READING).** The motion carried.

Cm. Chenoweth, **MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 269: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELKINS, RANDOLPH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE § 8-6-5 BY ANNEXING THERETO BY MINOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELKINS BEING PROPERTY LOCATED ON WILSON LANE KNOWN COMMONLY AS THE FORMER REIDBORD PLANT (2ND AND FINAL READING).** The motion carried.

Cm. Chenoweth, **MOVED APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 268: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELKINS, RANDOLPH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE WEST VIRGINIA CODE § 8-6-5 BY ANNEXING THERETO BY MINOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTIGUOUS TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELKINS BEING PROPERTY LOCATED ON WILSON LANE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE TYGART VALLEY APARTMENTS (2ND AND FINAL READING).** The motion carried.

Cm. Friddle, **MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 1282: REAPPOINTMENT OF V. WINN TO THE ELKINS TREE BOARD.** The motion carried.

Cm. Friddle, **MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 1283: REAPPOINTMENT OF M. DURLAND AND D. TURNER TO THE ELKINS HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION.** The motion carried.

Cm. Friddle, **MOVED APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1284: ACCEPTING CONDITIONS OF FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BB&T BANK AND THE CITY OF ELKINS, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS FOR A SANITATION TRUCK.** The motion carried.

Cm. Friddle, **MOVED TO POSTPONE RESOLUTION 1285: REAPPOINTMENT OF M. YORKEY AND D. CORBIN TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.** The motion carried.

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Cm. Parker, MOVED APPROVAL OF **RESOLUTION 1286: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SEPARATION OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPECIALIST POSITION AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POSITION WITHIN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORITY TO HIRE.** The motion carried.

Cm. Friddle, MOVED APPROVAL OF **RESOLUTION 1287: ESTABLISHING A NEW COMPENSATION LEVEL FOR THE OPERATIONS MANAGER.** The motion carried.

Cm. Metheny, MOVED APPROVAL OF **CANCELLING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ELKINS COMMON COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2, 2020.** The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR INVOICE PAYMENTS

Cm. Metheny, 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 2 – 13, 2019

CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTIFICATIONS

Council received the following correspondence and notifications:

- Issued building permits

Cm. Metheny, MOVED ADJOURNMENT. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

*Approved by council at the meeting
of MONTH DAY, YEAR*

Van T. Broughton, Mayor

Attest:

Jessica R. Sutton, City Clerk