

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE ELSMERE CITY COUNCIL
September 11, 2012
7:30 PM

LOCATION: Elsmere City Building, 318 Garvey Avenue, Elsmere, KY 41018

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lenhof called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: The invocation was given by Councilwoman Gloria Grubbs followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present:

Mayor Marty Lenhof
Councilwoman Joanne Barnett-Smith
Councilman Billy Bradford
Councilwoman Kama Greene
Councilwoman Gloria Grubbs
Councilwoman Mary Lou Neal

Councilwoman Alexis Tanner was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Grubbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 Council Meeting. Councilwoman Neal seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. **Motion carried and so ordered.**

AUDIENCE REMARKS:

There were no audience remarks.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Building Inspector Bill Stith reported for the month of August, 2012 there were 12 zoning and building permits with \$1,534,707 in total construction costs, \$3,896.30 in Building fees, \$153 in Zoning fees and the 3 houses are down on Dixie.

City Clerk-Treasurer Holli Harrison reported working on the delinquent tax bills, preparing for the 2012 tax bills to be mailed, and working on the Mayor's Group Breakfast and Business Appreciation Luncheon tentatively scheduled for October 24.

City Engineer Ray Erpenbeck provided his written report and reported that Orchard and Kenton are proceeding on schedule.

Code Enforcement Officer Rich Aliff was not present but provided Council with a written report.

Parks and Recreation Director Denise Donahue reported the summer programs would be ending this week and that acts of graffiti were down significantly in the parks. Additionally, Ms. Donahue reported looking at picnic tables for Rosella Porterfield Park and working on the Halloween Party.

Chief Tim Thames provided Council with his written report and indicated that activity was holding steady, the written test had been administered and he was now down to 36 applicants who would be taking the physical agility test.

Public Works Director Chris Zerhusen provided Council with his written report and was told by Mrs. Barnett-Smith that the Police Department looks great.

City Attorney Tom Miller reported working with Mr. Mattingly on the Code Procedures and meeting with the Code Enforcement Board about their roles and responsibilities.

Councilwoman Greene made a motion to accept the Administrative Reports. Councilwoman Barnett-Smith seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. **Motion carried and so ordered.**

City Administrator Alex Mattingly provided Council with a brief background on the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, explained the draft form for Police Officers to use for reporting code and zoning issues, discussed how Norfolk Southern Railroad is lowering the tracks along Bedinger and that the grass has been mowed at the intersection of Fox and Main.

Mayor Lenhof reported the Mayor's Group Breakfast is this Saturday and all council members are welcomed to attend.

GENERAL ITEMS:

Resolution 10-2012 – Code Enforcement Board Appointment

Councilwoman Grubbs made a motion to accept the Resolution as read. Councilwoman Barnett-Smith seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Resolution 11-2012 – Adopting Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Councilwoman Neal made a motion to accept the Resolution as read. Councilwoman Barnett-Smith seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Second Reading of Ordinance – Amending Code Enforcement Procedures

Mr. Miller performed the second reading of Ordinance 1638-2012.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 35.47 TO 35.55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, RELATED PENALTIES, AND THE ELSMERE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD.

Councilwoman Grubbs made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read. Councilwoman Greene seconded the motion. Mayor Lenhof requested a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Joanne Barnett-Smith - yes

Councilman Billy Bradford - yes

Councilwoman Gloria Grubbs - yes

Councilwoman Mary Lou Neal – yes

Councilwoman Alexis Tanner – yes

Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

First Reading of Ordinance – Adopting 2012 Tax Rate

Mr. Miller performed the first reading of Ordinance 1639-2012.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELSMERE IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELSMERE THAT IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR CITY PURPOSES BY THE USE OF THE ANNUAL COUNTY ASSESSMENT THEREOF BY THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR OF KENTON COUNTY; AND, LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX THEREON FOR THE CITY PURPOSES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR WHICH BEGINS JULY 1, 2012 AT THE RATE OF \$.218 DOLLARS FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED SO ASSESSED OF REAL PROPERTY AND AT THE RATE OF \$.177 DOLLARS FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED SO ASSESSED OF PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES AND PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.

First Reading of Ordinance – Adopting International Property Maintenance Code

Mr. Miller performed the first reading of Ordinance 1640-2012.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, INC., INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, 2012 EDITION, AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS AND FUTURE EDITIONS THERETO, SUBJECT TO THE CHANGES, DELETIONS, AND AMENDMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN, TO BE CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 155 OF THE CITY OF ELSMERE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilwoman Grubbs had a question for Mr. Miller about the placing of an \$85 fee on County Tax Bills for the Dispatch Center. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Billy Bradford reminded everyone that the NKAPC would be holding a Direction 2020 meeting discussing the reinstating TANK routes in Elsmere on September 20 at 5:30 at the Elsmere Senior Center.

Councilwoman Barnett-Smith asked if Farmers Market signs could be placed on Dixie Highway.

Councilwoman Mary Lou Neal reported Mr. Elliot at Ernie’s Garage approached about installing a sign at the top of Ash Street for all the Ash Street businesses.

Councilwoman Kama Greene had no report.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Barnett-Smith made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grubbs seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. **Motion carried and so ordered.** Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Mayor Marty Lenhof

Attest:

Holli N. Harrison, City Clerk-Treasurer