

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE ELSMERE CITY COUNCIL
October 23, 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 7:32 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: The invocation was given by Councilman Billy Bradford 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Grubbs made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012 Council Meeting with the corrections. Councilwoman Barnett-Smith seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. **Motion carried and so ordered.**

ERLANGER-ELSMERE SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT KATHY BURKHARDT:

Kathy Burkhardt, Erlanger-Elsmere Schools Superintendent was present to thank the City for their support. Boys and Girls Club is going well and come and visit any time. She also stated that on Friday, October 26 there will be a Partnership with Businesses meeting at Tichenor at 1:00 pm. Also, on Thursday, November 8, the City will be given a Certificate of Appreciation at the Board Meeting.

JUDGE/EXECUTIVE STEVE ARLINGHAUS

Judge Arlinghaus was present to speak about the 911 fee and answer any questions.

AUDIENCE REMARKS:

Linda Gossett, 627 Bedinger, was present to speak about her concerns with the 911 fees. She also spoke about the concerns with the water company notifications about turning off the water.

OVERSIGHT GROUPS REPORTS:

Administrative Oversight – Councilwoman Grubbs reported that the policy handbook is finished and asked how soon they will be distributed. Mr. Mattingly indicated they will be distributed within a month. Councilwoman Grubbs also reported about the luncheon being held the next day at the senior center at noon.

Streets – no report.

Economic Development – Councilwoman Tanner reported that there is a Residential Rental Property License Ordinance that the City is looking into. Councilwoman Grubbs stated that she has looked at it, and it is long.

Adopt-a-Troop – Councilwoman Barnett-Smith stated that there is \$500 left and wants to the money for the troops Thanksgiving and Christmas Parties. Councilwoman Grubbs suggested sending them something rather than just the money. Councilwoman Tanner suggested the troop send receipts for the parties and the City reimburse them with the \$500.

Parks & Recreation – Councilwoman Neal stated that there is stealing in the parks. Public Works Director Mr. Zerhusen stated they are trying to secure the equipment. Mr. Mattingly stated they are working on looking into lighting at Covered Bridge Park.

Code Enforcement – Councilwoman Neal stated she has not heard from the Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Lenhof and Mr. Mattingly stated there have been no meetings yet. Mr. Miller stated that there are 30 or so liens to record.

Safety Oversight – no report.

Scholarship – no report.

Mayor's Lenhof – Roof, gutters, soffits are on, building looking good and will be finished soon.

GENERAL ITEMS:

First Reading of Ordinance 1645-2012 – Economic Development Incentives

Mr. Miller performed the first reading of Ordinance 1645-2012.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, TO BE CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 119 OF THE CITY OF ELSMERE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Councilwoman Tanner made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Councilwoman Neal seconded the motion. Mayor Lenhof requested a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Joanne Barnett-Smith - yes
Councilman Billy Bradford - yes
Councilwoman Kama Greene – yes
Councilwoman Gloria Grubbs – yes
Councilwoman Mary Lou Neal – yes
Councilwoman Alexis Tanner – yes

Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

First Reading of Ordinance 1647-2012 – Park Hours

Mr. Miller performed the first reading of Ordinance 1647-2012.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES FOR CITY OF ELSMERE PARKS AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS.

Discussion Item – Residential Rental Property Inspection Program Ordinance

Talked about earlier.

Resolution 15-2012 – Supporting Dispatch Fees on Duke Energy/Owen Electric Bills

Mr. Miller performed the reading on Resolution 15-2012. Councilwoman Grubbs stated she is not comfortable with it. Councilman Bradford stated that electric companies don't collect but you pay school taxes on them. Councilwoman Tanner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilwoman Grubbs seconded. Mayor Lenhof requested a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Joanne Barnett-Smith – yes
Councilman Billy Bradford – yes
Councilwoman Kama Greene – yes
Councilwoman Gloria Grubbs – no
Councilwoman Mary Lou Neal – yes
Councilwoman Alexis Tanner – no

Motion passed with a vote of 4-2.

City Wide Loan

Application by Linda Gossett of 627 Bedinger Street to put in a new furnace. Councilman Bradford made a motion to accept the loan. Councilwoman Barnett-Smith seconded. All members present voting aye.

Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilwoman Gloria Grubbs had no report.

Councilman Billy Bradford had no report.

Councilwoman Barnett-Smith had a code enforcement issue with cats at top of Eastern and why can't animal control drive around. Also chunks of sidewalk missing at 6 Eastern and 28 Eastern.

Councilwoman Alexis Tanner had no report.

Councilwoman Kama Greene had no report.

Councilwoman Mary Lou Neal had a report about the Mary Smith Cemetery. They had a meeting last Wednesday and a committee has been formed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

KRS 61.810(1)(c) – Pending litigation – motion made to exit meeting by Councilwoman Tanner. Seconded by Councilwoman Grubbs. Exited at 9:11 pm. Motion made to return to regular meeting by Councilwoman Grubbs. Seconded by Councilwoman Tanner. No action taken. Returned at 9:30 pm.

GENERAL ITEMS CONTINUED

Second Reading of Ordinance 1646-2012 – Repealing 911 Fees on Landlines

Mr. Miller performed the first reading of Ordinance 1646-2012.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE 1583-2012 THAT ESTABLISH A MONTHLY SUSCRIBER SERVICE CHARGE OF \$4.25 FOR 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013.

Councilwoman Grubbs made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Councilwoman Tanner seconded. Mayor Lehnof requested a roll call vote.

Councilwoman Joanne Barnett-Smith – yes
Councilman Billy Bradford – yes
Councilwoman Kama Greene – yes
Councilwoman Gloria Grubbs – yes
Councilwoman Mary Lou Neal – yes
Councilwoman Alexis Tanner – yes

Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Tanner made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grubbs seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. **Motion carried and so ordered.** Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Mayor Marty Lenhof

Attest:

Jessica Lucius, Assistant City Clerk