

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES OF THE ELSMERE CITY COUNCIL

March 7, 2023

6:30 PM

LOCATION: Elsmere Community Center.

CALL TO ORDER: Councilwoman Maria Vogt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present: Mayor Marty Lenhof, Councilwoman Maria Vogt, Councilwoman Gloria Grubbs, Councilman Malcolm Daniels, Councilwoman Serena Owen, Councilwoman Missy Tester, and Councilwoman Joanne Barnett Smith.

AUDIENCE REMARKS:

Mr. Willie Ewell, 1109 Plateau Street, Mr. Ewell addressed the council concerning a tree on his property. The tree was determined to not be in the city's public right of way therefore, the city is not responsible for its removal.

Ms. Lynn Lawrence, 3791 Autumn Road, addressed the council concerning the city's discussion concerning the request to allow chickens within the city limits. She wanted to voice her opinion that she was not in favor of allowing residents to have chickens.

Mr. Eric Bunzow, 518 Ripple Creek Drive, addressed the council concerning speeding along Ripple Creek Drive.

Ms. Lindsey Fox, 125 Carlisle Street, addressed the council concerning the American Legion expansion. She stated that she is very concerned with the expansion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council Meeting Procedures Discussion – Mayor Lenhof explained the procedures for the City of Elsmere council meetings.

Code Enforcement Foreclosure Discussion – City Administrator Matt Dowling explained that the city will be bringing a resolution to start foreclosure proceedings on a property within the city.

Senate Bill 50 / House Bill 50 Discussion – City Administrator Matt Dowling discussed with the council the bills that were being proposed. The bills relate to allowing partisan elections.

KLC Certified City of Ethics Discussion – Councilwoman Serena Owen - Ms. Owen stated that she learned at the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Academy that the City of Erlanger and a few other cities in NKY are certified, but the City of Elsmere is not yet. She provided each councilmember with information concerning this at the council meeting in February. She would like to request that the City of Elsmere join other cities throughout NKY and the Commonwealth in becoming a City of Ethics via a resolution during the council meeting on March 14, 2023.

Juneteenth Discussion – Councilman Malcolm Daniels addressed the council concerning Juneteenth holiday.

Councilwoman Serena Owen attended the Kenton County Soil and Water Conservation District board meeting in January and joined their Education Committee as a representative from the Elsmere City Council. The committee met on March 7th and would like to partner with the city on upcoming initiatives.

Councilwoman Owen also attended the OKI meeting last month and they are asking for as many members of the Tri State communities as possible complete the transportation survey so they will know how to best serve our communities and allocate transportation fund. She provided the council a copy of the survey and asked that they complete it and return it to her at the council meeting on March 14th.

No Further Action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Vogt adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.



Mayor Marty Lenhof

Attest:



Misty Ezell, City Clerk