

Elkton City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2020

The special meeting of the Elkton City Council was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor Charles Remund. Council members present were David Bierman, Natalie Hagen, William Kuehl, Greg Nelson and Scott Stuefen. Council member John Miraglia was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Jeff McCormick, City Engineer with SPN; Greg Maag via Zoom with First District of local governments; City PWD, Steve Jensen and a few residents.

Motion by Bierman, second by Kuehl to approve the agenda with the addition of EMT class. All in favor – motion carried.

The council held the hearing for the Drinking Water and Clean Water Phase II utility improvement applications. City Engineer, Jeff McCormick took the floor to discuss and answer any questions about the infrastructure replacement project. The proposed phase #2 project has a total cost of \$4.8 million. Bonds for these projects will be paid back by revenue collected on utility accounts over a 30 year period. Resolution 2020-12.02 was read to approve the submission of the City's application to the DENR for the proposed water project. Motion by Hagen, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 2020-12.02. All in favor – motion carried. Resolution 2020-12.03 was read to approve the submission of the City's application to the DENR for the proposed sewer project. Motion by Kuehl, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 2020-12.03. All in favor – motion carried.

McCormick informed the council that the DENR approved the outfall line improvements as a change order. Total estimated cost would be \$42,675.00. The design contract is ready for signatures for the 3rd Street lift station. These would be approved at the January 4th meeting.

The council discussed vacation roll over for full time employees. Currently employees are allowed to carry over 40 hours into the next year. Due to circumstances the last couple years, several employees have not been able to use all of the vacation to comply with the policy. The council decided to increase the roll over allowance to 280 hours. Motion by Bierman, second by Kuehl to approve this policy change. All in favor – motion carried.

Ambulance Director, Scott Stuefen discussed the need for more EMTs. Currently only 4 volunteers respond to current calls. Brookings Ambulance as had to respond to a few because there was no one to respond. Being a volunteer service there is need for more. Stuefen requested the city pay for the class cost for 10 new EMTs and submit the receipt through the CARES Act reimbursements. Stuefen stated that many of the older EMTs are being cautious and not responding to calls to avoid exposure to COVID-19. Motion by Nelson, second by Bierman to approve the expenditure. All in favor – motion carried.

With no other business before the council. Motion by Nelson, second by Hagen to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. All in favor – motion carried.