Town of Elkton
Elkton Town Council
Regular Council Meeting
December 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.

The Regular Town Council Meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held on December 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Elkton Area Community Center, with Mayor Joshua J. Gooden presiding.

Present: Mayor Joshua J. Gooden, Vice-Mayor Randell Snow, Council Member Margaretta Isom, Council Member Heidi Zander, Council Member Louis Heidel, Council Member Jay Dean, and Council Member Steve America.

Also Present: Town Manager Greg Lunsford, Town Attorney Michael W. Helm, Chief of Police Dave Harris, Project Director Gaither Hurt, Community Development Director Delores Hammer, Treasurer Clairen Sipe, and Clerk of Council Denise Monger.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Gooden called the meeting to order and the Clerk was asked to call roll. Council Member Dean gave the Invocation. All present were asked to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, REQUESTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Wayne Printz, 336 Washington, Elkton, stated that the Town looked good and the employee's had worked very hard. He disagreed with the decision not to give the Town employees their Christmas bonus. He asked Council to reconsider. He presented a plaque to Council member Margaretta Isom for her fourteen (14) years of service to the Town as a dedicated Council member.

Council member Dean stated it had been a pleasure to work with Council member Isom and thanked her for her many years of service. He briefly discussed the financial obligation of the Jennings House; front porch needed work; and lack of security in the Treasurer's office.

Mayor Gooden thanked Council members Isom and Heidel for the service to the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Council member Dean moved, seconded by Council Member Isom, and carried to approve the Consent Agenda as discussed.

YEAS: M. Isom, H. Zander, L. Heidel, R. Snow, J. Dean, and S. America

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Lunsford recognized Town staff for their hard work on five Christmas events, moving Town operations to the Jennings House and having a grand opening. He noted the Jennings House was a wonderful asset to the Town and a beautiful building. He noted the wastewater treatment plant project was moving forward. The new Town website would be shown in January. All committee meetings scheduled for December were canceled.

Staff Reports

No additional reports were provided by the staff.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Town Attorney Miller reported on three real estate matters. A deed for the Kite Alley and a sewer easement were prepared. The Town did not have easements for all of Shenandoah Avenue. The engineer would provide him with information to draft the proper documents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Economic and Community Development (R. Snow)

Vice-Mayor Snow reported no additional business.

Water, Sewer & Electrical (J. Dean)

Council Member Dean stated the water and sewer projects were progressing on time and on budget.

Recreation and Cemetery (S. America)

Council member America wished everyone a Merry Christmas and noted he was thankful for the Town staff.

Personnel (L. Heidel)

Council member Heidel reported no additional business.

Streets and Sidewalks (H. Zander)

Council Member Zander reported no additional business.

Public Health, Safety & Ordinances and Planning Commission (M. Isom)

Council Member Isom noted the Planning Commission met on December 1, 2021 and made a subdivision recommendation. She loved working with everyone and wished all a Merry Christmas. She would support the new Council in any way she could.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CARES Act Expenses

Mayor Gooden stated the Town received letters from local organizations asking for assistance under the CARES Act. They were as follows: EDRC, Blue Ridge Garden Club, EPIC, Elkton Volunteer Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary Jr. OUAM, Elkton Neighborhood Watch, American Legion Post 0222, and Elkton Ruritans.

After Council discussion, $20,000 would divided between the organizations listed above.

Council Member America moved, seconded by Council Member Dean, and carried to split the full $20,000 between the eight organizations listed.

YEAS: J. Dean, H. Zander, R. Snow, L. Heidel, and S. America

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: M. Isom

VOTE: (5 – 0 roll call vote) Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Request From Elliott Diamond to Subdivide Lot at 207 W. Summit Avenue; Tax Map No. 131-B3-(5)-(7)-4

Council member Isom stated the Planning Commission recommended approval to subdivide the lot as submitted.

Council member Isom moved, seconded by Council Member America, and carried that the Elkton Town Council approve a request from Elliott Diamond to subdivide a lot

located at 207 W. Summit Avenue; tax map no. 131-B3-(5)-(7)-4 on a plat prepared by Clint Harman with Lineage Architects Engineers survey dated October 22, 2020.

YEAS: M. Isom, J. Dean, H. Zander, R. Snow, L. Heidel, and S. America

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 roll call vote) Motion carried

MAYORS BUSINESS

Mayor Gooden wished everyone a Merry Christmas and pleasant holiday season. He thanked staff and volunteers in the community with all of the Town holiday events. He gave a tour of the Jennings House to the Forish twins, former grandchildren of the owners of the Jennings House who were very appreciate of being able to see the house.

Adjournment

Council Member Dean moved, seconded by Council Member America, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

YEAS: M. Isom, J. Dean, H. Zander, R. Snow, L. Heidel, and S. America

NAYS: None

VOTE: (6 – 0 voice vote) Motion carried

Mayor: Joshua J. Gooden
Joshua J. Gooden

Recorder: Denise R. Monger
Denise R. Monger, Clerk