

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JANUARY 18, 2012 4:30PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold. Member present: Albert McPhearson, David Savage. City attorney, Jim Wilson, was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the December 21, 2011 regular meeting were presented to the board for approval. McPhearson made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Claims for the city and utilities were presented to the board for approval. The December end of the month claims totaled \$235,941.32 and the January claims totaled \$740,099.01. McPhearson made a motion to accept the claims for payment; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Utility adjustments were presented to the board for approval. Water adjustments totaled \$964.06, Wastewater totaled \$2,105.02, and Trash totaled \$29.23 for a total of \$3,085.35. McPhearson made a motion to accept the adjustments; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Encumbrances in the amount of \$28,310.32 were presented to the board for approval. Encumbrances are expenses from December that are paid in January with the previous year's budget. McPhearson made a motion to accept the encumbrances; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Police Chief, Sam Hanna and Assistant Chief, Jim Robertson approached the board with several issues.

1. The approval of two promotions. He would like to promote Officer Brizendine from lieutenant to captain of investigations, as well as Officer Crawford from patrolman to captain of training and shift command. Arnold took a moment to acknowledge Officer Crawford for his service in the recent water rescue. Arnold made a motion to approve the promotions; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor

2. Hanna also approached the board concerning the status of Officer Bryan Branson. He is requesting that the board allow Officer Branson to be promoted to 1st class patrolman effective January 18, 2012. He has met all necessary requirements of the department for this promotion to 1st class patrolman. Savage made a motion to promote Officer Branson to 1st class patrolman effective January 18, 2012; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

3. The police department would like to trade nine M-26 tasers to the Frankton Police Department for nine green label taser cartridges for the current tasers being used

by the police department. This would be done at no cost to the city. Savage made a motion to approve the trade of equipment; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

4. Hanna wanted the board to be aware of a lawsuit involving an accident one of the officers had. The matter has been turned over to the city attorney for further action.

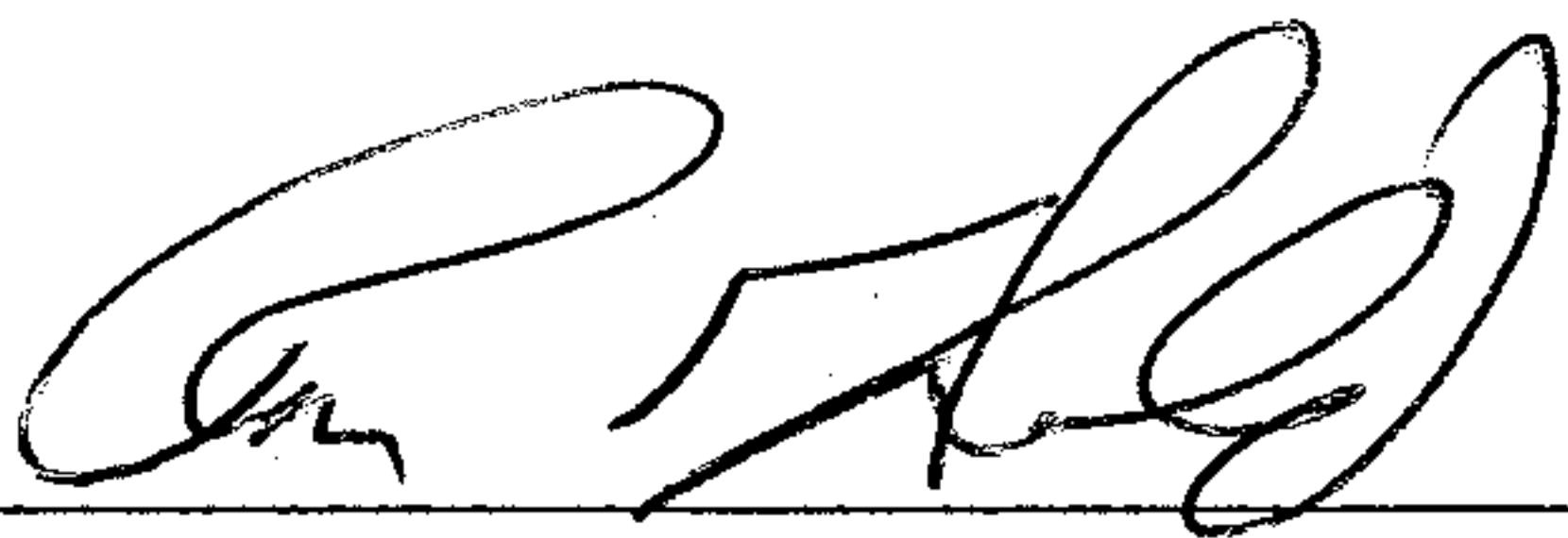
5. Robertson asked the board to consider leasing three new dodge chargers on a four year lease at a cost of \$18,001.41 per year. The department currently has eight vehicles with more than 100,000 miles. Wilson questioned if the pricing was done on the state bid. Robertson stated it was done on state bid but is not reflected in the documents. Arnold made a motion to approve the lease with the condition Wilson is presented with the state bid; seconded by McPhearson. Voting nay was Savage.

Mike Washburn, Wastewater Supervisor spoke regarding the status of the vac-con truck. The hydraulics shaft came apart along with the u-joint. New parts are on order at a cost of \$815.00 plus shipping. It also has developed a fuel leak in the tank that runs the hydraulics. Those parts are also on order at a cost of \$1,447.00 plus straps and shipping. Washburn hopes the truck will be back up in a day or two.

Arnold stated as part of the agreed order with IDEM the wastewater must do maintenance with a full crew, therefore he has asked Washburn to interview and bring forward potential employees for the position.

Glen Murray, Water Foreman alerted the board to an issue with IDEM. The city is currently in violation for not testing for TTHM's. The city has never tested for this and according to the IDEM paperwork was not requested to do so. Arnold stated this was an error on IDEM but would still be a problem for the city. Murray stated when they do the safe water drinking act public notice they will have to include the violation so the citizens will be aware.

Arnold made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Savage. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Ron E. Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST: Allison M. Atwood
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer