

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JANUARY 16, 2013 4:30PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold. Members present: Albert McPhearson, Jim Robertson. Acting City Attorney, Jeff Graham, was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the December 19, 2012 regular meeting were presented to the board for approval. Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Claims for the city and utilities were presented to the board for approval. The December end of month claims totaled \$349,729.39 and the January claims totaled \$965,361.56 McPhearson made a motion to accept the claims for payment; seconded by Robertson. All in favor.

Police Chief, Sam Hanna spoke regarding four police vehicles. The department would like to sell one Ford Crown Victoria K-9 equipped to the City of Alexandria for \$3,500.00 and the second Ford Crown Victoria to the Town of Orestes for \$4,000.00. The department would also like to trade two cars to Kutche Chevrolet towards the purchase of two Dodge Chargers that are on order. Arnold stated this would complete the car program thru 2014. Robertson made a motion to sell and trade the vehicles; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Chief Hanna also presented the board with the department's standard operating procedures for sections 2013-0001 and 2013-0002. Hanna stated he hoped to have all the sections to the board by the next meeting.

An agreement between Angela Banter and the City of Elwood was presented to the board for approval. Banter spoke regarding the agreement and her scope of services. Banter will assist the city in implementing a strategic economic plan to obtain properties through parcel assignment. Robertson made a motion to approve the agreement; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Don Stephens, representing Don Stephens Timber, presented the board with a quote to reimburse the city for trees being cut down along Duck Creek next to the Noble property. Stephens is cutting trees on the Noble property to purchase and it was brought to his attention that part of the property did in fact belong to the city. Resident, Tim Roby stated this property in question belongs to the Athletic Association for the disc golf course. Robertson made a motion to table the issue until the property ownership could be determined; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Board Member McPhearson was excused from the meeting for a prior scheduled engagement. Josh Ginder, long term control committee member, made a recommendation that the board accept Triad Engineering for the CSO Project. No action was taken on this matter due to the absence of Board Member McPhearson. Will address during a special meeting.

John Wright, Utility Union Representative, presented the board with an amendment to Article 8 of their contract to replace the holiday schedule to the one the city will be following in 2013. Robertson made a motion to accept the amendment for 2013 only; second by Arnold. All in favor.

Arnold stated to the public and all present that at no time during his term will he present a holiday schedule without the city honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It has been an embarrassment to the community to not have acknowledged this holiday until now.

Utility adjustments were presented to the board for approval. Water adjustments totaled \$830.78, Wastewater totaled \$1,368.11, and Trash totaled \$253.35 for a total of \$2,452.24. Robertson made a motion to accept the adjustments; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

Due to the absence of Board Member McPhearson, Robertson made a motion to discuss all other matters on the agenda at a special meeting on January 23, 2013 at 4:30pm; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

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

Ron E. Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer