

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
APRIL 17, 2013 4:30PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold. Members present: Albert McPhearson, Merrill Taylor. City Attorney, Jim Wilson, was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the March 20, 2013 regular meeting, March 13, 2013 executive meeting and the April 1, 2013 special meeting were presented to the board for approval. Taylor 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 March claims totaled \$886,149.33. Arnold made a motion to accept the claims for payment; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

A claim from Just Ride to Survive in the amount of \$50.00 was presented to the board for pre-approval. This claim is for the ride to benefit Alisha Copus. Taylor made a motion to approve the claim; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

A claim from Michelle Daniels in the amount of \$1,416.00 was presented to the board for pre-approval. There was no invoice or explanation to accompany the claim. Taylor made a motion to deny the claim; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

A claim from Angela Banter in the amount of \$6,500.00 was presented to the board for pre-approval. This is outside of her current contract and is the title searches for the parcels from the county commissioner. Taylor made a motion to pre-approve the claim; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor

Utility adjustments were presented to the board for approval. Water adjustments totaled \$2,051.52, Wastewater totaled \$5,924.14, and Trash totaled \$136.90 for a total of \$8,112.56. Taylor made a motion to accept the adjustments; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

A policy for utility department office/clerical employees' procedures was presented to the board for approval. This policy is to allow for 96 hours of in-service training for the year. McPhearson made a motion to accept the policy; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

A listing of parcel properties to be obtained from the county commissioner was presented for approval. Taylor made a motion to approve the listing with adjustments as needed by the city attorney; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

New officer agreements for Lucas Traylor and John Davis were presented to the board for approval. This agreement requires the officer to be employed with the city for a period of three years or pay back the cost of training. Taylor made a motion to accept the agreements; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Police Chief, Sam Hanna approached the board concerning the listed qualification for the humane officer. A discussion was held on section H and I. Section H deals with an individual carrying a misdemeanor charge and Section I was a requirement to attend the police academy. Wilson stated the wording on section I should be deleted and section H should be changed. McPhearson made a motion to approve the qualification with the changes; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Hanna also spoke concerning the status of probationary Officer Chambers. Chambers has finished the academy placing second in his class. Hanna would like the board's approval to remove Chambers from probationary status and receive 100% of his wage. Taylor made a motion to remove probationary status; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

The firm selection for the engineering services on the Agreed Order and the Long Term Control Plan for the Wastewater was determined by the board. Arnold stated this had been a long process and much work had been done to decrease the amount of funding for this project. Josh Ginder, Wastewater Superintendent, recommended to the board the approval of Triad Engineering for their ability to eliminate CSO 1 which is the biggest problem in dealing with IDEM. Councilman Rice stated the rate increase would impact the citizens but felt Triad could eliminate a lot of extra costs in pumps and equipment. Councilman Jones was also in agreement with Triad. McPhearson stated this had been an educational process and he would make a motion to approve Triad for the project; seconded by Taylor. Arnold abstained from the vote.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor; meeting adjourned.

Ron E. Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer