

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

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold. Member present: Albert McPhearson, Merrill Taylor. Acting City Attorney, Jeff Graham, was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the May 31, 2013 executive meeting, June 5, 2013 regular meeting, and the June 14, 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.

This meeting also serves as a public hearing on the Master Utility Plan.

Jerry Bridges, representing MCCOG, spoke regarding the grant. This grant is for a Master Utility Plan on water, wastewater and storm water. The grant is an OCRA grant and requires a ten percent local match. The portion paid to COG for administrating the grant counts toward the ten percent match. The application for the grant is due in the middle of August.

Glen Murray, Utilities Foreman, spoke regarding the Master Utility Plan. A committee that consisted of Glen Murray, Dewayne Cosby, Josh Ginder and Alan Moore was formed to research the seven engineering proposals that were received. The committee narrowed the proposals down to three. Murray stated it was the committee's recommendation that the board approve the proposal from Triad. Taylor made a motion to enter into negotiations with Triad; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Arnold made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Claims for the city and utilities were presented to the board for approval. The June end of month claims totaled \$399,105.21 and the July claims totaled \$1,143,891.40. Taylor made a motion to accept the claims for payment; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Utility adjustments were presented to the board for approval. Water adjustments totaled \$334.79, Wastewater totaled \$2,663.20, and Trash totaled \$320.19 for a total of \$3,318.18. McPhearson made a motion to accept the adjustments; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

A claim from Youri Dogs, LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00 was presented to the board for pre-approval. This claim is for the third K-9 dog, Andre, and training. Taylor made a motion to pre-approve the claim and pay from the restricted k-9 fund; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

An agreement between Miller-Huggins and the Wastewater Plant in the amount of \$425.00 yearly was presented to the board for approval. This agreement is for copier maintenance. Taylor made a motion to accept the agreement; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

An agreement between Government Fixed Asset Services and the City of Elwood in the amount of \$4,950.00 plus expenses was presented to the board for approval. This agreement is for documentation of the fixed assets for the city. Arnold made a motion to accept the agreement; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

An agreement between Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. and the City of Elwood was presented to the board for approval. Street Commissioner, Jim Robertson introduced the board to John Speidel, Vice President of the firm. Robertson stated Speidel had been very informational and could help save the city money on the paving project. The agreement is a general service agreement and not to exceed \$25,000.00. Taylor made a motion to accept the general service agreement and execute a letter of intent for use on the paving project; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Robertson also stated two employees had passed the certification through Purdue and are currently spraying for mosquitoes. The line item for the chemicals may need to be increased for the following year.

A claim from Otto's Parking Marking in the amount of \$1,466.00 was presented to the board for pre-approval. This claim is for the parking lines at the park and the striping on the basketball courts. Taylor made a motion to pre-approve the claim; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

A claim from 1st Time Development in the amount of \$175.00 was presented to the board for pre-approval. This claim is for employee, Jeff Alvey to take the CDL test. This money must be paid prior to scheduling the test. Arnold made a motion to pre-approve the claim; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

A utility adjustment for First Pentecostal Church was presented to the board for approval. Arnold stated he had reviewed this case and believes the meter is malfunctioning. Arnold would like the board to approve the adjustments of water \$532.97 and wastewater \$1,318.32 for a total of \$1,851.29 and have the meter replaced. McPhearson made a motion to approve the adjustment and replace the meter; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

A proposal from SESCO Group in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 was presented to the board for approval. Darin Reese, representing SESCO, stated that IDEM was requiring residential drinking water well sampling at ten residential properties surrounding the State Plating Facility. After testing of the samples, SESCO will prepare a brief summary of the

findings for submittal to IDEM. Arnold made a motion to accept the proposal and fund with Redevelopment monies; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Councilman Pat Rice questioned the proper procedure of the council acquiring its own attorney and who can spend the line item. Graham stated it should be done through a motion at a council meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Allison Atwood stated an anonymous donation had been received to reimburse this line item.

Arnold stated he would like to address the concern of a citizen about the driving of a city vehicle to Ft. Wayne. According to the city mechanic the trailblazer is experiencing some electrical issues and the street commissioner approached Arnold with driving the vehicle for an extended distance thus the reason for traveling on I-69 to Ft. Wayne. The gas was personally paid for by Arnold. Robertson apologized to the board for his negligence in this matter. Arnold stated there was no apology need. Taylor made a motion for the city vehicle to be driven for extended distances as long as mayor of the city; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Resident, Scott Roby questioned why this matter was not addressed during the council meeting when it was brought into question. Robertson stated the council meeting was not the appropriate place to address this matter. Arnold stated that was why he is addressing it now and how appalled he was that the citizen jumped to conclusions without asking for the real reason.

A contract between Kokomo Humane Society and the City of Elwood was presented to the board for approval. This contract allows the Animal Control Officer to take animals to Kokomo to be surrendered. The cost will be \$15 per day for the three holding days of the city policy. Arnold stated this was a budget that will need to be monitored and only vicious animal could be dealt with at this time due to funding. Taylor stated citizens need to realize the need for the new shelter. Taylor made a motion to approve the contract; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Arnold announced that Will Maluvac had passed all training and is now a certified Animal Control Officer.

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

Ron E. Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer