

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 4, 2013 7:00PM**

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold. Members present: Brent Boston, Kim Everson, Todd Jones, Matt Leeson, Eric Reese, Tim Roby and David Savage. City Attorney, Jim Wilson, was present for the meeting.

Minutes for the January 7, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Leeson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Reese. All in favor.

Janet Wood, representing Relay for Life, announced to the public that registration would be February 25, 2013 at 7:00pm at the First Missionary Baptist Church. The relay will be held June 28, 2013.

Captain Phil Caldwell approached the council concerning an ordinance that would allow for a twelve dollar fee to be added to all traffic tickets and physical arrests that are charged through the Elwood City Court. This fee would provide additional funding for the Police Departments fuel line. Wilson stated an ordinance could be drafted for the next meeting.

Leeson stated the employee of the quarter slips went out in the last paycheck and are due back in two weeks.

Compliance statements for Dunn-Rite and Red Gold were discussed. Reese stated a visit to Red Gold was scheduled for February 5, 2013 and a meeting with Dunn-Rite would be scheduled by the end of week.

John Wright, Utility Union Representative, approached the council concerning clothing allowance. The union would like an increase in their clothing allowance from \$600.00 to \$1,500.00 per year. Roby stated the council was currently looking into the cost of uniforms for the city. Wright stated the union would like the option of choosing the clothing allowance or the uniforms. Roby made a motion to table the issue until the uniform study was complete; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

Jeff Copus, FOP representative, spoke regarding the changes to the clothing and longevity portions of their contract. Wilson questioned if the COIT figures had been looked at for the coming year. Roby stated he would sit down with Copus and go over the figures for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUND. Atwood stated this resolution was to allow for the purchase of

additional UPM to fill pot holes. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2013-01; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Resolution 2013-01 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Resolution 2013-01 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Leeson – aye, Reese – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Resolution 2013-01 passed.

Wilson addressed a change to the zoning ordinance that will be coming to the council. The Planning commission voted to remove agriculture as a special exception in the zoning ordinance. Wilson stated this meeting will serve as a public hearing on this issue.

Savage made a motion to open the public hearing; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

No public comment was given.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Jones questioned the status of the warning sirens. Chief Hanna stated the sirens were working and being tested each week.

Jones requested the status of the intersection of North K Street and North 19th Street. Street Commissioner, Jim Robertson stated he was looking at stop signs that had built in LED lights. Arnold suggested Robertson contact the engineers for the Safe Routes to School Grant and see if the signs could be covered through that grant.

Jones also questioned the status of the dead end street at 2500 South E Street. Wilson stated he had not looked at a map for the issue yet. Building Commissioner, Tom Doan stated he would look at the map and let Wilson know.

Jones made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Boston. All in favor; meeting adjourned.

Ron E. Arnold, Mayor

Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: _____
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer