

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA  
ELWOOD MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
JULY 1, 2013 7:00 P.M.

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, Pat Rice, Eric Reese, Tim Roby, and David Savage.

Minutes for the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 Regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

A video was shown about the progress of The City of Elwood by Mayor Arnold.

Citizen, Jim Luurtsema, lives on 37 in Elwood and addressed the council on the upcoming ordinance 2173. He gave reports of spending for the utility. Mayor Arnold asked him to stop talking because he had two minutes to address the council.

Citizen, Rhonda Luurtsema, lives on 37 in Elwood and addressed the council on how the utility raises will be affecting a low income 99 year old citizen of Elwood. She was asking that the citizen be thought about during purchases from the utility.

Citizen, Chad Haynes that lives at 2121 So. J. St, Elwood, Indiana explained that he has been happy with the decisions that City Council has made in their term. He explained that he believe any spending should go in front of City Council members that were voted by citizens not appointed.

Citizen, Janet Wood that lives at 2102 So. I. St., Elwood, Indiana spoke about Relay for Life and stated they raised around \$18,000.

Citizen, Kelli Boyland that lives at 804 North Anderson St., Elwood, Indiana. She asked if the City vehicle usage was in effect. The council explained yes. She wants to know if the new ordinance for spending authority will stop spending that is questionable for example the Families Forever claim. Councilman Roby explained this ordinance would put a checks and balance into the spending.

Glen Murray, Utility Forman, explained the Consumer Confidence Report is for the water department. There were no violations found in this report.

Dewayne Cosby, Utility Union Representative spoke on behalf of the Wastewater on-call ordinance 2162. The three people that will be on-call for waste-water live in city limits. Also, Josh Ginder spoke on behalf of this 2162 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment and explained the on-call people will log calls.

ORDINANCE NO. 2162 3<sup>RD</sup> AMENDMENT- AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND HOURLY COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE ELWOOD UTILITIES MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood, explained this is for the \$50.00 on-call for the Waste Water workers. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2162; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2162 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2162 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll Call vote: Boston - aye, Everson - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Reese - aye, Roby - aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2162 passed.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood, explained this ordinance is for John Davis to receive academy pay at 40 hours during academy only at 90 percent.

ORDINANCE NO. 2160 3<sup>RD</sup> AMENDMENT- AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND HOURLY COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF ELWOOD CIVIL CITY, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2160; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Ordinance 2160 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 Ordinance 2160 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll Call vote: Boston - aye, Everson - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Reese - aye, Roby - aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2160 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2169- ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 130.02 OF THE ELWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2169; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Ordinance 2160 read title only. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2169 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll Call vote: Boston - aye, Everson - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Reese - aye, Roby - aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2169 passed.

Councilman, Eric Reese, presented the ordinance to the council and explains the ordinance and his stance on the spending. He explained there have been purchases that he does not agree on and some that he does, but feels that from the reports he has seen and because of the preliminary audit from State Board of Accounts he asks the council to take action with this ordinance.

Councilman, Pat Rice, spoke on the hiring of a lawyer/council staff. The council body can may hire a attorney, but it has to be as the body. Rice explained he was not contacted along with Savage, Everson, and Boston. He says this was an unauthorized expense paid. He is very upset that they went behind their backs. He feels this ordinance is illegal and violates separation of power.

ORDINANCE NO. 2173- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ELWOOD COMMON COUNCIL CONCERNING THE SPENDING APPROVALS BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Boston made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2173; seconded by Reese. All in favor was Boston, Everson, Jones, Reese, Roby and Savage; Nay was Rice. Ordinance 2173 read title only. Boston made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Reese. All in favor was Boston, Everson, Jones, Reese, Roby; Nay was Savage and Rice. Ordinance 2173 did not pass because the ordinance did not have unanimous consent.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood, explained that this ordinance pertained to even safety. Assistant Chief, Philip Caldwell, explained the plan in more detail for the Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2174- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING EVENT SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2174; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Ordinance 2174 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 Ordinance 2174 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll Call vote: Boston - aye, Everson - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Reese - aye, Roby - aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2174 passed.

Reese made a motion to have a special meeting on a Monday at 7 pm. Mayor Ron Arnold called councilman Reese's motion out of order and that he could not make a special meeting.

Mayor Arnold ask for a motion for adjournment. Rice made a motion to adjourn;

Councilman Roby then ask Councilwoman Everson and Councilman Boston if they were aware of the ordinance at hand in which they both say yes they were aware of the ordinance. Everson explained I told Councilman Rice I was aware of the ordinance, and Boston explained he was aware just did not know the steps in the process or where they were with the process.

The adjournment was seconded by Savage after the Mayor Arnold asked for a second. The All in favor motion did not happen. Everyone exited the meeting.

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Ron E. Arnold, Mayor

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Council President/President Pro-Tem

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