

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JUNE 18, 2014 4:30PM**

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

Minutes from the May 21, 2014 regular and executive meetings and the June 11, 2014 regular and executive meetings were presented to the board for approval. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

Claims for the city and utilities were presented to the board for approval. The end of month May claims totaled \$359,846.41 and the June claims totaled \$1,262,429.45. Taylor made a motion to accept the claims for payment; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

A claim for Government Fixed Assets in the amount of \$4,950.00 plus expenses for fixed asset services was presented to the board for approval. Arnold made a motion to accept the claim; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

A claim for Decatur Electronics in the amount of \$7,020.00 for video systems in the police Tahoe's was presented to the board for approval. Taylor made a motion to accept the claim; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

A claim for Darmata in the amount of \$1,200.00 for a band performance at the Pet Fest payable through donation monies was presented to the board for approval. Taylor made a motion to accept the claim; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

ERC claims totaling \$27,205.29 were presented to the board for approval. Arnold made a motion to approve the ERC claims; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

An agreement between Miller-Huggins and the Elwood Wastewater in the amount of \$425.00 for copier maintenance was presented to the board for approval. Arnold made a motion to approve the agreement; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Police Chief, Phil Caldwell approached the board concerning the hiring of two new officers. Caldwell introduced Kyle Comer and Richard Stires and their families. The pension board has voted to approve both officers and they have received approval from PERF. Taylor made a motion to approve employment; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

Caldwell presented the board information regarding a training class for Jeff Copus and himself to attend. The training is to be a certified public safety manager. The cost of this

training is \$2,392.00 for both but Caldwell is trying to receive a grant to help offset the cost. Taylor made a motion to approve the training; seconded by Arnold. All in favor.

Caldwell also approached the board regarding door handle replacement in the police department. This cost is around \$2,500.00. Arnold made a motion to replace the handles with the monies coming from maintenance contractual; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Assistant Fire Chief, Mark Sullivan approached the board regarding the departments SOP's. The changes have been given to the attorney and are awaiting approval. Graham recommended tabling for review. Arnold made a motion to table for review; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Arnold made a motion to table discussion on State Plating until McPhearson could be present; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Arnold made a motion to table discussion on the old utility property; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Utility Foreman, Glen Murray presented a quote from Peerless Midwest for cleaning and possible repairs to well #9 behind "P" Street Plant. Murray stated if there should be a problem with the well after cleaning the estimated repairs could be around \$25,500.00. Murray also presented a repair quote for the high service pump #2 at "B" Street in the amount of \$19,736.00. Arnold made a motion to allow repairs not to exceed \$26,000.00 at "P" Street and not to exceed \$20,000.00 at "B" Street; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

An Engineering Service Agreement between Triad and the Elwood Utility in an amount not to exceed \$51,500.00 was presented to the board. This agreement is for the approved scope of services on the Master Utility Plan. Arnold made a motion to approve the agreement as presented by Triad and endorsed by COG; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

A quote from Miller's Excavating in the amount of \$52,600.00 for the demolition and fill of the property located at 300 South 18th Street was presented to the board for approval. Arnold made a motion to accept the quote; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Arnold made a motion to suspend the meeting and open the public hearing; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Jerry Bridges, representing MCCOG, stated this was the first of two public hearings for the Master Utility Plan. Bridges explained the grant process for this project and the benefits of having the Master Utility Plan in place for the future.

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

