

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 4:30PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold followed by a prayer. Members present: Albert McPhearson and Merrill Taylor. Acting City attorney, Jeff Graham, was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the August 20, 2014 regular meeting, August 29, 2014 special meeting and the September 3, 2014 executive meeting were presented to the board for approval. McPhearson made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Claims for the city and utilities were presented to the board for approval. The September claims totaled \$780,701.38. Taylor questioned a claim to Bingham, Farrer & Wilson in the amount of \$400.00. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated it was for their time at a financial luncheon not for actual food. Taylor made a motion to accept the claims for payment; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

A claim for Howell Rescue Systems in the amount of \$102.00 for a hood release tool was presented to the board for approval. Taylor made a motion to accept the claim; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Utility adjustments were presented to the board for approval. Water adjustments totaled \$1,125.61, Wastewater totaled \$2,531.48, and Trash totaled \$207.60 for a total of \$3,864.69. McPhearson made a motion to accept the adjustments; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Police Chief, Phil Caldwell approached the board concerning the hiring of a new officer. Caldwell introduced Brandon Leisure. Leisure is currently serving as a reserve and will be replacing Officer Bertram. Caldwell recommended to the board they extend conditional employment pending PERF. Taylor made a motion to offer employment contingent on the approval of PERF; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Caldwell also requested the board allow the department to scrap a 2000 Chevy Impala take no longer is running. The transmission and motor are both shot. McPhearson made a motion to scrap the vehicle; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

A letter from an employee requesting FMLA beginning September 22, 2014 was presented to the board for approval. Taylor made a motion to approve the FMLA; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

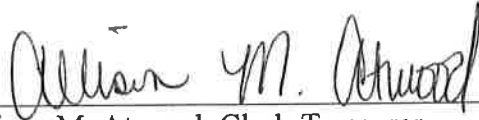
Taylor recommended to the board that the three trees in front of Star Financial Bank be removed due to the amount of birds and the droppings. Taylor believes the trees should be replaced with planters. Taylor made a motion to remove the trees with the approval of Star Financial Bank; seconded by McPhearson. Arnold – abstained.

Jeff Graham stated the agreements for the leasing and subleasing of Huntington Bank for the Festival of Lights should be presented at next meeting for approval.

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



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Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



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