

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JANUARY 22, 2014 7:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Members present: Brent Boston, Kim Everson, Todd Jones, Pat Rice, Tim Roby and David Savage. Member absent: Eric Reese. City attorney Jim Wilson was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the December 2, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Roby made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

Jones made a motion to keep all sub-committees the same; seconded by Roby. All in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated the city had been able to save money with the changes in health insurance and workman's compensation to offset the effect of the circuit breaker. Arnold thanked the clerk's office for all their help in getting this process accomplished.

Jones stated the planning committee met and will address their topic later in the meeting.

Boston made a motion to elect Roby council president and Jones president pro-tem; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Wilson spoke regarding the possible annexation of Forest Hills and Country Club Road. Fifty-one percent of the residents are in favor of the annexation and the city would not be required to move the utilities out to them. Redevelopment President, Tom Austin stated the golf course is a vital piece in acquiring more companies to move to Elwood. Austin would like the council to approve \$10,000.00 in the RDC budget to be spent on the option to purchase the golf course, thus buying more time to review annexation. Jones question if this issue would go before the annexation committee. Wilson stated if the process to annex moves forward. Jones made a motion spend \$10,000.00 from the RDC to further review annexation; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

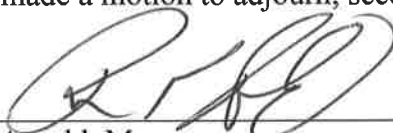
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ELWOOD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S TO BORROW MONEY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE. Wilson stated the ERC needs the council's approval to move forward with borrowing monies to acquire the old AEP building. Jones made a motion to table Resolution 2014-01 for further review; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELWOOD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION’S RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ELWOOD TAX ALLOCATION AREA AND SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL PARCELS THEREIN. Wilson stated this would allow O’Reilly to be added to the TIFF district. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2014-02; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2014-02 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Resolution 2014-02 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – aye. Resolution 2014-02 passed.

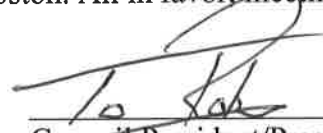
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03 – A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE INDIANA CONSTITUTION CONCERNING MARRIAGE (House Joint Resolution 3). Jones stated to the public this was a non-binding agreement stating the council does not agree with HJR3. Roby made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2014-03; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Resolution 2014-03 read title only. Roby made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Roby made a motion to vote on Resolution 2014-03 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – aye. Resolution 2014-03 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2181 AS AMENDED – 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 stated this was to allow employees of the Wastewater to receive a higher wage if they are a special equipment operator and are also operator certified at the plant. This is comparable to the wage of a similar position at the Water Department. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2181 as amended; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2181 as amended read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2181 as amended roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – aye. Ordinance 2181 as amended passed.

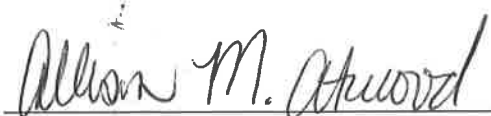
Savage made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Boston. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 

Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer