

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MARCH 3, 2014 7:00PM**

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

Minutes from the January 22, 2014 regular meeting and the February 13, 2014 special meeting were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Jim Waters residing at 1034 North 19th Street inquired as to why the no parking signs on South J St between South 22nd St and South Anderson were missing. Jones stated there had been no ordinance changes and they would speak to the Street Commissioner about this.

Tom Austin stated as a member of the ERC and ECDC he would like to be involved in all discussions pertaining to Cattails and AEP.

Jones stated the chamber held an organizational meeting and would be having another meeting March 11, 2014.

Reese stated the tax abatement committee had received the compliance statement for Elwood Holdings and would have more information for next meeting.

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. Eric Reedy, representing Reedy Financial, explained the financial status of the ERC. Jones questioned if there was a surplus in the general fund for the city. Reedy stated the cash balance from 2013 was maintained. Jones made a motion to amend the resolution to state must house a tax paying entity; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2014-01; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Resolution 2014-01 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 Resolution 2014-01 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Jones – aye, Everson – aye, Reese – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – aye. Resolution 2014-01 passed.

Wilson stated due to a state moratorium on annexation the council needed to introduce the following ordinances and resolutions prior to April 1, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 2187 - AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION. This ordinance and resolution is for proposed annexation of Forest Hills. Savage made a motion for introduction only; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2188 - AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION. This ordinance and resolution is for proposed annexation of Updegraff Furniture. Savage made a motion for introduction only; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2189 - AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION. This ordinance and resolution is for proposed annexation of Swifty's. Savage made a motion for introduction only; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2190 – SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE. Police Chief, Phil Caldwell explained the need for this ordinance. Alexandria and Pendleton both have passed a similar ordinance. Caldwell also explained with this ordinance in place the department could receive grants for related equipment. Roby stated he would like to have a meeting with all involved parties to discuss wording of the ordinance. Rice made a motion to table; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND. Jones stated funds in the budget were ear marked for paying Reedy Financial and this transfer is necessary to protect those funds. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2014-09; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2014-09 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 2014-09 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Jones – aye, Everson – aye, Reese – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – aye. Resolution 2014-09 passed.

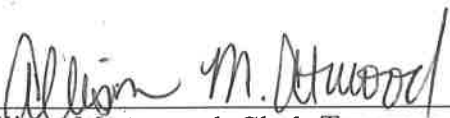
Jones made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Rice. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 

Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer