

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAY 5, 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, and Tim Roby. Member absent: David Savage. City attorney, Jim Wilson was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the April 7, 2014 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

Tom Austin questioned the best way to inform the council as a whole of the progress at Cattails. Roby stated it will be placed on the June agenda.

Pamela Hill, 120 ½ S. Anderson Street, expressed her concern regarding the possible change in downtown parking. Changing to no parking from 2:00 am to 5:00 am would kill her business. Who would enforce this change and can it be done on a state highway.

Janet Wood announced that the Relay for Life would be held June 27, 2014 and would like all residents to please show support.

Resident, Bob Ewing spoke in favor of keeping the golf course.

Business owner, Beth Moser spoke regarding the need for more downtown parking and her concern over the possible change in parking hours.

Reese stated the tax abatement committee met with Red Gold concerning compliance statements. The issue of back taxes was discussed and current is in the appeals process. Red Gold has paid a portion of the taxes pending appeal. Jones made a motion to pass the compliance statement; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

Jones stated the chamber committee met and will be announcing a golf outing at Edgewood soon.

ORDINANCE NO. 2193 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. This ordinance is to appropriate additional monies into the sanitation fund. Jones stated this money was to acquire a new recycle truck. Jones had been out to look at the current truck and it is not safe for the employees to drive. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2193; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2193 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 2193 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Reese – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2193 passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION.

This resolution transfers monies within the funds to allow for the new police vehicles and street department equipment. Jones questioned the cost of the street equipment. Savage made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2014-11 amending local road & street fund to \$12,000.00; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Resolution 2014-11 read title only.

Savage made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Savage made a motion to vote on Resolution 2014-11 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Jones – aye, Everson – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – aye. Resolution 2014-11 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2057 4th Amendment – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING INCREMENT, LONGEVITY, HOLIDAY PAY, UNIFORM ALLOWANCE; AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS COMPENSATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS DETERMINING SENIORITY RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO POLICE OFFICERS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. This amendment is to add additional wording to the specialty section for police officers. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2057 4th Amendment; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2057 4th Amendment 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 2057 4th Amendment roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Reese – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2057 4th Amendment passed.

Jones stated the information in the packets regarding parking is for discuss only and would like to gather some input on the matter. Rice stated he did not see a reason to restrict parking from 2:00am to 5:00am.

ORDINANCE NO. 2194 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.51 OF THE CODE OF ELWOOD. This ordinance is to address the issue of on-site storage containers. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2194; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2194 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 2194 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Reese – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2194 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2196 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODE OF ELWOOD. Reese stated this ordinance is to address the traffic issues that Officer Lovell brought before the council previously. Assistant Fire Chief, Mark Sullivan stated the department had no input regarding these changes. Street Commissioner, Jim Robertson stated he would like to see North 18th Street stay one way. Jones made a motion to table for further review; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2196 tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 2197 – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ELWOOD,

INDIANA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated this ordinance was to allow the ordinances past last year to be added to the code book. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2197; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2197 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 2197 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Reese – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2197 passed.

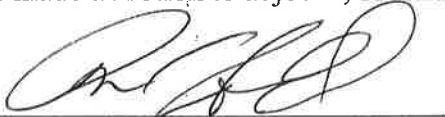
Police Chief, Phil Caldwell recommended the issue of a special officer be tabled due to the fact the school board has yet to pass. Boston made a motion to table; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION. City Attorney, Jim Wilson stated this was the fiscal plan for the old Swifty property. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2014-08; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Resolution 2014-08 read title only. Jones made a motion to vote on Resolution 2014-08 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Reese – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Resolution 2014-08 passed.

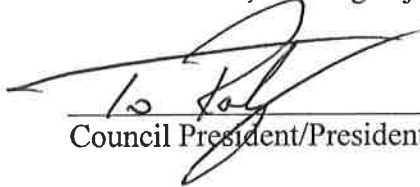
ORDINANCE NO: 2189 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. City Attorney, Jim Wilson stated this ordinance was to allow the annexation of the old Swifty property that was purchased by Ricker’s. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2189; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2189 read title only. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2189 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Reese – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2189 passed.

Jones thanked Tom Doan and Jim Robertson for adding the parking at Washington Park and the rumble strips by the school.


Jones 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