

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 7:00PM**

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

Minutes from the August 4, 2014 and the February 3, 2014 regular meetings were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Everson. All in favor.

Randy Simmons, 9164 West 1050 North, presented a petition of signatures against the annexation to the council.

Pastor Jeff Hill, 700 North 14th, requested the intersection of North "F" and North 14th streets be made into a four-way stop. It is difficult for his church members to cross the street because of the speeding vehicles as well as it being a concern for the safety of neighborhood children. Police Chief Caldwell stated officers would sit and observe the area but he was aware of the concern and felt that this should be done.

Tracy Beeman, 9181 W. Lake Dr., questioned why the city did not post the entire agenda in the paper. Beeman stated the school was required to do so and would like someone to look into whether the city was required to do so as well.

Resident, Burl Tyner asked if the council could have all those speaking to please come forward to the microphone so all in attendance could hear.

Jerry White, 3149 Independence Dr., questioned how he would go about starting a neighborhood watch program in holiday manor. Jones suggested speaking with Police Chief Caldwell on the matter.

Jones stated the chamber did not meet due to the glass festival.

Jones also stated he had been approached by Cattails and they would like the city to consider tax abatements for the empty lots.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-16 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND. This resolution is for transferring monies in the general fund. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2014-16; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Resolution 2014-16 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 2014-16 roll call vote; seconded by

Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Heim – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Resolution 2014-16 passed.

Amended Statement of Benefits for Elwood Fire Equipment were presented the council for approval. Wilson stated this amendment was due to the size of the project being bigger than originally figured. Jones made a motion to approve the amended SB-1's; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2187 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. This ordinance is to annex Forest Hills. Jones made a motion to deny due to lack of a business plan and resident petition against; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2187 dead.

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

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated the public hearing was on the 2015 budget.


Kelli Boyland, 804 N. Anderson, questioned if there was any change to the animal shelter budget from last year to accommodate the new building and the lack of pay for the animal control officer. Atwood stated there was no change in the budget. Wilson stated that the animal shelter was trying to become a 501-3c non-profit to help with finding other means of financial assistance.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the meeting; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

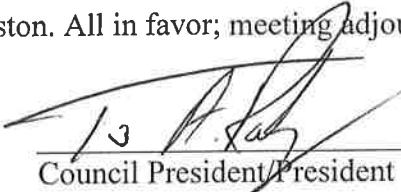
ORDINANCE NO. 2200 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. This ordinance allows for the promotional spending from the mayor's budget to promote the city. Boston made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2200; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2200 read title only. Boston made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Boston made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2200 roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Heim – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2200 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2201 - AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION. This ordinance and resolution is for proposed annexation of the old Elwood Motor Court. Roby made a motion for introduction only; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

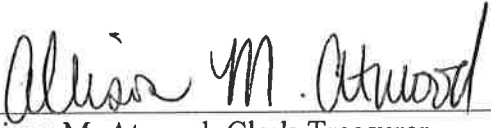
Jones made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Boston. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 

Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer