

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 1, 2016 5:30PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Jones. Member present: Kelli Boyland, Mark Crim, Kim Everson, Todd Jones and Tim Roby. City attorney, Jeff Graham was present for the meeting.

Adjustments for City Utilities in the amount of \$947.79 were presented to the board for approval. Crim made a motion to accept the adjustments; seconded by Boyland. All in favor.

Claims for the city and utilities were presented to the board for approval. The claims were from January 21st through January 31, 2016 in the amount of \$522,255.52. Jones made a motion to approve the claims; seconded by Everson. All in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Allison Atwood presented an additional claim for JW Marriott in the amount of \$350.55 to the board for approval. This claim is for the hotel room in New Orleans for the Elwood Fire Chief Brad Compton and Elwood Assistant Fire Chief Mark Sullivan to be staying in while visiting Ferrara Fire Apparatus. During this time engineers along with Compton and Sullivan will be laying out the specification for Elwood's new fire truck. Boyland made a motion to approve the additional claim; seconded by Crim.

Mayor Todd Jones discussed the City of Elwood Sidewalk Chalk Program that would be administered by the Elwood Street Department. The citizens would pay 100% of the materials and we would provide the labor. Jeff Graham, city attorney, hasn't looked at this to date. Roby made a motion to table the program; seconded by Crim.

Assistant Fire Chief Mark Sullivan presented to the board the 2016 Letter of Engagement with Rooney & Co, LLC in the amount of \$4,000.00 for approval. Sullivan explained this is the third year for using Rooney for her services and explained the process in getting the fire department a reimbursement from Medicaid. Roby made a motion to approve the 2016 Letter of Engagement with Rooney & Co; seconded by Crim.

Special Projects/Planner Bill Savage presented the LPA Consulting Contract with DLZ; 22nd Street Right of Way Acquisition; Supplemental Agreement #1 Reconstruction of 22nd Street and explained each of these to the board. Everson made a motion to table each of these; seconded by Boyland.

RESOLUTION BW 2016-04 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF THE DEPARTMENT FUEL TANK. The resolution will allow the resident to pay the fee to move the tank because it is 300 feet from the house and preventing them from obtaining needed financing for a home. Boyland made a motion to pass Resolution BW 2016-04; seconded by Crim. All in favor.

Police Chief Jason Brizendine approached the board regarding trading in the Elwood Police Departments Explorer, Trailblazer and two old vehicles plus \$3,300.00 to purchase a brand new Ford Explorer from Tipton Ford. This will reduce the Elwood Police Departments insurance rates and leave the department with 3 pool vehicles.

RESOLUTION BW 2016-05 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-03. Sheila McPhearson, Park Board president, explained that the resolution needs to be passed to expunge former park employee Aakami Roberts' record. McPhearson said Roberts was found not guilty from Park Board and a state unemployment judge. Roberts came up and explained she wants to get this off her record and asked to expunge her record so she can move forward with a positive change. Sandy Ratliff said she was in support of Roberts. Jim Rebuck came up and said he wants this removed not to hire her back but to get it off her record. Jeff Graham explained we have two things to expunge, the folder and resolution. McPhearson explained she was found not guilty from the justice department of unemployment. Graham explained that it is not an actual verdict. Graham said previous Board of Works was unanimous to fire her. We have extensive record in Clerk-Treasurer's office.

2016-05 is just a policy change. We can table or vote on one or two. 1) Expungement 2) Vote on Resolution. McPhearson explained again this is the right thing to do. Roberts came back up and said she has never been in trouble in any department in the city; she always works hard; she states "I just love the park, and I have worked hard, and I could do it for free." Graham explained there was a quote from a news story that says I get to live there, but I only work 25 hours for payment. He explained that the old board of works members felt she changed her time card to reflect that quote. Graham explained she wasn't stealing from the city as she was making her hours shorter when she changed the time card. Jim Rebuck wants to move forward and to get over it. Jones asked for a motion to expunge her record; seconded by Everson and Roby; Boyland – nay.

Glen Murray, Utility foreman, and Lou Savka, of Triad Association, approached the board explaining the need of a Vacuum Truck to replace the current one that is a 1999. Savka said there's available funding through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) which won't raise the current rate. Savka told the board quotes were obtained from different vendors for the new Vacuum Truck and request Vector from Jack Doheny Companies in the amount of \$369,489.00 and meets all required specifications. Savka said Jack Doheny Companies will offer a \$20,000.00 trade for the city's current vac truck. Crim made a motion to approve the purchase and use of SRF; seconded by Boyland. All in favor.

Aakami Roberts approached the board to tell them thank you for voting to expunge her record.

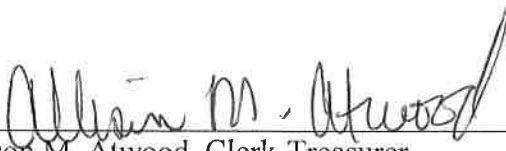
Christy Clark also approached the board to wish Mayor Todd Jones a Happy Birthday.

Boyland made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Crim. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Todd Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:


Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer