

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 3, 2016 7:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Jones, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Members present: Kim Everson, Chuck Kane, Linda Moore, Tim Roby, Marc Slayton, Jim Watters, and John Wright. City Attorney, Jeff Graham was present for the meeting.

Jones reading a proclamation declaring October 2016 domestic violence awareness month.

Kane stated the meeting for the walking trail in Elwood would be October 27, 2016 from 4-7 at the Elwood library.

Minutes from the September 7, 2016 special meeting were presented to the council for approval. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Slayton. All in favor.

Minutes from the September 12, 2016 special meeting were presented to the council for approval. Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Roby. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2253 – 2017 BUDGET. The 2017 budget was presented for its final passage. Slayton made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2253; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2253 read title only. Slayton made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Watters. All in favor. Slayton made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2253 by roll call vote; seconded by Watters. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2253 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2259 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND HOURLY COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF ELWOOD CIVIL CITY, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. This is the salary ordinance for all civil city employees for 2017. Watters made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2259; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Ordinance 2259 read title only. Wright made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Slayton. All in favor. Wright made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2259 by roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2259 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2260A – 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. This is the salary ordinance for all utility employees for 2017. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood explained that this ordinance has an A and B version and it's up to the council which one they would like to pass. Version A has the clothing allowance at \$600.00 and only for outside employees the same as last year and version B has the clothing allowance changed per the union negotiations to \$1000.00 and include all utility employees including office personnel. Moore state she felt clothing allowance was for the employees that were out in the weather and needed boots, coveralls, hats etc. Moore also did not feel she would be comfortable with the change if not all the city employees could be treated the same. Moore made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2260A; seconded by Everson. All in favor. Ordinance 2260A read title only. Moore made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Everson. All in favor. Wright made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2260A by roll call vote; seconded by Everson. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – nay, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2260A passed.

Everson made a motion to not introduce Ordinance 2260B; seconded by Wright. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2261 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF ELWOOD CIVIL CITY, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. This is the salary ordinance for all elected employees for 2017. Roby made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2261; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Ordinance 2261 read title only. Wright made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Slayton. All in favor. Slayton made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2261 by roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2261 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2263 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. This ordinance is to approve the speed limits set by the State on state roads that run through the city. Slayton made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2263; seconded by Watters. All in favor. Ordinance 2263 read title only. Slayton made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Watters. All in favor. Everson made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2263 by roll call vote; seconded by Wright. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2263 passed.

This meeting also serves as the public hearing on annexation for the golf course.

Slayton made a motion to suspend the meeting and open the public hearing; seconded by Wright.

No public comment

Wright made a motion to close public hearing and reopen the council meeting; seconded by Slayton. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2264 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. This ordinance is to annex the golf course. Wright made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2264; seconded by Slayton. All in favor. Ordinance 2264 read title only. Wright made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Slayton. All in favor. Wright made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2264 by roll call vote; seconded by Watters. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2264 passed.

Watters questioned if the council was ever going to address the intersection of South A and South 1st Streets. Graham will draft for consideration at next meeting.

Steve Fernung, 1400 South L Street, approached the council regarding leaf clean up. There are four trees on this property that belong to the city and the time and cost to clean up the leaves is very expensive. Jones explained the city is looking into purchasing a leaf vac and this should hopefully resolve this issue for many residents.

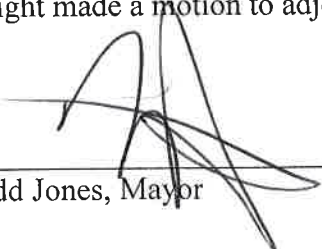
Tonya Jacobs, 1916 South F Street, questioned when the committee would be meeting for the animal ordinance. Jones stated the committee should be complete within the week and meeting will be scheduled. Jones would like to present to the council all changes to the animal ordinance in one lump.

Tammy Chris, 1912 South L Street, stated she felt letters in the call leader should not be considered if they don't include their name and address.


Madison County Surveyor, Pat Manship discussed the cleanup of Duck Creek and the expenditures of that fund.

Slayton stated with the help of State Rep. Melanie Wright, the portion of State Road 37 from State Road 13 to State Road 128 will now be no passing and the lines will be changed and rumble strips will be installed.


Wright made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Everson. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Todd Jones, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 

Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer