

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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.

Bob Collins, 1122 South B St., addressed the council concerning Duck Creek. Collins asked about the status of letter to drainage board. Graham stated the letter is not done. Graham spoke with the drainage board president who stated it was going to get cleaned up. Collins stated he would still like to see the letter be sent.

Helen Reeves, 624 South D St., asked the council for any help they can give regarding a relative of hers that has been missing for over a month on a silver alert.

Tonya Jacob, 1916 South F St., presented the council with a petition of signatures requesting the city allow chickens in the city limits. Moore stated as much of an animal lover as she is the shelter cannot accommodate animals other than dogs and cats at this time.

Resident, Charles Idlewine stated he felt this should be allowed. Dogs attack but chickens and pigs do not.

Resident, Shelby Idlewine questioned if the animal shelter was not equipped for other animals what is being done with all the snakes, lizards and other venomous animals.

Board of Works member, Kelli Boyland stated she wasn't against chickens but the shelter is still not up and running yet and when it is it still won't be ready to deal with this type of demand.

Tammy Chris, 1912 South F St., would like to see the four-way stop by Kmart addressed.

Chamber Director, Marcy Fry thanked everyone who helped with the glass festival. Fry doesn't have final numbers yet but will get them to the council when she does. Fry also stated October 6, 2016 is the Madison county Health Fair and October 8, 2016 will be the Chili Cook-off.

Kane stated he was on a steering committee for walking trails in Madison County and would like to hold some meetings if there is interest in having the trails come through Elwood.

Wright stated his school duties will interfere with him being on the chamber committee. Wright made a motion to nominate Moore as a replacement; seconded by Watters. All in favor.

Minutes for the August 1, 2016 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Roby made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Wright. All in favor.

Wright made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2253 – 2017 Budget; seconded by Roby. All in favor.

No public comment.

Wright made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Roby. All in favor.

Jones thanked Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood for all her work on presenting a balanced budget.

RESOLUTION NO 2016-18 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION. This resolution is for a piece of land belonging to Steel Mart that has not been annexed into the city. Wright made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2016-18; seconded by Slayton. All in favor. Resolution 2016-18 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 Resolution 2016-18 roll call vote; seconded by Slayton. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Resolution 2016-18 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2254 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. This ordinance allows for a piece of land belonging to Steel Mart to be annexed into the city. Wright made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2254; seconded by Slayton. All in favor. Ordinance 2254 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 2254 roll call vote; seconded by Slayton. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2254 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2255 – ORDINANCE FOR FLOOD HAZARD AREAS FOR THE CITY OF ELWOOD. Planning Director, Bill Savage stated this ordinance was wrote by DNR and FEMA and only had a few updates no overall changes. Kane made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2255; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Ordinance 2255 read title only. Kane made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Kane made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2255 roll call vote; seconded by Wright. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2255 passed.


ORDINANCE NO. 2256 – ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD ADOPTED PURSUANT TO I.C. 36-7-4-602 (FORMERLY I.C. 3-1-2-1 (1966)) AND CITY OF ELWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES 153.21 (ORD. 1172 PASSED 10-3-66). This ordinance allows property belonging to ELSA to be rezoned from an R-3 to an I-2 for future development. Planning Director, Bill Savage pointed out a few amendments that needed to be made. Slayton made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2256 as amended; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Ordinance 2256 as amended read title only. Slayton made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Slayton made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2255 as amended roll call vote; seconded by Wright. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2255 as amended passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2258 – AN AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL ORDINANCE 2172 ORIGINALLY PASSED ON MAY 6, 2013. Ashley Coots, 2029 South I St., approached the council concerning the passage of this ordinance. Coots is the owner of two potbellied pigs that were removed from her home due to the current ordinance. Coots is asking the council to please allow her to have her potbellied pigs back. Wright stated he felt more changes needed to be made to this amendment such as; letters from landlords allowing rent to possess on their property, 6 month inspections and one per household. Moore stated she did not believe the ordinance should be changed for someone who broke the city laws to begin with. Slayton made a motion to table Ordinance 2258 for further review; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Ordinance 2258 tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 2257 – AN AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL ORDINANCE 2172 ORIGINALLY PASSED ON MAY 6, 2013. This ordinance would institute a fee to own a potbellied pig in the city limits. Wright made a motion to table Ordinance 2257 due to the non-passage of Ordinance 2258; seconded by Everson. All in favor. Ordinance 2257 tabled.

RESOLUTION NO 2016-19 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELWOOD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ELWOOD DEVELOPMENT AREA AND THE ELWOOD TAX ALLOCATION AREA AND SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL PARCELS THEREIN. This resolution expands the TIFF area to include the new Country Mart building. Roby made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2016-19; seconded by Slayton. All in favor. Resolution 2016-19 read title only. Wright made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Wright made a motion to vote on Resolution 2016-19 roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Resolution 2016-19 passed.

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