

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
DECEMBER 5, 2016 7:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Councilman Tim Roby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Cub Scout pack 347 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.

Tonya Jacobs, 1916 South F Street, approached the council regarding the issue of the chickens. Graham explained the committee will be having a meeting on December 19, 2016 and then will present their recommendations to the council in January.

Moore stated the Street & Alley committee will be meeting in January.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated the council would need to set up an Internal Control committee in January.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-26 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, TO TRANSFER WITHIN THE GENERAL – PARK – ERC AND CCI FUND. This resolution is to transfer monies within the appropriate funds. Moore made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2016-26; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Resolution 2016-26 read title only. Wright made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Moore. All in favor. Moore made a motion to vote on Resolution 2016-26 by roll call vote; seconded by Kane. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters - aye, Wright – aye. Resolution 2016-26 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2265 – 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 ordinance is for police and fire and includes updated longevity and changes to the dependent insurance section. Kane made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2265; seconded by Everson. All in favor. Ordinance 2265 read title only. Kane made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Watters. All in favor. Kane made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2265 by roll call vote; seconded by Moore. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Kane – aye, Moore – aye, Roby – aye, Slayton – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2265 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2168 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. Watters made a motion to table Ordinance 2168; seconded by Wright. All in favor. Ordinance 2168 tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 2267 – AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING THE “HOME AGAIN INITIATIVE” TO REDUCE BLIGHT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF ELWOOD. Watters made a motion to table Ordinance 2267 till the mayor could be present; seconded by Slayton. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2260 B – 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. Jason Benson, representing the SMART union and the utility workers, addressed the council concerning this ordinance. Benson stated he would like the council to consider this ordinance. The union members are asking for a \$1000.00 clothing allowance for all employees in the union including office personnel. Benson stated he believed this was the best way to give the employees an increase without making it a legacy cost to the city. Judge, Kyle Noone stated he was not opposed to the union receiving this benefit but would like the council to find a way to offer this to all office personnel. Watters made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2260 B; seconded by Wright. Voting aye – Kane, Watters and Wright. Voting nay – Everson, Moore, Roby and Slayton. Ordinance 2260 B defeated by 3-4 vote.


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



Todd Jones, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer