

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE ELWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BIRCH BAYH CENTER**

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June 15, 2017

**I.** The meeting was called to order by Councilwoman, Linda Moore, at approximately 6:05 p.m. as Mayor Todd Jones; President, Tim Roby; and Vice President, John Wright were not in attendance

**II.** Councilman present at the meeting were Jim Watters, Linda Moore, Chuck Kane, Mark Slayton, and Kim Everson. Also present at the meeting was City Attorney, Jeffrey K. Graham, who in the absence of the Clerk -Treasurer, Allison Atwood, presided over the meeting and recorded the minutes.

Due to the absence of Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood, motion was made by Councilman Everson and seconded by Councilman, Slayton to allow City Attorney, Jeffrey K. Graham, to preside over the meeting and record minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**III.** Councilwoman Moore determined that a quorum was present.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

First and only business to discuss was the tax abatement compliance for Warner Bodies. A motion to pass with a favorable recommendation, motion to approve tax abatement compliance by Warner Body was made by Councilman Slayton, seconded by Councilman Everson.

The motion was discussed by Councilman Slayton, who is a member of the Council's abatement committee. Councilman Slayton stated that after looking at the facts relating to the previously granted tax abatement, that it was his opinion that Warner Bodies was in substantial compliance and the compliance should be approved. Councilman Watters questioned why the land in which Warner Body sits on has gone down in value. Planning Director Bill Savage and City Attorney Graham believe that the reduction in value may have something to do with/or may have been caused by an assessment appeal filed by Warner Bodies. Councilman Watters, Councilwoman Moore and Councilman Slayton all commented that while this abatement should be passed, that a more strict criteria should be made in the future for the council to have as a standard to provide tax abatements going forward. Councilman Slayton stated that he wanted to make sure that in the future, the Elwood City Council was not considered a rubber stamp for tax abatements. After a brief discussion between Councilman Watters and Planning

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Director Savage on the state statutes that govern tax abatements, Councilman Kane called the question for a vote, motion to approve the tax abatement compliance was approved unanimously 5-0, all present Councilmembers voting Yay.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**


The next Elwood City Council meeting will be July <sup>10</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

After opening the floor for general comments and there being none, upon Motion duly made by Councilwoman Everson and seconded by Councilman Slayton, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

  
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Todd Jones, Mayor

  
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Council President: Timothy Roby

  
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Attest: Allison M. Atwood