

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
APRIL 1, 2015 2:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tucker. Members present: Kenton Badge and Roger Towner. Acting city attorney, Jeff Graham was present for the meeting.

Police Chief, Phil Caldwell requested the board approve final hiring of Chris Lovell as he has passed all PERF testing. Lovell will be a probationary officer until he passes all field training requirements of the department. Towner made a motion to approve final hiring of Lovell; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

A claim for Josh Ginder in the amount of \$234.00 for hotel lodging during a conference was presented to the board for approval. Badger made a motion to approve the claim; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

A claim for Prestige Art Glass in the amount of \$150.00 for a glass cane that was presented to ELSA during their groundbreaking was presented to the board for approval. Towner made a motion to approve the claim contingent on council approval; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

A claim for Jerry Armington in the amount of \$650.00 for an appraisal at 12090 N. St. Rd. 37 was presented to the board for approval. Badger made a motion to approve the claim contingent on ERC approval; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

A claim for BizServ in the amount of \$5,943.00 for equipment to upgrade the server at the utility office was presented to the board for approval. Towner made a motion to approve the claim; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

A claim for Perf-Turf in the amount of \$243.00 annually for lawn maintenance at the city building was presented to the board for approval. Towner made a motion to approve the claim; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

Utility adjustments were presented to the board for approval. Water adjustments totaled \$5,402.68, Wastewater totaled \$12,943.90, and Trash totaled \$287.58 for a total of \$18,634.16. Badger made a motion to accept the adjustments; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

Jeff Graham presented a memorandum stating that the published items only were discussed at the executive meeting. Towner made a motion to sign the memorandum; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood presented a letter of necessary payroll changes for the utility. The changes are due to the utility bond and lack of funding. Towner made a motion to accept the payroll changes; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

Resident, Ed Gillespie requested in writing to be allowed to opt-in the city trash service. Utility office manager, Rose Tomlinson stated past administration had allowed him to opt out of trash service. Towner made a motion to allow Gillespie to opt-in the trash service; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

Utility office manager, Rose Tomlinson also spoke regarding the adjustment for CEE, LLC that was tabled at last meeting. With the board's approval they have agreed to pay \$3,636.10 now and monthly payments for the remaining balance. Towner made a motion to accept the agreement for the balanced owed; seconded by Badger. All in favor.

Anderson Police Chief & President of the Public Safety Board, Larry Crenshaw presented a Memorandum of Understanding for the radio system upgrade. This is a five tower system utilizing Elwood's south side water tower. This system will provide better signal strength and coverage for Elwood. There is no cost to the city for this project just the use of the tower. Tucker questioned what would happen if the tower needed repair work due to age. Crenshaw stated companies doing repair work would know how to work around the equipment but if for any reason the tower gets damaged during installation the county will cover the repairs. Utility Foremen, Glen Murray stated he was waiting on a report from his engineering company, Dixon, stating the shape of the tower. Towner made a motion to accept the memorandum of understanding; seconded by Tucker with the understanding that he wanted to see the engineering report. Murray expressed his disapproval of not being included in this matter and feels he should have time to review the MOU with his engineering company. Both Towner and Tucker withdrew their motions. Badger made a motion to table; seconded by Towner. All in favor. Towner stated he would like this matter on the agenda until it is resolved.

Jason Benson, representing the Sheet Metals Union, presented the board with a memorandum of understanding for a one year extension to the present contract making the new term date May 2016. Badger made a motion to accept the memorandum; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

A contract with Alan Moore, LLC and the Elwood Redevelopment Commission in the amount of \$2,100.00 was presented to the board for approval. This contract is for consulting services. Badger made a motion to accept the contract contingent on the ERC approval; seconded by Towner. All in favor.

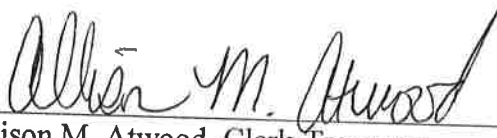
Badger stated in the past three weeks the Mayor has saved the city \$75,000.00 in contractual services and the ERC \$16,200.00 in contractual services. Badger wanted to commend the Mayor for a job well done.

Tucker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Badger. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Don Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer