

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2015 2:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold. Members present: Albert McPhearson and Merrill Taylor. Acting City attorney, Jeff Graham, was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the February 4, 2015 regular meeting were presented to the board for approval. McPhearson made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Claims for the city and utilities were presented to the board for approval. The February claims totaled \$932,255.00. Taylor made a motion to accept the claims for payment; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Claims for the ERC totaling \$1,922.13 were presented to the board for payment. Taylor made a motion to pay the claims contingent on ERC approval; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Claims for Indiana Michigan in the amount of \$289.41, Roy Conner in the amount of \$1,784.00, and Schuyler Cecil in the amount of \$6,298.00 were presented to the board for approval. Arnold made a motion to pay the claims; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

Claims for TCF Financing and Triad Engineering were presented to the board for SRF disbursement approval. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood requested the board approve these claims to be paid with SRF monies. Taylor made a motion to approve claims for SRF disbursement; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

An agreement between Keystone Software and the Clerk-Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$5,760.00 was presented to the board for approval. This agreement is for annual software maintenance. Taylor made a motion to approve the agreement; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

An agreement between Spy Glass and the City of Elwood was presented to the board for approval. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated this company will come in and review the city's phone, cable, and internet bills for the last two months and determine if the city is being overcharged or paying for lines that are not open. There is no cost to the city to have the review. If Spy Glass determines there is an overpayment their fee will be fifty percent of the cost recovery. Taylor made a motion to approve the agreement; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Fire Chief, Brad Compton gave an update on the Madison County Communication Upgrade. There will be six towers throughout the county, with one being located on the 14<sup>th</sup> street water tower, thus giving the county the ability to communicate at 28 decibels.

Compton hopes to bring the inter-local agreement to the board in the next two to three months.

An agreement between Rooney & Co, LLC and the Elwood Fire Department in the amount of \$4000.00 was presented to the board for approval. Assistant Fire Chief, Mark Sullivan stated this agreement allows Rooney to collect data to assess the net worth of the fire department and determine what the department could actually charge for ambulance runs. Rooney then files with the federal government to try to receive federal monies to offset the difference in ambulance charges. This agreement would be paid from ambulance funds and any subsequent reimbursements would be deposited back to ambulance funds. Taylor made a motion to accept the flat fee agreement option; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

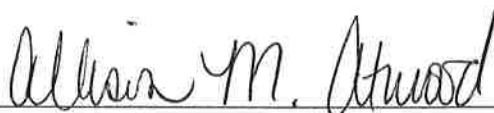
Arnold made a motion to table the ECDC reimbursement invoice as the ERC also tabled for further clarification; seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

An Independent Contractor Agreement between Golden Threads and the City of Elwood was presented to the board for approval. Kathy Gillam, representing Golden Threads, stated this agreement would give the city and its employees a fifteen percent discount as well as giving their company exclusivity rights. Attorney, Jeff Graham stated the contract does not state exclusivity nor does it define breach of contract as well as no e-verify wording. Taylor stated he felt the city did not need to be exclusive with any local business. Arnold recommended working with the city attorney on an agreement that was properly worded. Local business owner, Pat Hoose, stated the discount would be great but what would be the guarantee that they would not raise merchandise costs. Arnold stated he did not want to address the "what if" questions and Mr. Hoose was more than welcome to work with the city attorney and present his own agreement.

The Utility Sheet Metal Workers Union, presented the board with an amendment to their contract. The union members would like to receive the city health insurance upon their retirement if they meet the qualifications stated in the amendment. Arnold stated this issue had been addressed before and feels it is time to extend this to the union. Arnold made a motion to approve the amendment contingent on the approval by the union; seconded by McPhearson. All in favor.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Arnold. All in favor; meeting adjourned.

  
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Don Tucker Mayor

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Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer