

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AUGUST 5, 2013 7:00PM**

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ron Arnold. Members present: Brent Boston, Kim Everson, Todd Jones, Pat Rice, Eric Reese, Tim Roby, and David Savage.

Minutes for the July 1, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Jim Waters, 1034 North 19th St., stated his disliking of the letter Pat Rice read at the last meeting. Waters felt that Rice was also guilty of bring something to the council without informing all members.

John Kleyla, 2713 South E St., stated he had been trying to get his street on the paving list for some time and wanted to know why money was being spent on other things from that fund. Reese stated he was on the committee and it was one of the streets he would like to see on the list. Jim Robertson stated that the street was going to make the list of paving.

Mark Winings, 310 So. Anderson St., stated he was very happy with what was going on in Elwood and with the administration.

Vicki Brooks, 850 N. Anderson St., would like a sidewalk on North 9th coming East to State Road 13, because of safety for children.

Robert Hensley, 2404 So. J St., wanted to know why the residents at 508 S. 31st and 512 S. 31st Street saw a rise in their sewer bills. Utility Foreman, Glen Murray stated it was due to the rate increase. Hensley also wanted all the negativity in Elwood to stop.

April Jordan, 225 ½ Main Street, opposed the Ordinance 2173, because she thinks it is unconstitutional and all council members should be given a handbook when elected.

The Awards Committee presented employee Holly Albers with the "Third Mile Award" for her dedication to the city in the last quarter.

Clerk-Treasurer Allison Atwood stated the budget committee had met three times and had one meeting to go and that the committee was making progress and the 2014 budget.

Atwood also stated the insurance committee met and did the insurance policy renewal for September 1, 2013 and there is almost an eight percent decrease in premiums.

Police Chief, Sam Hanna explained that due to having an officer at the school and one on the drug task force he feels there is a need to add another officer in 2014. Hanna is hoping the council can allow for this in the budget.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood explained the Economic Redevelopment Reimbursement letters. The Redevelopment Commission has received their first TIFF monies in the tax draw from Madison County in June. The TIFF money goes into the Economic Redevelopment Commission Fund. The amount was \$126,101.78. Atwood explained the Utility had paid certain expenses till the ERC had the funds to reimburse them. Now that the ERC has the funds, Atwood is recommending the ERC reimburse the Water \$24,150.00 and the Wastewater \$24,150.00 for payments to Alan Moore and the new distribution of future invoices be 50% ERC, 25% Water and 25% Wastewater. Jones made a motion to approve the reimbursement and new distribution; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

Atwood also recommended the ERC reimburse the Water \$4,616.88 and the Wastewater \$12,168.12 for payments to Wabash Scientific. Jones made a motion to approve the reimbursement; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

Atwood stated that claims form Beam, Longest, and Neff for the sanitary sewer analysis had been paid for by the Water and Wastewater. According to the scope of the work these claims should have been solely paid for by Wastewater. Atwood is asking the council to make a motion for the reimbursement of \$79,482.00 to Water once the Wastewater Department is in good financial standing to reimburse the amount. Jones made a motion to approve the reimbursement when in good financial standing; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Atwood explained the Mayor's gas allocation for future claims. With the council's approval the Police Department, Street Department, Water Department, and Wastewater Department would all pay 25% of the claim. Jones questioned the financial standing of the line items for gas in these departments. Jones made a motion to table; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Park board president, Shannon Huffman, explained the ordinance pertaining to no dogs in the park had not been enforced for many years; therefore Huffman would like the council to consider changing this. The park board has passed to allow dogs in the park and on leads no longer than seven foot. Owners to clean up waste and not allowed on play areas. Jones questioned the liability to the City. Park board vice-president, Shelia McPhearson stated she was not in favor of dogs in the park. McPhearson is afraid that a child is going to be injured regardless of the stipulations of the ordinance. Resident, Dave Roby stated he would not be in favor of this as well. Arnold suggested a committee be formed of park board and council members as well as resident, Dave Roby to discuss the issue.


RESOLUTION NO. 2013-11 – RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELWOOD, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A CFF APPLICATION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS. Alan Henderson, representing COG, spoke regarding this resolution. The utility is applying for a grant from OCRA for a Master Utility Plan. This grant requires a local match of \$5,550.00. The match will be ERC funds. Jones

made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2013-11; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2013-11 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Resolution 2013-11 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Reese – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – aye. Resolution 2013-11 passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-10 – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION. This resolution was to transfer funds within the Riverboat Fund. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2013-10; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Resolution 2013-10 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Resolution 2013-10 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Reese – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – aye. Resolution 2013-10 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2176 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2169 AND SECTION 130.02 OF THE ELWOOD CODE. Wilson stated there was a portion of the original ordinance that was not worded correctly and need changed. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2176; seconded by Reese. All in favor. Ordinance 2176 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2176 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Everson - aye, Jones - aye, Rice – aye, Reese - aye, Roby -aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2176 passed.

Boston made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Roby.



Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 

Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer