

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA  
ELWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2013 7:00PM**

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Arnold. Members present: Brent Boston, Kim Everson, Todd Jones, Pat Rice, Tim Roby and David Savage. Member absent: Eric Reese. City Attorney, Jim Wilson, was present for the meeting.

Minutes for the May 6, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION.** Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated this was to move money from the Sanitation User Fee Fund to the General Fund plus to appropriate a police department insurance check. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2013-09; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2013-09 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 2013-09 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Resolution 2013-09 passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-08 – ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION.** City Attorney, Jim Wilson explained this annexation process and opened public hearing. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2013-08; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Resolution 2013-08 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Resolution 2013-08 roll call vote; seconded by Rice. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Resolution 2013-08 passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2168 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY.** Savage made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2168; seconded by Jones. All in favor. Ordinance 2168 read title only. Savage made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Jones. All in favor. Savage made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2168 roll call vote; seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – abstained, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2168 passed.

Mayor Ron Arnold explained about the utility rates and the situation the City of Elwood was facing with our Waste Water department. He and the Board of Works has done their side of this process and feels they chose the best engineering firm to do this Waste Water Project.

Lou Savka, engineer from Triad Engineering, presented a power point to the citizens and to the City Council. This power point explained the situation Elwood's combined sewer treatment plant

and what processes have been done and what the future processes will be happening with the project.

The public hearing was opened on the increase of water and sewer rates.

An Elwood citizen asked how many customers are currently receiving a bill from the Elwood Water Utility. Buzz Krohn, from O W Krohn & Associates, LLP, stated between 3200-3700 customers. The citizen also asked what improvements have been made currently at the plant. Mayor Arnold explained a few things to help lower the rate and that the new plant will increase capacity.

Another citizen wanted to know if the new plant will have less odor and foam that comes from the plant. Lou explained that it will decrease a lot because of all the new processes.

John, Elwood Citizen, asked about the 2005 Waste Water project. Buzz Krohn explained that project and the time line of paying it off.

Councilman, Tim Roby, asked Jim Wilson if the increased rate money can be put into a special fund and it is only for the project. Jim Wilson said yes.

Another Elwood citizen asked if the Yarling Edition surcharge will change. Buzz Krohn explained no.

Rhonda Lurtsema, asked about the money spent from the utility department that was not for utility expenses. Councilman, Tim Roby, explained we are addressing this in July's council meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2170** – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. Savage made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2170; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Ordinance 2170 read title only. Savage made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2170 roll call vote; seconded by Rice. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones asked for one more clarification the increased amount of money derived will only be spent on utility expenses, correct? Jim Wilson explained yes. Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – abstained. Ordinance 2170 passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2171** – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2171; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Ordinance 2171 read title only. Savage made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2171 roll call vote; seconded by Rice. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – abstained. Ordinance 2170 passed.

Savage made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Boston. All in favor; meeting adjourned.

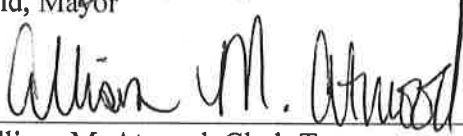


Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer