

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MARCH 4, 2013 7:00PM**

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

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

Minutes for the February 4, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Leeson made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Reese. All in favor.

Matt Spivey, Co-Chairman for the new animal shelter, questioned Councilman Roby about going door to door in solicitation opposing the shelter. Roby stated this was a false rumor and he should have just come and asked about it.

Citizen, Treva Duncan stated she had mixed emotions about the shelter. There is illegal activity in the neighborhood and did not want to add to the problem with extra dog barking.

Councilman Reese stated this was his district and he was just finding out about the new shelter and would be going door to door to hear concerns from the residents in that area.

Arnold state this project had been in the works for over a year and that meetings were held to discuss this issue.

Resident, Morgan Brock stated she did not feel that anyone wanted to adopt a pet from the dump where the current shelter is located.

Arnold stated any input and involvement from the community would greatly be appreciated.

Chad Hayes, resident, questioned the operating costs, vet bills, food, etc. Stating the community is stressed with donations and cannot afford to support all the projects. Arnold stated the committee is forming relationships with other area humane society's to help relieve the stress.

Resident, Jim Watters stated he felt the drug problem in that neighborhood was all the out of town traffic. Arnold stated there was a focus on that area.

Officer Corie Lovell suggested cameras on the outside of the shelter could possibly help in providing evidence for some of the illegal activity in the area.

The Awards Committee presented employee Scott Bertram with the "Third Mile Award" for his dedication to the city in the last quarter.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated the city had received the 1782 notice from the state regarding the 2013 budget and all operating budgets were passed and would need no cuts.

Compliance statements for Dunn-Rite and Red Gold were discussed. Leeson stated the committee had visited the sites and they were in compliance. Leeson made a motion to accept the compliance statements; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Compliance statement for Elwood Holdings, LLC was discussed. Leeson made a motion to table till a visit could be arranged; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2164 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING USER FEES FOR FUEL COSTS. Wilson stated this ordinance was to allow a twelve dollar fuel cost to be added to violations heard in the city court. Eight dollars of the additional fee would be given to the department that brought the violation forward. The other four dollars would go to the court. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2164; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2164 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Roby. Reese voted nay, tabling till next meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2165 – AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 153.28 OF THE CODE OF ELWOOD. Wilson stated this ordinance was to remove agriculture as a special exception in a residential district. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2165; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Ordinance 2165 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Leeson. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2165 roll call vote; seconded by Leeson. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Leeson – aye, Reese – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2165 passed.

Alan Henderson, Representing COG, presented the council with the draft ADA plan for the city. Henderson stated the next steps would be for the council to pass an ordinance for grievance procedures, and then an open period would be held for the public to view the plan and make comments. At the next meeting the final plan would be brought to the council for passage.


ORDINANCE NO. 2166 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF LAWS FOR THE CITY OF ELWOOD. This ordinance is for the ADA grievance procedures. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2166; seconded by Leeson. All in favor. Ordinance 2166 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Leeson. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2165 roll call vote; seconded by Leeson. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Leeson – aye, Reese – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2166 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2160 1st AMENDMENT – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND HOURLY COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF ELWOOD CIVIL CITY, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. This ordinance is to allow for the paying of Tom Doan's new job description approved by the Board of Works. Roby question how the hours

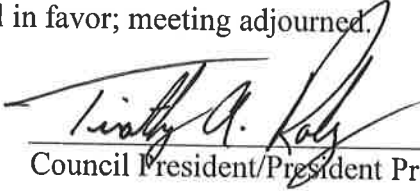
would be split between the departments. Arnold stated each day is up to Tom to schedule his time accordingly. Jones questioned the number of hours worked previously in this position to the current hours. Arnold stated it would not be the massive amount as last year when fixing the pool. Tom will work the regular eight to five and be on call after those hours. Savage stated he believed Tom did a great job last year with this and is capable of holding this position. Savage made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2160 1st Amendment; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2160 1st Amendment read title only. Savage made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Savage made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2160 1st Amendment roll call vote; seconded by Leeson. Roll call vote: Everson – aye, Jones – nay, Leeson – aye, Reese – nay, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2160 1st Amendment defeated by lack of majority vote.

Wilson stated the Madison County Council will try to reintroduce the wheel tax. A resolution will be coming at the next meeting to show public support on the issue.


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



Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer