

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MAY 6, 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 April 8, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Roby made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

Rice stated the tax abatement committee met with Red Gold, Inc. and they took a tour of the facility and found them to be compliance. Rice made a motion to accept the compliance statements; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07** – RESOLUTION APPROVING STATEMENT OF BENEFITS IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR WARNER BODIES AND MANASEK ACQUISITION COMPANY II, LLC. Economic Development Director, Bill Savage spoke regarding the need for the abatement and the fact that the city could not offer any incentives to this company. Rick Manasek, owner of Warner Bodies, spoke on bringing the business to Elwood and the jobs it will bring. The ten year 100 percent abatement is an important aspect of the purchase deal due to the amount of work and monies it will take to bring this factory to operation. Warner Bodies hopes to relocate 55 current employees and hire an additional 150. The company produces service bodies for vehicles such as power and light, plumbing and rescue vehicles. They also produce some food service equipment. Resident, Jim Waters questioned if there could be a guarantee of fifty percent of the workforce being from Elwood. Arnold explained there have been hundreds apply for these jobs and Warner Bodies is going to do their best to make it happen with Elwood citizens. Rice stated he felt this abatement was very doable since the building is currently vacant and not bring in any jobs or money to the city. Rice made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2013-07; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Resolution 2013-07 read title only. Rice made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Rice made a motion to vote on Resolution 2013-07 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Resolution 2013-07 passed.

Wilson stated along with the resolution the council needed to pass the Findings of Fact Applications. Savage made a motion to pass the application; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2170** – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. Wilson stated this ordinance was for introduction only and would not be voted on.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2171** – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. Wilson stated this ordinance was for introduction only and would not be voted on.

Buzz Krohn, representing O. W. Krohn & Associates, spoke regarding the need for the two rate increase ordinances. Wilson stated the next step in this process will be to have a public hearing on the matter. The public hearing will be set for June 3, 2013.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2167** – AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. Wilson stated there were requested changes that had not been made to this ordinance and he would recommend tabling till they could be done. Jones made a motion to table till changes could be made; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2168** – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ADJACENT TERRITORY. Wilson stated this ordinance was to allow the land that is soon to be O'Reilly Automotive to be annexed into the city. This ordinance is for introduction only and cannot be voted on till after a public hearing. The public hearing will be set for June 3, 2013.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2169** – ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 130.02 OF THE ELWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES. Wilson stated Officer Caldwell found this ordinance on the city records and felt it needed to be updated to include additional types of weapons. Rice made a motion to table till the July meeting; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

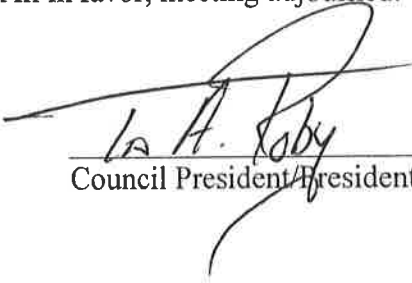
**ORDINANCE NO. 2172** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF ELWOOD. Wilson stated the wording in this chapter needed to be amended. The position of Senior Humane Officer needs to be reworded to say Animal Control Officer. There by removing any confusion as to the status of the Animal Control Officer to the Elwood Police Department caused by various interpretation of the Indiana Code. Boston made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2172; seconded by Jones. All in favor. Ordinance 2172 read title only. Boston made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Jones. All in favor. Boston made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2172 roll call vote; seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – abstained. Ordinance 2172 passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-06** – RESOLUTION UTILIZING FINANCIAL SOFTWARE KEYSTONE. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated this ordinance was necessary to change over to new software in her office and making the State Board of Accounts aware of the change. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2013-06; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Resolution 2013-06 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 2013-06 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage – nay. Resolution 2013-06 passed.

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

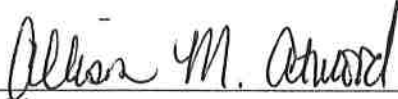


Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer