

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

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

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

Minutes for the September 9, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

Resident, Kelli Boyland stated Chief Hanna had given her his personal number if she ever needed to call. Boyland also spoke regarding the investigation of the mayor and the recent tragedy involving one of his children. Boyland stated in light of these things the people would like answers. Boyland would like to publicly request the resignation of Chief Hanna and that of Mayor Arnold. Boyland questioned if there was something in place to bring this to an end. Roby stated there were ways and it would need to be looked into.

Larry Watson, resident, requested the removal of line items DP 228, DP 351 and DP 354 from the dog pound budget. Watson stated the new animal shelter is to be funded by non-profit organizations and therefore these budget lines or not needed. Watson also stated the city had not followed the procedures in section 91.25 of the code of ordinances for the license procedures of a kennel and cannot operate legally as a shelter. City Attorney, Jim Wilson stated he would look into the ordinance.

Resident, Burl Tyner stated he has been a resident for 78 years and has never been more embarrassed for this city than when Mrs. Boyland spoke. Tyner would like people to quit attacking each other and deal with the real issues before the council.

Resident, Dan Moore stated he agreed with Mrs. Boyland and it's the way things are being handled that needs to be dealt with.

By request of the mayor, Allison Atwood read the following:

**Moving Elwood Forward - 21 Month Update
From: Mayor Ron Arnold**

Water & Waste Water

- Anticipated cost of \$10 million to comply with Phase 1 of the IDEM Agreed Order reduced to \$7 million **saving the city \$3 million**, with the possibility of eliminating the need for Phase 2 and beyond, **saving the city an**

additional \$20 million in future cost to comply with the IDEM Agreed Order.

- Took Waste Water treatment plant from a dozen IDEM violations to ZERO in 7 months saving the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines.
- Water Tower maintenance and upgraded lining in towers
- Improved collection system, enhanced maintenance and troubleshooting with purchase and use of camera truck and full staffing of vac truck.
- Street sweeping program that includes all streets, enhancing appearance and sediment filth in collection system.
- Obtained \$50,000 planning grant to continue improvement of combined sewer collection system.

Parks and Recreation

- Reopened city pool (Mary Beth Dunnichay Aquatic Center) with enhancements to center in year 2
- New roof on main shelter house in Callaway Park
- Instituted first ever tree replacement program for parks
- New Humane Shelter (being constructed) with plans for Dog Park and other enhancements to revitalize 14th Street Park
- Remodeled Birch Bayh Senior Center and turned it into a true Community Center with full access to Red Gold Patio and the Mary Beth Dunnichay Aquatic Center. (renamed facility the Birch Bayh Community Center)
- Callaway Park upgrades and enhancements: restored horseshoe pits, new drinking fountains, pathway so seniors at Community can have access to the entire park, additional parking added to East end of the park, new paving throughout the park, new grills, additional water pits and electrical outlets for Glass Festival, Movies in the Park, Gospel Music in the Park, First Annual Callaway Grand Prix Go Kart race, installed Free WiFi in the park.

Street Department

- Almost \$750,000 in new paving done in city over last 21 months
- Worked with CSX to have all railroad crossings repaired in Elwood
- Enhanced safety with new stop signs, crosswalks, and other street signage
- Through public-private partnerships restoring neighborhood sidewalks

- Increased dumpster capacity at Street Department to help citizens dispose of trash
- Saturday Summer hours to better serve citizens during clean up months
- City Wide Clean up initiatives twice a year

Public Safety

- Upgraded vehicles and equipment for both fire and police
- Police Reserve Program to help keep more officers on the street
- Added 2 new dogs so there is a dog on every shift
- Community Policing: downtown foot patrols, business check ins, increased presence in community
- Informational trailer to increase awareness of public safety
- Firing range for training and qualifying
- Established Citizen Review Panel to review complaints
- Added Spanish language Officer
- Police Facebook page to enhance communication

Maintenance

- Improved lighting in city
- Replaced standard light bulbs with new LED bulbs to increase light and reduce cost
- Restored public downtown benches
- Fixed leaks in City Building roof and water issues on brick siding
- New City of Elwood Flag
- New front doors to replace flawed designed original doors

Economic Development

- Established Redevelopment Commission
- Acquired Plastech site and sold it to Warner Bodies for their move to Elwood creating 150 new jobs
- Created first TIFF district which is expected to generate \$250,000 in new revenue in 2013 that will be used on economic development projects.
- Acquired over 50 individual and business/industry tax delinquent properties from county (properties will be sold to people, businesses and industry to get them back on tax rolls
- Continued recruiting new small business to Elwood adding several including Little Caesars and O'Reilly Auto Parts

- Mayor's outreach to Japan that has secured city's relationship with Elsa and put Elwood front and center for possible expansion of Subaru suppliers in the next couple of years.
- Obtained ~\$500,000 in grants from Safe Routes to Schools that will allow for a major upgrade in residential and business sidewalks and crosswalks on school children's walking routes.
- Demolished Fast Eddies building without use of tax dollars, removing blight from downtown and creating green space.
- Annex new areas for business

Communication

- Enhanced inter-departmental communication
- New city website, Facebook and City Newsletter to increase communications of things going on in the city and transparency of city activities.
- Increased communications with newspapers, TV and other press outlets to enhance Elwood's image.

Strategic Partnerships

- Enhanced partnerships with local business and organizations to create new events for citizens of Elwood, examples are: Pet Parade, Movies in the Park, Gospel Music in the Park, Personal Enrichment Series, Christmas Parade, Light up the magic (downtown Christmas lights and activities), and Disc Golf.

All this was done while adding \$1.2 million to the city's reserve fund

ORDINANCE NO. 2179 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION BY THE CITY OF ELWOOD MADISON AND TIPTON COUNTIES, INDIANA, OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS TO THE CITY'S SEWAGE WORKS, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS AND THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH SEWAGE WORKS AND ALL MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Jared Hall, representing O.W. Krohn, spoke regarding this issue. This is an 18 month Bond Anticipation Notice of \$1.2 million dollars that will allow for the repayment of the loan from water and the need repairs to the EQ Basin at the wastewater plant. Once the SRF Bond process is complete it will pay the bond anticipation notice back and fund the rest of the project. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2179; seconded by Savage. All

in favor. Ordinance 2179 read title only. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2179 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Roby -aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2179 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2184 ← 2014 BUDGET. Atwood stated there was only one change to the budget at the council's request. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2184; seconded by Savage. All in favor. Ordinance 2184 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 Ordinance 2184 roll call vote; seconded by Savage. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Roby -aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2184 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2180 ← AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND HOURLY COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. This is the salary ordinance for the civil city which includes a two percent raise. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2180; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Ordinance 2180 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2180 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Roby -aye, Savage - abstained. Ordinance 2180 defeated.

ORDINANCE NO. 2181 ← AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND HOURLY COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE ELWOOD UTILITIES MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. This is the salary ordinance for the utility which includes a two percent raise. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2181; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2181 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 2181 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Roby -aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2181 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2182 ← AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND MONTHLY SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS OF ELWOOD CIVIL CITY, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH. This is the salary ordinance for elected officials and does not include a two percent raise for the mayor or the council. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2182; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2182 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 2182 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Roby -aye, Savage - abstained. Ordinance 2182 defeated.


ORDINANCE NO. 1959 5th AMENDMENT – AN ORDINANCE REGULATING EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES FOR THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, AS PROVIDED BY THE

ELWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT. Atwood stated this was to allow the chief and assistant chief to receive ambulance call in on the hours they would not normally be working for the department. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 1959 5th amendment; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Ordinance 1959 5th amendment read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 1959 5th amendment roll call vote; seconded by Rice. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 1959 5th amendment passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2183 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD. This ordinance is to allow a four way stop at the intersection of South 22nd Street and South M Street (Tomato Way). Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2183; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Ordinance 2183 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night of introduction; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2183 roll call vote; seconded by Rice. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2183 passed.

Savage made a motion to set a special council meeting for October 17, 2013 at 7:00pm; seconded by Rice. All in favor.

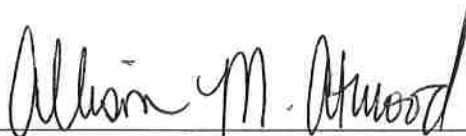
Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Rice.



Ron E. Arnold, Mayor



Council President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 

Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer