

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA  
FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK BAY, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 7:00PM**

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

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

Minutes for the August 5, 2013 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Boston. All in favor.

Larry Watson, 1325 North C St., read a letter of disapproval toward the location of the new animal shelter. Jones stated the council had no decision in the location. Wilson stated the park board voted on the location. Resident, Jim Waters questioned who was going to be paying the operating costs for the shelter. Jones stated there was no increase in the budget for the shelter to allow for operating costs. Park Board member, Sandy Ratliff stated the current location was the only option the board was given. Savage stated he appreciated the concern for this matter but the council just has no jurisdiction over the issue.

Tom Jackson, 1535 North C St., questioned why the City was no longer displaying the POW/MIA Flag. Savage stated he would notify the mayor for him to look into it.

Kelli Boyland, 804 N. Anderson St., questioned the whereabouts of the golf cart the police department has that was donated by the hospital. Boyland was told it was no longer in use and felt it would be a great idea to donate it to the nursing home to bring residents to the park on the newly established path. Chief Hanna stated it was currently at the mayor's house.

Boyland questioned if the council was aware of an investigation regarding the mayor. Roby stated the council was not aware. Boyland stated the State Police had been at her home for two hours doing interviews and that other citizens were involved. Roby questioned Chief Hanna on his knowledge of the situation. Hanna stated there was an active investigation and because it was active he could not speak about it.

Boyland also questioned if the city website was working. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated the website was undergoing revisions and was unsure of the time frame of being finished.

On a final note, Boyland questioned if any resident could personally call Chief Hanna for a police issue at their home. Chief Hanna stated his personal number was available to anyone who needed it.

The Street and Alley Committee stated a list of streets for the paving project was finished and would go to the Board of Works for approval.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood presented a letter concerning the allocation of the claims for the mayor's fuel purchases. The allocation presented is 50% ERC, 25% Water, and 25% Wastewater. Economic Redevelopment President, Tom Austin stated the commission had not voted on the approval for this spending. Jones stated he did not feel tax dollars should be used for this purchase. Rice made a motion to table this matter; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

Atwood also presented the council with a letter of adjustments. These adjustments need to be made totaling \$533.64 to various accounts in order to carry forward in the new software system. Jones made a motion to approve the adjustments; seconded by Rice. All in favor.

Assistant Chief, Phil Caldwell explained the intersection of South 18<sup>th</sup> St. and South M St. did not warrant a stop sign. However, the intersection at South 22<sup>nd</sup> St. and South M St. (otherwise known as Tomato Way) did need to be changed to a four-way stop. Wilson to draw up ordinance to the effect.

**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. Buzz Krohn, representing O.W. Krohn and Tom Pittman, representing Barnes and Thornburg 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. Savage made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2179 only; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

This meeting serves as the public hearing on the 2014 budget. Savage made a motion to open public hearing; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

Resident Tom Austin questioned if a meeting had been set with the school system regarding the budget. Atwood stated there had not been a meeting set.

Rice questioned if raises were placed in the budget. Atwood replied a two percent raise for all employees was presented in the budget.

No other public comment on the issue.

Jones made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Savage. All in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2177** ← ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 32.04 OF THE ELWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES. This ordinance would allow the mayor, the council president, or a majority of the council members to call a special meeting of the council. Jones made a motion to

read and consider Ordinance 2177; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2177 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 Ordinance 2177 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Everson - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Reese - aye, Roby - aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2177 passed.


**ORDINANCE NO. 2178** – ORDINANCE COMMITTING THE CITY OF ELWOOD TO PAY ANY FINES, PENALTIES OR TAXES WHICH ARE INCURRED BY OR ATTRIBUTED TO THE CITY AS A RESULT OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. Atwood explained in a normal situation if the city incurs a fine it would come from her own pocket, but being that there is the potential for extreme fines under this affordable care act the city attorney has recommended she have the council pass this ordinance. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2178; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2178 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 2178 roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Everson - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Reese - aye, Roby - aye, Savage - aye. Ordinance 2178 passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-12** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL AND MOTOR VEHICLE HIGH WAY FUND. This resolution is to transfer monies in the respective budget lines due to lack of funding. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2013-12; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Resolution 2013-12 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 Resolution 2013-12 roll call vote; seconded by Rice. Roll call vote: Boston - aye, Everson - aye, Jones - aye, Rice - aye, Reese - aye, Roby - aye, Savage - aye. Resolution 2013-12 passed.


Chief Hanna stated he felt the need to address that he handles his job with complete professionalism at all times and any resident may call him at his personal number for any reason.

Jones welcomed Stan Alvey as the new City Chaplin and Lauren Caldwell as the new Animal Control Officer.

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

  
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Ron E. Arnold, Mayor

  
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Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST:   
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Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer