

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
AUGUST 3, 2015 7:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Don Tucker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Members present: Brent Boston, Kim Everson, Adrian Heim, Todd Jones, Pat Rice, and Tim Roby. Member absent: Eric Reese. City Attorney, Jim Wilson was present for the meeting.

Mayor, Don Tucker, read a statement to the council and members present. Tucker explained that City Council meetings are not the time or place to discuss personnel issues. Tucker then explained that the City Council is the legislative body and the Board of Works meetings is where personnel issues need to be discussed and that he will not hear or discuss any personnel issues during this meeting.

Shannon Huffman, Park Board President, handed council members a letter and questioned Jim Wilson if he approved the hiring of the new park boards lawyer. Mr. Wilson explained that he was not going to be bush wacked in the middle of meeting with questions and a letter with state laws during an open meeting. Shannon went on to explain that he felt Mr. Wilson did a good job. Shannon says he has received a letter from the Mayor that a Mr. Collins has asked for his removal and termination from the Park Board. He then ask Mr. Wilson if Mr. Collins or the city ask him about his termination prior to the hearing. Wilson explained that he was asking confidential questions about his client which is The City of Elwood and he has no comment.

Aakami Roberts, approached the council and asked Mr. Tucker if they can discuss personnel problems and if not then is this supposed to happen in executive meetings. Mrs. Roberts stated that the executive meeting on July, 28, 2015 did not happen legally. She explained that she felt Tucker was bullying and slandering his employees and past employees. Mayor Tucker asked Chief Phil Caldwell to please stop Aakami.

Tony Boze approached the council and asked the council to talk to current employees and listen to their complaints. He explained he is very sad he is no longer Street Commissioner and hopes that people call him so he can explain his story and that Roby and Jones has his contact information.

Tom Cassidy requested a copy or document of what the BOW responsibilities include. Mr. Cassidy explained as a citizen I am ashamed of what is happening currently. He also asked about the legality of the July 28, 2015 executive meeting.

Resident, Ian Baugher at 414 South D Street approached the council concerning his drainage ditch issue. Baugher stated this issue is still unresolved. Tucker stated he will get back with Ian.

Minutes from the July 06, 2015 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Boston made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Jones. All in favor.

Buzz Krohn from O.W. Krohn and Associates presented the council with a 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Road Project Update. Mr. Jones read a statement explaining there are conflicting numbers on how much the project will cost. Mr. Krohn explained his update and financing options. No actions were taken.

Mark Sullivan, Elwood Fire Department Assistant Chief, presented the council with new ambulance rates. He explained that Accumed our current ambulance billing provider has presented us with suggested rates. Mr. Sullivan explained the rates. Jones made a motion for the city attorney to move forward with the new rates; seconded by Roby. All in favor.

Jones stated the matter of the non-visible stop sign at South A Street and Kelly Road had been fixed and the issue of adding stop signs at North K and North 14<sup>th</sup> Streets was still being reviewed.

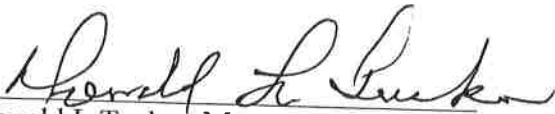
**RESOLUTION 2015-20** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND. The transfers were explained it is for street light computer program. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2015-20; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2015-20 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Resolution 2015-20 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Heim – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Resolution 2015-20 passed.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood, explained that the council budget committee has been busy at work with the budget. Atwood also explained that the health renewal came in and the premium rate has decreased.

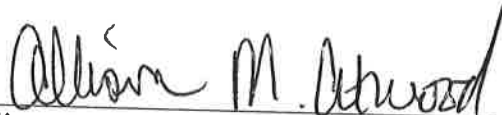
**ORDINANCE NO. 2232** – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CLAIM PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE OF ALLOWANCE. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2231; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2232 read title only. Jones made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Jones made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2231 roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Heim – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2232 passed.

Boston asked the Street and Alley committee to look at the yield signs vs. stop signs on North D and North E on 21st Street and on North D on 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilman Rice asked the clerk-treasurer about an ordinance that could have been passed to replace all yield signs with stop signs.

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

  
Donald L Tucker, Mayor

  
Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST:   
Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer