

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JUNE 1, 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, Todd Jones, Pat Rice, and Tim Roby. Members absent: Adrian Heim, and Eric Reese. City Attorney, Jim Wilson was present for the meeting.

Resident, Burl Tyner wished to inform all citizens that if the reservoir in Anderson goes through property taxes will increase.

Robert Arnold requested help from the council in getting the blockage in Duck Creek addressed with the drainage board.

Mark Dietzer spoke regarding the 111th anniversary of the old public library.

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 that the issue will be addressed by department heads.

Resident, Jodi Wright spoke about a possible stop sign at North K and North 14th Streets.

Fire Chief, Brad Compton stated he was disheartened and hurt by the attack of his department at the annexation meeting. Compton has several ideas to address the annexation if the concerned parties would just give him five minutes of their time. Compton feels his department is as good as any in the state.

James Cook questioned the grandfathering of farm property in the annexation. Wilson stated several zoning options are being looked into.

Resident Jim Waters stated the stop sign at South A Street and County Line Road was covered by growth and could not be seen. Waters also questioned if the stop signs at South A and South 29th Streets were legal since the city did not put them in.

Minutes from the May 11, 2015 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Roby. All in favor.

Compliance Statements for Warner Bodies were presented to the council for approval. Economic Director, Bill Savage stated members of the tax abatement committee toured the facility and would recommend the approval of the compliance statements. Jones made a motion to approve the compliance statements; seconded by Roby. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-16 – RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DECLARATORY RESOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA. This resolution defines the 22nd Street Project in the economic development plan. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2015-16; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2015-16 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 2015-16 roll call vote; seconded by Boston. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Resolution 2015-16 passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-19 – A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND RELATED MATTERS. Wilson stated the council must give the ERC financial approval to acquire the bonds for the 22nd Street Project. These bonds will be reimbursed from a public infrastructure grant. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2015-19; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2015-19 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 2015-19 roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Resolution 2015-19 passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-18 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIAN, TO TRANSFER FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated these transfers will allow for the wage increase of the Animal Control Officer. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2015-18; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2015-18 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 2015-18 roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Resolution 2015-18 passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2205 2ND 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 amendment allows for the increase to the animal control wage as well as add wages for the pool employees. Jones questioned if the park board was aware of the pool opening. Tucker stated some of the board was aware. Boston made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2205 2nd amendment; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Ordinance 2205 2nd amendment read title only. Boston made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Rice. All in favor. Boston made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2205 2nd amendment roll call vote; seconded by Rice. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2205 2nd amendment passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2206 3rd AMENDMENT – AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE BI-WEEKLY AND HOURLY COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF ELWOOD UTILITIES, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND EFFECTIVE DATES THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.


This amendment is a wording change only. Jones made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2206 3rd amendment; seconded by Boston. All in favor. Ordinance 2206 3rd amendment 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 2206 3rd amendment roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2206 3rd amendment passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-17 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION. Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood stated this was insurance money for the damage at the babe ruth field. Jones made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2015-17; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Resolution 2015-17 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 2015-17 roll call vote; seconded by Roby. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Resolution 2015-17 passed.

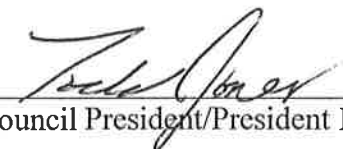
ORDINANCE NO. 2229 – AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 1884 DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOR THE CITY OF ELWOOD, INDIANA. This would allow an employee to utilize the substance abuse program one time only after failing a drug and or alcohol screen. Wilson stated it would be wise for the personnel committee to review the policy in its entirety to address additional concerns. Boston made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2229; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Ordinance 2229 read title only. Boston made a motion for unanimous consent for passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Roby. All in favor. Boston made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2229 roll call vote; seconded by Rice. Roll call vote: Boston – aye, Everson – aye, Jones – aye, Rice – aye, Roby – aye. Ordinance 2229 passed.

Clerk-Treasurer, Allison Atwood reminded the council that the annexation vote was June 29, 2015.

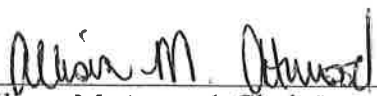
Jones made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Roby. All in favor; meeting adjourned.



Donald L Tucker, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 

Allison M. Atwood, Clerk-Treasurer