

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, February 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska was held at the Elwood Village Office, 304 Calvert Avenue on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-Chair Tilson who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Townsend, Kleine and Fong; Board Chair Martin was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on February 3, 2022 and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve the January 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes amending the date in the first sentence from December 21, 2021 to January 18, 2022 and the claim for Cardmember Services to be \$415.40. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims and Treasurer’s Report. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Claims are as follows:

ATC Communications	33.89	email/annual web renewal
Aurora Cooperative	122.46	fuel
CAMAS Publishing	119.95	publishing
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	114.57	supplies
Community Redevelopment Authority	12,500.00	Jan/Feb budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,252.83	utilities
Eakes	124.65	copier payment
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	31.07	supplies
Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O.	277.50	atty fees
Inter. Institute of Municipal Clerks	175.00	dues
Lawn In Order	140.00	snow removal
Moonlight Electric	64.00	shop main breaker bypass
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
NE Dept of Revenue	258.65	sales & use tax
One Call Concepts, Inc.	3.16	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Puls, Fred/Angela	70.00	UT Dep refund
Schaben Sanitation	335.00	roll-off dumpster
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	5,957.47	trash fee
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Smith, RuthAnn	114.18	UT Dep refund, overpayment
Starmark	32.70	emp life ins
The Red Barn	90.00	fuel
Village Uniform	38.90	rugs
Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc.	28,759.42	loader payment
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54,569.90</b>	
<b>PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:</b>		
Aflac	256.40	emp paid ins
Black Hills Energy	341.53	utilities
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,609.13	emp health ins
Century Link (Lumen)	25.79	phone
Century Link	111.96	phone

EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	2,897.88	federal payroll taxes
Payroll	7,998.27	Jan. net payroll
TD Ameritrade	298.42	401K company match
TOTAL PREPAID	16,539.38	
TOTAL CLAIMS	71,109.28	
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	254.59	utilities
CenturyLink	72.25	telephone/internet
Dawson Public Power District	122.40	utilities
MTL Inc	245.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	1925.35	wages/ss/mc, trash
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	60.85	supplies
Jane Hilton	84.18	mileage, mtg registration
Pinnacle Bank credit card	294.61	books, postage, fees(refunded)
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,359.23	

Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) were reviewed. Sheriff Craig Ward reported not much going on around town. Utilities Superintendent Corder reported that Ensley Electric from Grand Island will be putting the lights on the poles at the ball field and Leising, Inc is about ready to work on the big ball field. It was noted there are several companies that would be willing to assist if excavating is necessary for water repairs. Size of the concrete pieces/stone to be used at the sewer lagoons was discussed as well as where to get the material.

Katy Weissert was present on behalf of the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) to discuss the location of the Veteran's Memorial project.

Vice-Chair Tilson opened the public hearing at 7:33 pm regarding a redevelopment plan for Elwood Auto Detailing by the CRA. Wilson Hupp from Hart & Huyser, PC, LLO reviewed the project with the Trustees. There being no public comment and no further discussion, Trustee Tilson closed the hearing at 7:36 pm. The Board determined this project to be feasible and in conformity with the general plan for development of the village and the redevelopment plan conforms with declarations and determinations set forth in the Community Development Law. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to pass Resolution 2022-01 approving the redevelopment plan for the Elwood Auto Detailing Redevelopment Project. Roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Randy Helms was present to discuss the possibility of RV sites next to the fairgrounds. Costs, labor and responsibilities were discussed.

There was no new information regarding coordinators for the summer ball program or pool employees.

A special designated liquor license was requested by the Elwood Area Foundation for the 2022 Gala. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to approve said license. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Amber Kuskie, representing West Central Nebraska Development District, Inc. (WCNDD), reviewed their role as Elwood's nuisance officer. Advertising will be done to alert the town of the updated nuisance ordinance and procedures of nuisance abatement. The Board discussed beginning with Section 3 of the divided town map.

Two proposals for lawn care service were reviewed. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to accept the bid from TLC Lawn Care for the 4-step program for \$152.00. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: Townsend; absent: Martin; motion carried 3-1-1.

The IRS mileage rates for 2022 were reviewed with a motion by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to change the mileage rate to 58.5 cents in keeping with the IRS standard mileage rate.

There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

There was one approved building permit reviewed.

Trustee Tilson informed the Trustees that he spoke with Davy Schutz about getting the exterior village office lights repaired.

Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer