

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, July 13, 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 Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Tilson, Kleine, Townsend and Fong. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on July 7, 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 Tilson, seconded by Fong, to approve the June 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Tilson, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims excepting Carrie Puls as ball coordinator. The roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Tilson, Townsend, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp pd ins
Area Services Inc	192.50	bathhouse sewer drain service
ATC Communications	14.90	email/website
Black Hills Energy	628.59	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	126.82	publications
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	254.93	supplies
Central District Health Dept	60.00	water testing
Community Redev. Authority	6,250.00	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Pest Control	121.00	office
Dawson Public Power District	6,867.75	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	47.52	supplies
Elwood Library	8,625.00	budget
Eustis Plumbing & Underground	101.77	bathhouse hot water heater
Gosper Co. Treas. (Sheriff Support)	11,715.74	quarterly pymt
Great Plains Communications	131.55	phone bill
Gydesen, Cooper	11.45	UT Dep refund less balance due
Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O.	647.00	attorney fees
Heinemann, Tim	250.00	coach
Hieter, Trevor	250.00	coach
Huyser, R Hayley	250.00	coach
Jauken, Laurie	177.26	mileage for training
John Deere Financial	61.68	supplies
Johnny on the Spot	90.00	port-a-potty at cemetery
Lerdall, Jada	104.20	lifeguard class/suit
Lofquist Welding Inc	399.92	trailer repair
Martin, Melissa	250.00	coach
Martin, Tom	250.00	coach
McClintic, Andrea	250.00	coach
McCorkle, Katrina	250.00	coach
Mead Lumber	229.95	paint
Moonlight Electric	3,271.36	ball field, exterior office lights
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
NE Dept of Revenue	374.20	sales tax pymt
NE Dept of Revenue	1,261.55	withholding

	NE Public Health Env. Lab.	721.00	water testing
	Nebraska Rural Water Assoc.	150.00	annual membership
	Niemeier, Nicholas	60.00	UT Dep refund
	One Call Concepts	15.46	811 locate fees
	Park, Soonil	70.00	UT Dep refund
	Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA Account
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	Power Plan (Murphy Equip)	20.72	freight for warranty parts
	Puls, Carrie	250.00	ball coordinator
	Reiners, Kate	127.68	lifeguard suit/class
	Rexing, Jordan	250.00	coach
	Sarr Estate, Donald George	65.00	UT Dep refund
	Schaben Sanitation Inc.	112.50	clean up days
	Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,467.62	solid waste fees
	Schaben Sanitation (roll-off)	355.52	large dumpster at dump
	Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
	Shutts, Lori	250.00	coach
	Sunset Pool Supplies	1,032.20	pool chemicals
*part	T.L. Sund Constructors, Inc.	185,000.00	paving
	Tilson, Charles	25.00	deputy zoning admin
	Tilson, Laura M	27.68	lifeguard suit
	Townsend, Ken	250.00	coach
	Utterback, Gerald	250.00	coach
	Village Uniform	36.70	rugs
	Viter, Shandra	250.00	coach
	Weismann, Bill	1,020.00	paint office
	Weissert, Mark	250.00	coach
	West Central Nebraska Dev. Dist.	3,784.00	annual membership/nuisance pymt
TOTAL	245,693.27		
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:			
	Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,609.13	emp health ins
	CenturyLink	46.20	pool phone
	Community Redev. Authority	3,481.62	TIF pymt
	DHHS - LIHWAP	411.11	DHHS error: Elmwood relief pymt
	EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	4,231.76	federal payroll taxes
	Payroll	15,437.25	June net payroll
	Starmark	32.70	emp life ins
	TD Ameritrade	311.52	401K company match
TOTAL PREPAID	28,561.29		
TOTAL CLAIMS	274,254.56		
*Paid with Sales Tax Fund			
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)			
	Black Hills Energy (pp)	110.03	utilities
	Pinnacle Visa (pp)	953.55	furniture (ARPA)
	Dawson Public Power District	166.97	utilities
	MTL Inc	196.00	janitor
	Village of Elwood	2,242.70	wages/ss/mc, trash, phone
	Pinnacle Visa	470.23	books ((ARPA), postage
	Valley Voice	184.00	advertising
	Walmart (Capital One)	62.58	books (ARPA)
	Jane Hilton	156.25	mileage/meeting fee

TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS 4,542.31

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to approve the treasurer's report with corrections to the interest rates on two CDs. There being no further discussion, roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Fong, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to use sales tax funds to assist with the payment of the West Rush Street paving project. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair Martin opened the public hearing regarding the proposed Veteran's Memorial Project at 7:15 p.m. Craig Ward commented on behalf of the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) about said project. Martin closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend, to pass Resolution 2022-03 approving the Veteran's Memorial Project. The Board finds said redevelopment plan 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. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Tilson, Townsend, Fong, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Board Chair Martin appointed Attorney Hayley Huyser as the acting hearing officer for the Show Cause Hearing regarding the declared nuisance at 708 Calvert Avenue. Notice for the Show Cause hearing was published in the Valley Voice newspaper on July 7, 2022. The hearing was heard before a quorum of the governing body. Attorney Huyser opened the hearing at 7:21 p.m. by administering the witness oath to Cody Fenwick, Nuisance Officer from West Central Nebraska Development District. Ms. Fenwick offered Exhibits 1 through 11, which were marked and received by the hearing officer. Ms. Fenwick concluded her presentation of evidence. Attorney Huyser then administered the witness oath to Karen White, the objecting party. Ms. White did not offer any exhibits, however, she provided testimony regarding items on her property. The hearing officer, Attorney Huyser, concluded the hearing at 7:29 p.m. after each party completed their presentation of evidence. The governing body reviewed the evidence presented. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to clear the property and rescind the nuisance declaration for 708 Calvert Avenue. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions were reviewed regarding rescinding nuisance declarations for 5 properties. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to pass Resolutions: 2022-012-01, 2022-022-01, 2022-026-01, 2022-029-01 and 2022-030-01 rescinding the declared nuisances for those 5 properties as all issues have been resolved. There being no further discussion, roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Martin; motion carried 5-0.

Nuisance Officer Fenwick reviewed one property with the trustees. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to send a letter to grant an extension for said property. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

Fenwick summarized nuisance activity reporting that out of 84 properties reviewed, 31 received courtesy letters, 28 properties have cleared and 8 are still actively in the program.

Sheriff Ward reported the department is working with a potentially dangerous dog and has impounded a couple of dogs.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported: there is a wait for parts to arrive to repair the park sprinklers, the cemetery has been sprayed for bindweed and other weeds, and the Village used 19 million gallons of water in June.

Guest Stan Schutz reported to the Board that Great Plains Communications does not seem to be following 811 guidelines and the Village may need to inform the Diggers Hotline about it.

Cost estimates and donations regarding a bullpen and batting cage were reviewed. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to proceed with obtaining and ordering

necessary items to complete the project. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Fong, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

The Village received an offer to paint the dugout on the big field if the Village will provide the paint.

Marty Kleppinger and Steve Scoville were present representing the Elwood Housing Authority and discussed estimated financial needs of Rush Creek Villa.

Trustee Tilson reported that solar panels will not work as they would generate more electricity than Dawson Power could take.

More information will be gathered regarding the purchase and installation of gates at the dump.

A complaint was received regarding several campers parked on an empty lot and possibly occupied on some weekends. Possible zoning issues were reviewed citing no infractions. No action was taken.

Mileage rates were reviewed noting that the IRS increased mileage rates mid-year due to the recent gasoline price increases. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Fong, to approve a mileage rate increase to 62.5 cents per mile as per the IRS change. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

An invitation was reviewed to attend a land bank meeting. Attorney Huyser will get more information as no one can attend the meeting.

The cost to dig a shared internet and phone line to the Gosper County Senior Center was reviewed. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson to bill the Senior Center for half of this cost. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; motion carried 5-0.

One approved building permit was reviewed.

Paid holidays for employees were reviewed. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson to give employees a choice between taking Flag Day and Juneteenth off. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Kleine; nays: Fong, Townsend, Martin; motion failed 3-2. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine to follow federal holidays for Village employee paid holidays. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Fong; nays: Martin; motion carried 4-1.

The wage discussion and personnel evaluations were tabled until the budget workshop, which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular Village Board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2022.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer