

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, June 8, 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, June 8, 2022. 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 Fong and Townsend. Board Chair Martin and Trustee Kleine were absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on June 2, 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 Townsend, to approve the May 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Tilson, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. The roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2. Claims are as follows:

ATC Communications	14.90	email & webpage
Aurora Cooperative	114.34	supplies
Black Hills Energy	118.05	utilities
CAMAS Publishing	421.77	publications
Cardmember Service-Sec. Bank	191.05	supplies
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	budget
Corder, Kirk	49.00	cell phone
Dawson Public Power District	4,822.82	utilities
Eakes	124.65	copier pymt
Eakes Office Plus	441.87	service pymt
Elwood Market	75.36	supplies
Foley/Johnson	50.00	bldg permit refund
Hart & Huyser, P.C., L.L.O.	250.00	atty fees
Jones Plumbing & Heating Inc.	635.00	water main repair
Moonlight Electric	1,673.60	shop, office
MTL, Inc.	98.00	cleaning
Ne Dept of Revenue	292.19	sales tax
NE Public Health Environ. Lab.	314.00	water testing
One Call Concepts, Inc.	11.88	811 locate fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Pinnacle Bank	15.00	safe box fee
Plains Tsunami Swim League	840.00	swim team fees
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	677.17	roll-off dumpster
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,425.96	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Sunset Spa & Supplies	1,343.08	pool supplies
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	building permit
Tilson, Laura	200.00	lifeguard/cpr

USA Communications	106.37	3 phone lines
Village Uniform	36.70	rugs
TOTAL	26,425.26	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
Aflac	256.40	emp paid ins
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	4,609.13	emp health ins
EFTPS withholding, SS, MC	2,854.12	federal payroll taxes
Lawn in Order	70.00	snow removal
Lawn in Order	300.00	cemetery trimming
Payroll	7,939.15	May net payroll
Starmark	32.70	emp pd life ins
TD Ameritrade	303.20	401K company match
TOTAL PREPAID	16,364.70	
TOTAL CLAIMS	42,789.96	
LIBRARY CLAIMS: (pp=prepaid)		
Black Hills Energy (pp)	125.16	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	119.88	utilities
MTL Inc	245.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	1885.87	wages/ss/mc, trash, phone
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	333.35	supplies
D&R Computing	103.97	internet/computer repair
Jane Hilton	57.33	mileage
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	2,870.56	

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend to approve the treasurer's report. Roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Townsend, Fong; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) were reviewed. The potential nuisance at Wheatfield Lot 11 is being addressed and progress is being made on the Veteran's Memorial.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported: the pool heater is working, the water main at Rush and Ontario is repaired and will get new concrete as soon as someone is available to pour, and the roof at the shop needs attention. The tree dump is overfull and options were discussed since burning is not a current option.

Travis Bacon presented information for a new bullpen and batting cage at the ball fields. More information and pricing will be considered at the next meeting.

Ordinance 2022-01, which updates the provisions for the keeping and raising chickens in the Village was read by the Vice Chairman and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend to waive the three readings rule for passing ordinances. Roll call vote: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Tilson, to pass and adopt Ordinance 2022-01. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Fong; nays: none; motion carried 3-0-2. Ordinance 2022-01 was published in the June 16th edition of the Valley Voice newspaper.

Cody Fenwick, Nuisance Officer with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD), was present via Zoom conference to present nuisance findings. After her initial visit to Elwood, 84 properties were reviewed, 30 received courtesy letters of items that need addressed, 18 have cleared, leaving 12 for further review as to the nuisance. Evidence of the 12 properties were reviewed. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Townsend to pass the following resolutions which declared 12 properties as nuisance properties, one address per resolution, numbering: 2022-012, 2022-013, 2022-014, 2022-019, 2022-022, 2022-023, 2022-024, 2022-025, 2022-026, 2022-028, 2022-029 and 2022-030. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Tilson, Townsend, Fong; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 3-0-2.

Ordinance 2022-02 regarding splitting lots 7 and 8, Block 19, Original Town of Elwood was read by Vice-Chair Tilson and reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Tilson, to waive the three readings rules regarding the passing of ordinances on three separate readings. Roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2. A motion was made by Townsend, seconded by Fong to pass and adopt Ordinance 2022-02 splitting lots 7 and 8, Block 18, in the original town of Elwood, Gosper County, Nebraska. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Tilson; nays: none; absent Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

Ordinance 2022-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOPPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE LOT SPLIT OF LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 19 IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF ELWOOD.

AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOPPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That the Lot Split of Lots 7 and 8, Block 19, Original Town of Elwood, Gosper County, Nebraska, duly made out, acknowledged and certified, is hereby approved, accepted, ratified and authorized to be filed and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Gosper County, Nebraska.

Section 2. That all Ordinances of parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall be published and shall be effective from and after its passage, approval and publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Gosper County, Nebraska, this 8th day of June, 2022.

Tom Martin, Chairman, Elwood Village Board of Trustees

STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF GOPPER: I, Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk of the Village of Elwood, being duly qualified, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Gosper County, Nebraska on this 8th day of June, 2022. Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk

Vice-Chair Tilson discussed his findings from Dawson Public Power District on solar panels.

The Trustees discussed Juneteenth and considered Resolution 2022-02 which would make June 19th a paid holiday and would automatically adopt all future federally recognized paid holidays as such for the Village. After review of paid holidays for the

Village employees, a motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to pass and approve said Resolution 2022-02. The roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Tilson, Townsend; nays: none; absent: Martin, Kleine; motion carried 3-0-2.

An invitation was observed from WCNDD for an annual meeting.

One approved building permit was reviewed.

The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022.

Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer