

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes from November 8, 2023

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, November 8, 2023. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Tilson who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Kleine, Townsend and Fong. Board Chair Martin was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on November 2, 2023 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 October 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the October 8 and 18, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

After reviewing claims, a motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve and pay the Village and Library claims as presented. Further discussion included the water leak and pickup repair bills. The roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Claims are as follows:

Aflac	256.40	emp paid ins	
AMI Global, LLC	360.00	remote monitoring for the	
well			
ATC Communications	14.90	email/web	
Aurora Cooperative	318.80	supplies	
Black Hills Energy	139.17	utilities	
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	5,155.01	emp insurance	
Bomgaars	41.88	supplies	
CAMAS Publishing	248.66	publications	
Central District Health Department	63.00	water test	
Cole, Taelor	32.89	UT dep refund	
Community Redevelopment Authority	6,250.00	monthly budget	
Corder, Kirk	59.00	cell phone, license pick up	
Cornhusker Press	86.45	dog tags	
D&R Computing Inc	50.00	computer	
Dawson Public Power District	4,146.22	utilities	
Downey Drilling, Inc.	2,171.02	water leak repair	
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier payment	
Elan Financial Services - credit card	141.81	postage & supplies	
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	1.80	supplies	
Eustis Plumbing & Underground	256.74	parts for water leak	
Great Plains Communications	173.71	phone	
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	1,600.00	atty fees	
Lawn In Order - Shaune LaPrade	390.00	cemetery	trimming,
mowing			

MTL, Inc.	147.00	cleaning
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Nebraska	765.47	water supplies
NE Dept of Revenue Sales & Use Tax	302.11	sales & use tax
NE Public Health Env. Lab.	432.00	water testing
NE Rural Water Association	300.00	membership
NE State Treasurer	85.40	dog tag fees
One Call Concepts, Inc.	17.40	811 fees
Pinnacle Bank	393.75	HSA
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Platte Valley Auto Mart, Inc	1,988.38	Kirk pickup service
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,023.69	roll-off dumpster
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	6,686.74	solid waste
Schutz, Shane	20.00	cell phone
Security First Insurance	23,202.00	insurance
Sprinkler's Plus	1,091.20	park sprinkler repair
Starmark	39.60	emp. life ins.
Sunset Spa & Supplies	3,991.79	pool supplies
The Red Barn	149.44	supplies
Tilson, Charles. Dpty Zon Admin	25.00	bldg permit
Total Lawn Care (TLC)	1,275.00	ball field grass
West Central NE Development Dist.	1,509.00	nuisance program final
payment		
TOTAL	65,920.83	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	4,080.36	Oct federal payroll taxes
Payroll	11,309.01	Oct net payroll
Schwab	436.01	Oct 401K company match
Leonardo Murillo/Cobalt Credit Union	28,970.00	2016 Dodge Ram
TOTAL PREPAID	44,795.38	
TOTAL CLAIMS	110,716.21	
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	127.77	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	111.05	utilities
MTL Inc	245.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,414.48	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank CC	428.32	books
Jane Hilton	406.76	mtg reg., mileage, books
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,733.38	

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Minutes from the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) were reviewed.

Deputy Josh Richie was present on behalf of the Sheriff's office. There was a general discussion of Village Ordinances.

Utility Superintendent Corder reported completing some street cleaning and the new pick-up purchase was completed. The old pick-ups can be sold. Josh Evans was over to look at the sewer lagoon for some needed repairs. Snow blades and a set of bolts costing around \$2,300.00 were ordered for the snowplow. Corder will need tires on the black Dodge soon.

The Board reviewed Ordinance 2023-04 regarding no parking areas near the Elwood Care Center. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to waive the three readings rule regarding the passage of ordinances. There being no 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 pass and adopt Ordinance 2023-04 establishing no parking zones near the Elwood Care Center. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Ordinance 2023-04 was published on 11/16/2023 and reads as follows:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 72, SECTION 72.10 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF PARKING AND PLACEMENT OF PARKING SIGNS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. One of the major responsibilities of municipal government is to provide for the safety of its citizens.

Section 2. Section 72.10 of the Elwood Village Municipal Code authorizes the Elwood Board of Trustees to provide for the prohibition of parking in designated areas within the municipality's jurisdiction.

Section 3. The Village Board of Trustees finds that the curb shall be painted and marked "No Parking" along the West side of Smith Avenue, also known as US Highway 283, from twenty-five (25) feet North of the West intersection of Smith Avenue and Randolph Street to said intersection, thereby prohibiting parking on Smith Avenue between said point north of intersection and intersection at any time with said zone being designated a "tow-away zone."

Section 4. The Village Board of Trustees further finds that the curb shall be painted and marked "No Parking" along the North side of Randolph Street, from the west edge of the alley to the East intersection of Smith Avenue, also known as US Highway 283, and Randolph Street, thereby prohibiting parking on Randolph Street

between the alley and said intersection at any time with said zone being designated a “tow-away zone,” except that temporary parking shall be allowed in those designated parking areas for physical therapy patients to access services

Section 5. Said regulation shall be continuously effective and any person who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with said sign shall be penalized pursuant to Section 72.12 of the Elwood Village Municipal Code, and any applicable County or State Law.

Section 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or portion of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 7. All Ordinances and Resolutions, and all parts of Ordinances or Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. 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 this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

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Village of Elwood Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk

Irene Kenning was present to request a special designated liquor license on behalf of the American Legion for a fundraiser to be held on January 20, 2024 at the civic center. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve said request. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Donna and Gordon Hanson presented an application to move a house from Elwood to an out-of-town location. After a discussion regarding liability and various permits, a motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve the permit to move a house. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Based on a report from West Central Nebraska Development District, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong, to approve Resolution 2023-002-01 rescinding the previous nuisance declaration for property 2023-002. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none;

absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Clerk Jauken will contact one property regarding a tire that needs removed.

Properties with an overgrowth of weeds/grasses were reviewed.

A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve Resolution 2023-17 which approves the Board Chair signing the Year-End Certification of City Street Superintendent. There being no 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 pass Resolution 2023-04 which approves and adopts Elwood's Hazard Mitigation Plan. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Resolution 2023-18 was reviewed regarding implementing water and sewer rate increases effective January 1, 2024. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to pass Resolution 2023-18 implementing a 15% water and sewer rate increase effective January 1, 2024. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; motion carried 4-0-1.

There was one approved building permit to review.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer