

Village of Elwood Budget Hearing & Special Property Tax Request, September 13, 2023

The Village of Elwood, Nebraska Budget and Property Tax Request Hearings were held at the Village Office on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The 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 Townsend, Kleine and Fong. Board Chair Martin was absent. Notices of the Hearings were given in advance by publication in the Valley Voice newspaper on September 7, 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.

Vice-Chair Tilson opened the budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. The Board discussed the property tax request being lower than the previous year due to the Assessor's Valuation Statement. There being no further comment, Tilson closed the hearing at 7:02 p.m. and introduced and read Ordinance 2023-02 by title which allows the adoption of the 2023-2024 budget statement prepared by RJ Meyer & Associates, L.L.C. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to suspend the statutory rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days. Roll call vote: Ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; Nays: none; Absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong to pass and adopt Ordinance 2023-02 adopting the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson; Nays: none; Absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Vice-Chair Tilson declared Ordinance 2023-02 lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law. Clerk Jauken attested its passage and approval by affixing her signature and the seal of the Village thereto. Ordinance 2023-02 reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, NEBRASKA TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND TAKE EFFECT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

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

Section 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village of Elwood. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and to the County Clerk of Gosper County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2023.

VILLAGE OF ELWOOD  
GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Tilson, Board Vice-Chair

ATTEST: Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk (SEAL)

Vice-Chair Martin opened the Property Tax Hearing at 7:04 p.m. The Trustees reviewed the property tax request and there being no public comment, Tilson declared the hearing closed at 7:05 p.m. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend to adopt Resolution 2023-12 setting the property tax request at \$174,863.79 for fiscal year 2023-2024 and request approval of a 1% increase in total 2023-2024 funds subject to limitation. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: Ayes: Fong, Kleine, Townsend, Tilson; Nays: none; Absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Board Chair Martin declared said Property Tax Request passed and adopted. Clerk Jauken attested by affixing her signature and the seal of the Village of Elwood. Resolution 2023-12 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR THE VILLAGE OF ELWOOD, GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax required for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the Village of Elwood passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village of Elwood that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Elwood, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at \$174,863.79.
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

Vice-Chair Martin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Laurie Jauken  
Village Clerk