

Village of Elwood regular meeting minutes, November 13, 2024

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 13, 2024. Said meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Tilson who noted the Open Meetings Act is posted and available to the public on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Fong, Townsend and Kleine. Board Chair Martin was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on October 31, 2024, and by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office and the Village Office on November 12, 2024. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

After reviewing minutes, a motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve the October 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes as presented. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, 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. There being no discussion, 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. pd. ins.
AMI Global, LLC	360.00	annual well monitoring
ATC Communications	14.90	email, website
Aurora Cooperative	1,916.31	fuel, supplies
Black Hills Energy	137.49	utilities
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE	3,066.06	emp. health ins.
CAMAS Publishing	506.19	publications
Community Redev. Authority	8,333.33	monthly budget
Corder, Kirk	98.00	cell phone
Cornhusker Press	103.45	dog tags
Dawson Public Power District	4,683.32	utilities
Eakes - Copier	124.65	copier pymt
Eakes Office Plus	15.12	supplies
Elan Financial Services - cc	551.85	envelopes, postage, supplies
Elwood Care Center	2,325.00	monthly budget
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	18.54	supplies
Great Plains Communications	173.77	phone, dump internet
Hart, Huyser & Miller P.C., L.L.O.	590.00	atty fees
Heartland Clerk's Association	10.00	annual dues
Heartland Security	2,811.99	security cameras
Lawn In Order - Shaune LaPrade	690.00	mowing cemetery, office
McFarland, Brian	64.47	UT Dep refund less balance
MTL, Inc.	107.00	cleaning
Municipal Supply, Inc. of Nebr.	573.16	water supplies
Mutual of Omaha	21.60	life ins.
NE Dept. of Revenue	368.99	sales tax
One Call Concepts	7.96	811 locate fees

Pinnacle le Bank	765.64	HSA
Schaben Sanitation - Roll-off	1,050.47	large dumpster at dump 3x
Schaben Sanitation Inc.	7,027.97	trash fees
Schutz, Shane	40.00	cell phone
Ward Laboratories, Inc.	114.15	sewer test
TOTAL	36,927.78	
PREAPPROVED/PREPAID CLAIMS:		
EFTPS	4,443.36	Oct. federal payroll taxes
Payroll	14,194.41	Oct. net payroll
Schwab - retirement fund	503.86	Oct. company match
TOTAL PREPAID	19,141.63	
TOTAL CLAIMS	56,069.41	
*paid with sales tax funds		
LIBRARY CLAIMS:		
Black Hills Energy	116.95	utilities
Dawson Public Power District	104.48	utilities
MTL Inc	214.00	janitor
Village of Elwood	2,417.06	wages, ss/mc, utilities
Pinnacle Bank CC	328.68	books, postage, supplies
Elwood Hometown Coop Market	54.12	supplies
TOTAL LIBRARY CLAIMS	3,235.29	

Clerk Jauken informed the Board that the audit is scheduled for December 17th and there are two CDs maturing. The Trustees agreed to continue renewing the certificates for the highest rate available. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin motion carried 4-0-1.

Utility Superintendent Corder made a request to cash in 100 hours of compensatory time. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend to approve the 100 hours of comp. pay. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Vice-Chair Tilson opened the public hearing to consider a redevelopment plan for CJ Imprints LLC at 7:06 p.m. Said redevelopment plan for renovations at 510 Ripley Street was recommended to the Village Board by the Gosper County Planning Commission. There being no public comment, Tilson closed the hearing at 7:08 p.m.

The Board of Trustees finds the redevelopment plan for CJ Imprints, LLC to be feasible and in conformity with the general plan for development of the village and the plan conforms with declarations and determinations set forth in the Community Development Law. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to pass Resolution 2024-13 approving the Redevelopment Plan for CJ Imprints LLC. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine; nays: none; absent: Martin; abstain: Tilson; motion carried 3-0-1-1.

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

Sheriff Richie was present reporting on changes in the Sheriff's office and commented on updates to an electronic format for tickets. Richie also commended the

fire department and ambulance service for outstanding performance to several calls of service lately.

There was no report from the Utility Superintendent.

The Trustees reviewed an agreement with Evans Construction for moving and placing riprap at the sewer lagoon for an initial fee of \$100,000.00. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to approve said agreement with Evans Construction using ARPA funds for payment. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent; Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

There was no discussion regarding spending ARPA funds on another project as the total needed for the sewer lagoon exceeds the amount of ARPA funds held.

The Board reviewed the list of nuisance properties that are scheduled for abatement and considered choices of companies to hire for the abatement. A motion was made by Fong, seconded by Kleine, to use BSB Construction of Curtis for abatement as recommended by West Central Nebraska Development District. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Fong, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1. Don Lofquist was present to discuss his properties as he has been working on his lots.

An agreement with EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. was considered. This agreement will facilitate assistance with a grant which will assist with the cost of water meters and their installation. A motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Fong, to approve said agreement for grant assistance at a cost of \$15,000.00. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Fong, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Resolution 2024-14 authorizing the Board Chair to sign the Year-End Certification of the City Street Superintendent was reviewed with a motion by Kleine, seconded by Townsend, to approve said Resolution. There being no discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Fong, Townsend, Kleine, Tilson; nays: none; absent: Martin; motion carried 4-0-1.

Dates were discussed for Board training in January.

There were no building permits approved in October.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Tilson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Clerk/Treasurer