

Elsie Council Minutes August 10, 2021

President Tom Frink called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: President Tom Frink; Councilmembers: Todd Carroll, Joe Ondrusek, Kory Witt, Dorothy Ornelas, Sam Frink, and Jason Freeman.

Members Absent: Treasurer C. Brzak

Ex-Officios Present: Clerk, S Lightner and Village Manager, S. Grinnell.

AGENDA: Freeman moved, Witt seconded to accept the agenda with the addition to adding Gene Nethaway to Special Reports, and AMKO to the managers report. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Ornelas moved, S. Frink seconded to approve the July 13, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: Carroll moved, Ondrusek seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$42,490.05. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION STEPS:

SPECIAL REPORTS: Gene Nethaway was present to update on the W.A.R Rally to be held in the park on September 18, 2021. Meetings are being held at the Legion every Monday leading up to the Rally at 6:30 p.m..

PRESIDENT:

CLERK:

TREASURER: Ondrusek moved, Freeman seconded to approve the Treasurers report for August 2021, MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE: Freeman moved, Witt seconded to approve the Police Report for August 2021, MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER/DPW REPORT: 1. Carroll moved, Freeman seconded to approve the Manager/DPW Report as written. MOTION CARRIED. Manager Grinnell gave a report on 1. Covid Funding application was submitted for \$102,000 and must be applied to infrastructure. 2. The new Village website should be up and ready by the end of the month and will be moving to a .gov, rather than a .org. 3. He will be going with DPW to Bobcat to look at an excavator in the next few weeks. 4. There have been several trees in the cemetery that have fallen, and been cleaned up and taken care of. The shed has also been delivered out there. 5. Letters will be sent to the homeowners that are effected by the sidewalk and tree removal, 6. We received the keys to the Doorman Gallery on August 1st. The Doorman Gallery committee will meet August 19th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss future plans and to do a walk-through of the building. Public is welcome, meet at the Village office. 7. The Park committee received an email from a resident that the playground equipment/area needs some attention. It was suggested to use woodchips around the equipment. 8. Seven students were sent to the fire academy, and 6 of the 7 passed. The 7th one

missed by 1 point and will be retaking the course. 9. A representative from AMKO will be at the next meeting to discuss possible refinancing of the lagoon system. 10. Suggested to council that we look into the possibility of hiring a village employee to take care of Riverside Cemetery instead of contracting it out. Besides hiring an employee, a new mower would have to be purchased.

COUNCILMEMBERS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Doug Sturgis requested that there be a monthly test with the My City Pocket app that the Village uses to alert residents of DPW/Village emergencies. He asked for clarification on the Covid 19 funding and the S Ovid lift station insurance claim. He also asked if the current ordinance on sidewalks should be reevaluated since it was adopted in 1958. The council advised that the code book was just reviewed by several ordinance attorneys, and they approved keeping that ordinance in our code book.

A representative from the Fall Festival requested some help from the Village concerning clean up and road closures for the October 2nd, 2021, Fall Festival. The council approved the DPW to assist in clean up along with the festival being allowed to use our dumpster, because of it being a nonprofit fundraiser for the Food Bank. Freeman motioned and Carroll seconded to approve between \$350-\$400 for signage for road closures. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Frazier was checking the status of the building across the street from him and if there was anything that could be done code enforcement wise. Manager Grinnell informed him that the Village has an open Code Enforcement case on that property and that there's steps to be followed and we're working on it.

ADJOURNMENT: Carroll moved, S. Frink seconded to adjourn the August 10, 2021, Council Meeting at 8:19 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Tom Frink
Village President

Susan Lightner
Village Clerk