

Elsie Council Minutes September 8, 2020

President T. Frink called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Members Present: President Tom Frink. Councilmembers: Kory Witt, Jason Freeman, Jim Hyland, and Dorothy Ornelas.

Members by phone: Joe Ondrusek, and Todd Carroll.

Ex-Officios Present: Clerk, A. Trierweiler, Manager-Treasurer, S. Grinnell, and Police Officer-Zachary Tahvonen.

AGENDA: Freeman moved, Witt seconded to accept the agenda with an addition to PRESIDENT: Zoning Variance Appeal; SPECIAL REPORTS-Granger, and COMMITTEES: Golf cart ordinance. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Freeman moved, Hyland seconded to approve the August 11, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: Freeman moved, Ornelas seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$48,539.47 MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION STEP: Mary Ann Reese was available to the council to discuss an organic, as much as possible, community garden. The ground was approved at the water tower for this planting. Mary Ann has been discussing this venture with many members of the community, including the Elsie Area Food Bank. The excess food would go to community members. There was a discussion regarding donations, Facebook information site, area used, amount of people to be able to use the plots, items to be planted.

SPECIAL REPORTS: 1. Gene Nethaway, was available to the council, to advise them regarding the W.A.R. The WAR Rally is being held on September 19th in the Elsie Village Park, barring any changes with Executive Orders from the governor. This is being held in the park, but social distancing, and limited attendance is still necessary. 2. Scott Truman, with Granger, discussed curbside recycling for the Village of Elsie. The cost was very prohibitive, at twice the cost of regular trash pick-up. The curbside recyclable containers are handled twice, as they are picked up, and then sent somewhere else for sorting. A separate quote will be given next spring, with recycling added, so the council can see the differences between regular and recycling pick-up.

PRESIDENT: Freeman moved, Witt seconded to uphold the Zoning Board's decision regarding a variance. The Variance was given to Mr. Thomas Horvath, the homeowner of 321 N. Second St. This variance was given by the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 14, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK: The Clinton County Department of Waste Management's Free Fall Event has been cancelled. The October 3rd collection event has been cancelled due to COVID-19. There are other disposal options out there ...if you look.

TREASURER: Freeman moved, Hyland seconded to approve the August 2020 Treasurer's Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE: Ondrusek moved, Carroll seconded to approve the August 2020 Police Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER/DPW REPORT: 1. Witt moved, Freeman seconded to approve the Manager/DPW Report as written. MOTION CARRIED. 2. There will be a Car Show being held on October 3rd from 9-4, for the Elsie Area Food Bank. The council agreed to shut down the streets, so this event could take place. 3. There was a proposal for a Community Sign. Bids have been taken, and the sign bid costs, that have been received, were projected between \$31,000 and \$40,000. Donations and fundraisers may be investigated to help purchase this sign. 4. Witt moved, Carroll seconded to approve the hiring of Stone Unlimited and Wagner Painting to repair the mausoleum at the cemetery. Total cost for repair of the mausoleum is \$21,850.00, with painting costs at \$1,800.00...with a total cost of \$23,650.00, with a ten percent leeway on costs. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE: ACTION STEP: Kory Witt, Councilmember, discussed a possible Ordinance Committee meeting to discuss a golf cart ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were questions regarding filled catch basins on Ovid and Pine and Ovid and Oak St. and the possibility of separate recycling bins,,such as all glass, all cardboard, all plastic..etc.

ADJOURNMENT: Ondrusek moved, Freeman seconded to adjourn the July 14, 2020 Council Meeting at 7:54 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Frink
Village President

Ann Trierweiler
Village Clerk