

Elsie Council Minutes October 12, 2021

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

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

Members Absent: Jason Freeman, Todd Carroll

Ex-Officios Present: Clerk, Susan Lightner; and Village Manager, Shane Grinnell.

AGENDA: Ornelas moved, Witt seconded to accept the agenda with the addition to Mutual Data closing to the President section. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Witt moved, S Frink seconded to approve the Public Hearing minutes (new Code book) September 14, 2021. MOTION CARRIED. Ornelas moved, Ondrusek seconded to approve the Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: S Frink moved, Witt seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$86,807.70. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION STEPS:

SPECIAL REPORTS: Tim Bresnahan from Silversmith Data presented their software system that can be loaded on any internet device that would record maintenance digitally throughout the DPW and Village with fire hydrants, sidewalks/roads, blight clean up, pumps, water mains and meters and more. Witt moved, S Frink seconded to move forward with the purchase of the software system through Silversmith Data in the amount of \$6,350 for start up cost, and \$1,850 annual fee. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT: With Mutual Data closing, Perry Wright, a representative from Invisalink presented an overview of their company and would be willing to put their equipment on our water towers and in return the Village Office, Library and the Park would receive internet for free, and would also bring service to the residents of Elsie. Witt moved, Ondrusek seconded to authorize Shane and Tom to review and sign the contract with Invisalink, after sending out to the rest of council and Village attorney, Ed Jackson. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK: 1. Trick-or-Treat hours will be held from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2021. 2. The EAFD will be holding the annual Halloween Party afterwards at the Emergency Services Building, 140 W. Maple St. Elsie. They will be providing hot dogs, French fries, doughnuts, and cider.

TREASURER: Ondrusek moved, S Frink seconded to approve the September 2021 Treasurer's Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE: Ornelas moved, Ondrusek seconded to approve the September 2021 Police Reports as written. MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER/DPW REPORT: 1. Grinnell reported that he just got back from training for a new radio system. It will go live by the end of the year and will be much easier to speak to different counties. 2. Building update- still waiting to hear on status of Covid money 3. USDA- Submitted grant and application for loader, trailer and excavator, and was told that since it is toward the end of the year there is a \$50,000 cap. It was mentioned that we could put the mini excavator and trailer on one application, and the loader on another to help in getting those. 4. We also hired a new substitute administrative assistant. 5. Copy machine representative will be in the office next week to review contract that will be up soon.

COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Melvin wanted to congratulate the code enforcement officer on his effectiveness on getting the area of Elm & Oak cleaned up but would like more attention to empty/vacant houses. Doug Sturgis had an announcement that the Elsie Lions Club and the American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, November 24th, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the old bank building. More sign-up info to come soon. He also requested to put a flyer in with next month's water bills. He also had a question as to why we would go with Silversmith and not any other company. He noted that it was a rhetorical question and wasn't looking for an answer. Don Berndt addressed the location of where the new DPW building will be located.

ADJOURNMENT: S Frink moved, Witt seconded to adjourn the October 12, 2021, Council Meeting at 9:09 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Frink
Village President

Susan Lightner
Village Clerk