

Elsie Council Minutes
March 14, 2023

President Tom Frink called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: President Tom Frink; Councilmembers: Todd Carroll, Dorothy Ornelas, Sam Frink,

Members Absent: Kory Witt, Jason Freeman, Joe Ondrusek (all excused)

Ex-Officios Present: Village Manager, S. Grinnell.

Ex-Officios Absent: Clerk, Susan Lightner, DPW Supervisor Chris Ormes (excused)

AGENDA: Carroll moved; S Frink seconded to accept the agenda as written. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES: Carroll moved, S Frink seconded to approve the February 14, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

INVOICES: Ornelas moved; S Frink seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$44,479.18. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION STEP:

SPECIAL REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: 1. Manager Grinnell advised the 2023/24 budget was a balanced budget. Carroll moved, S Frink seconded to approve 2023/24 budget and special budget effected April 1st 2023 as presented Roll Call Vote T Frink, Ornelas, Carroll, S Frink Yea, MOTION CARRIED

2. Carroll moved, S Frink seconded to approve adoption of the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963 to our local ordinances. . Roll Call Vote T Frink, Ornelas, Carroll, S Frink Yea, MOTION CARRIED

CLERK:

TREASURER: Carroll moved; S Frink seconded to approve the February 2023 Treasurer's Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE: Carroll moved; Ornelas seconded to approve the February 2023 Police Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Bryce presented the council with a proposal of purchasing a new patrol vehicle. Chief Bryce stated that she had money left in the budget from the part time police officer line item. With the money she saved, and the selling of the Dodge Charger patrol vehicle she would have enough money to pay cash for the vehicle. Chief Bryce explained to the council and the public that the typical Ford Explorers are only made in a police package as a hybrid and or electric models. Chief Bryce would like to purchase a police pursuit rated Ford F120 via the Mi-deal state bid program. Chief explained that it is close to the same cost of an explorer. She also

advised that when the department is done with the vehicle it could be passed down to the DPW, or fire department as a truck is more useful to them than a car or SUV. Carroll moved, S Frink seconded to approve Chief Bryce to purchase a f150 Patrol vehicle with her contingency money, not to exceed \$49,000. Roll Call Vote T Frink, Ornelas, Carroll, S Frink Yea, MOTION CARRIED

Chief Bryce then presented the council a grant that MCOLES is offering currently. They are allowing departments to send personnel to the Police academy and the grant covers the cost of the academy and wages. Bryce stated that Mr. Grinnell would be a good choice for many reasons. He graduated the Police Reserve Academy in 2002 and has been working as a reserve since. Recently as he took on the code enforcement roll he became a reserve for the Elsie Police Department. She advised that he would be a good fit for Elsie and would be here long term. This would be beneficial to the village because he is a salary employee and this would not cost the village any money and it would gain an officer. During the Academy while Grinnell is absent during the day he would be able to help the village at night, and Chief Bryce stated she could help in the office. Chief Bryce stated once he would be MCOLES licensed that he could work during the day as the manager and take complaints and calls that come into the police department, and Chief Bryce would work a 2nd shift. Carroll moved; Ornelas seconded to approve sending Mr. Grinnell to the academy this fall. MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Carroll moved, Ornelas seconded to approve the Manager/Code Enforcement Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Manager Grinnell also gave the council members a copy of the current granger trash contract. Grinnell advised he had a local resident concerned about the trash service provided and how it was a 10-year contract. He advised the public and council the reason for the long contract is it locked in prices for 10 years. The residents pay \$15.00 (per cart) that price cant change for another 8 years (the remaining contract) If residents want to placed two Kirby carts out every week they can get a 2nd cart for \$15.00 The current contract states everything has to be in a Kirby cart and that residents are allowed up to 3 extra bags a week. Non-Kirby carts, containers etc. will not be picked up. Its noted the local resident was not at the council meeting.

Manager Grinnell advised the old JR high school will be going up for tax sale, and the village could take the property with the first right of refusal. Manager Grinnell has a possible business plan and owner that is interested in purchasing the old JR school building. President Frink and Grinnell will be meeting with this person soon and will update the council as more info comes in..

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Monitoring wells were sampled and taken to the lab, still waiting of 2 valve stems. Still waiting on a response from Kennedy for the price of the panel upgrade. There was a main break on 2/27 in the parking lot of the apartments on Park Ave. Matt was injured when a piece of asphalt came down on his hand. He was sent to the hospital but is recovering at his new job. The VFD was installed on Well 1. The new mower for the cemetery was delivered on 3/7.

COMMITTEES:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brooke Wooley a rep from the Elsie Dairy fest gave an update on dairy fest 2023. It will be July 6th, 7th and 8th. They have a new carnival coming into town, and they plan on meeting with village officials a few weeks before the festival to go over logistics and pre plans. The committee also would like to get to the point where they are donating money to a special “village project” with any money earned from the festival.

ADJOURNMENT: Carroll moved, Frink seconded to adjourn the March 14, 2023 Council Meeting at p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Frink
Village President

Shane Grinnell
Deputy Village Clerk