

## **Elsie Council Minutes** **April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

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

Ex-Officios Present: Village Manager, Shane Grinnell, Police Chief Bryce, DPW Supervisor Ormes, Clerk/Treasurer Tiffany Frank

**AGENDA:** Addition of cemetery clean up under manager/code enforcement and fire department insurance/liability proposal under special reports. Joe Ondrusek moved, Dorothy Ornelas seconded to add additions to agenda and to accept the agenda as written. MOTION CARRIED.

**MINUTES:** Todd Carroll moved, Kory Witt seconded to approve the March 12th, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED.

**INVOICES:** Joe Ondrusek moved; Sam Frink seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$97,161.93. MOTION CARRIED.

**ACTION STEP:**

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:**

**CLERK:**

**TREASURER:** Todd Carroll moved, Kory Witt seconded to approve the April 2024 Treasurer's Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

**POLICE:**

- Elsie police department worked 300 hours over the past month and conducted five traffic stops resulting in two citations. A total of 1834 miles were placed on patrol cars 82 and 83 using a total of 144 gallons of fuel. Complaints have decreased from last month with a total of 40 calls for service.
- Police activity for the month of March consisted of medicals, suspicious situations, trespassing and civil disputes.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> the Elsie police department responded to E. E. Knight Elementary school regarding knives located on the playground. Upon investigation it was determined that the items located belonged to a student that had intended on retrieving them after school. The knives were confiscated and removed from school property.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> the Elsie police department attended the annual county wide school safety meeting. Elsie police department intends to continue working with local school districts as needed for training related to AVI.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> the Elsie police department attended the annual career day at E. E. Knight. 5<sup>th</sup> graders were able to participate in motor carrier activities.

Todd Carroll moved; Kory Witt seconded to approve the Police Report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

**MANAGER/CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

- State Bank transition is nearly complete with all accounts set up. A representative from the State Bank will be training office staff on use of the check scanner this week.
- Paving bids provided from McKearney Asphalt, White Halk and Smith Paving provided for Pine Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street with patchwork of 402 W Main St, 202 N Park St, Pine and Knowlton (intersection) and Oak/Knowlton St. Smith Paving estimate found to be the lowest price, total of \$57,270.00.

Sam Frink moved; Kory Witt seconded to approve the estimate from Smith Paving. MOTION CARRIED.

- Code Enforcement is still working on a dangerous structure complaint, located at 101 E Main Street. Building has sold to a new owner who plans to have the building repaired.
- Morton Contracting will be installing memorial bricks by Memorial Day.
- Jim Hyland as donated three more statues for the hero's park, current plans include having the new statues delivered by Memorial Day.
- CMV scales have been certified by the state of Michigan.
- Tree removal downtown will begin soon along with placement of four new benches. Two of the new benches were paid for using last year's dairy festival donation to the village.
- BNM Trailer sales will need to tie into the village storm drains on the north end of town.

Todd Carroll moved; Kory Witt seconded to approve the Manager/Code Enforcement report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Lagoons started spring discharge on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- E. Island lift station; Pump 1 was pulled and sent in to see if can be repaired, due to a seal failure the pump would not operate properly. Pump 2 is still in service with the motor drawing to many amps for a 5hp motor. Received a call from Myers stating the motor was bad (per Kerr Pump) and it would be more cost effective to purchase a new pump. A new pump has been ordered at cost of \$7187.00 with arrival of 3-5 days; Upon its arrival it will be installed and failing pump will be pulled and sent in to see if can be repaired.
- Water: DPW will be working on lead verification in which has to be complete and submitted to the state in October. This includes hydro-vacing 20% of our own services.
- Addition of outside lights in park pavilions 1 and 2 and youth league shed to help light up the dark areas of the park.
- Consideration regarding purchase of new mower. Current John Deere mower is leaking oil, it was purchased in 2010 with 1282 hours on it.

Sam Frink moved; Joe Ondrusek seconded to approve the DPW report as written. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMITTEES:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Council member Jason Freeman presented the Elsie Fire Association insurance proposal for \$18,334. This would be a \$250 deductible; the current deductible is simply too high. The previous deductible was \$5,000. Intense discussion followed. Kory Witt moved; Jason Freeman seconded to pay the insurance bill in the amount of \$18,334.00 One vote in opposition, Sam Frink.

Val Vail-Shirey Clinton County Commissioner District 1 in attendance updated of recent passing of solar ordinance on March 26<sup>th</sup> with upcoming wind decision scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Val added that Clinton County fairground will have new updates along with current incentive programs being offered to new hire employees of sheriff department and 911 operators/dispatch to help prevent future staffing shortages.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Kory Witt moved, Todd Carroll seconded to adjourn the April 9th, 2024, Council Meeting at 8:20p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Frink  
Village President

Tiffany Frank  
Village Clerk