

CITY OF ELKHART CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2023 6:00 pm City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, AND INVOCATION

Mayor Jennifer McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Jennifer McCoy, Councilmember Tammy Baughman, Councilmember Randy McCoy, Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Conner, Councilmember Lucia Butler, Public Works Director Eric Clark, Billing Clerk Sunshine Alcorta, Code Enforcement Nikki Farrell, Citizens Connie Davis, Cynthia Haven, Sergio Castillo.

Absent: Councilmember James Warren.

Pledge of allegiance was followed by the invocation given by Councilmember Randy McCoy.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments

C. REGULAR AGENDA

Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:

- 1. Approving or denying future plans for the expansion at Songbird RV Park, requested by Ms. Cynthia Haven. Councilmember Tammy Baughman made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Randy McCoy, to approve the construction for the expansion at Songbird RV Park. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Adopting Peddler Ordinance 03062023-01. Councilmember Tammy Baughman made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Conner, to adopted Peddler Ordinance 03062023-01. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Adopting Opioid Settlement Resolution 2023-01.

 Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Conner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Randy McCoy, to adopted Opioid Resolution 2023-01. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Adopting Utility Rate Ordinance 03062023-02, to include theft of service.

 Councilmember Tammy Baughman made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Chuck Conner, to adopted Utility Rate Ordinance 03062023-02, to include theft of service. All of favor, motion carried.
- Repealing Resolution 10012018, guidelines for Canceling the City Council Meetings.
 Councilmember Lucia Butler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tammy Baughman, to repeal Canceling the City Council Meetings Resolution 10012018. All in favor, motion carried.
- 6. Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

 Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Conner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Randy McCoy, Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month. All in favor, motion carried.
- 7. Proclaiming City of Elkhart Clean-up Day April 14th and 15th 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Conner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tammy Baughman, Proclaiming Elkhart Clean-up Day April 14th, and 15th 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.
- 8. Consider amount to be paid for election judge/clerk/any other related workers.

 Councilmember Lucia Butler made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tammy Baughman, to pay election clerk \$10 an hour and election judge \$14 an hour. City will also provide lunch for election workers.

 3 aye 1 abstain. Motion Carried.



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D. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT.

Public Works Director Eric Clark reported:

- 1. Started street patching and repairs. Early start on mowing.
- 2. WWTP repairs needed of aerators, getting ready for TCEQ inspection.
- 3. Line replacement is scheduled for 294 West pending gas locates.
- 4. Contractor will begin storm repair to water plant next week.
- 5. Personnel note, Stanley Stewart had a heat attack on Friday, so please keep him and his family in your prayers.

E. MUNCIPAL COURT

Code Enforcement Nikki Farrell reported:

- 1. There were four (4) cases scheduled for court Thursday, March 2, 2023. One was present, one will receive failure to appear and one deceased.
- 2. Mr. Morris was fined \$100 and given a 30-day extension to clean up and move junk vehicles.
- 3. Will be scheduling a Bench Warrant Hearing for Mrs. Izaguirre.
- 4. 59 Active Cases, working this week on rechecks to close out completed cases.

F. MAYOR REPORT

Mayor McCoy reported:

- 1. Fruit tree project. Brenda and Sunshine will be calling businesses for donation, to plant a tree at the city park.
- 2. Pollinator garden at the light has been started, deciding if going with concrete or treated wood.
- 3. Sunshine was able to work with East Texas Broadband to increase monthly payment, we now receive \$200 a month.
- 4. Park equipment was delivered. Sunshine will be getting with contractor to schedule a time and date for installation.
- 5. March 25, 2023, will be our Annual City Easter Egg Hunt times will be scheduled and posted soon.
- 6. I received a letter to compliment on what an outstanding and professional our employee Jagerrion McKnight was.
- 7. Brookshires purchased some property here in Elkhart.

G. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Emergency Management Randy McCoy reported:

- 1. County purchased 2 properties on Gammage. Fire department was asked to schedule a control burn on both properties. On Friday fire department was able to burn one structure and had to cancel the burn on 2nd structure due to wind speed.
- 2. Once both structures are cleared, the county will be placing pipe fencing around property to expand the parking lot for their employees.
- 3. A class A pumper installed inside city limits located at first responder building.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lucia Butler asked what it would cost to upgrade our sewer plant and to remind us that we can hire the county for street repairs.



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Councilmember Tammy Baughman requested to see if we can place a city park /Sport complex sign at light to give direction.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Conner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Randy McCoy to approve minutes February 7, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember made a motion Randy McCoy, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Conner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jan Stuteville, Interim City Secretary

Sunshine Alcorta