

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF ELWOOD, MADISON COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBURARY 5, 2024 7:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Jones followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. Members present: Dave Abernathy, Kim Everson, Joe Kelich, Danielle Noone, Sam Tyner, Jim Watters and John Wright. City Attorney, Jeff Graham was present for the meeting.

Watters made a motion to elect Noone to the Chamber committee; seconded by Kelich. All in favor.

Abernathy made a motion to change the council meeting start time to immediately after the Board of Works meeting but not before 6:30pm; seconded by Watters. All in favor.

Minutes from the January 08, 2024 regular meeting were presented to the council for approval. Wright made a motion to approve; seconded by Noone. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2453 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE SCHEDULE FOR CHAPTER 75 FOR THE CITY OF ELWOOD. This ordinance is to restrict parking to the north side only on North C Street from Anderson to 19th Street. Wright made a motion to read and consider Ordinance 2453; seconded by Watters. All in favor. Ordinance 2453 read title only. Watters made a motion for unanimous passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Abernathy. All in favor. Watters made a motion to vote on Ordinance 2453 roll call vote; seconded by Noone. Roll call: Abernathy - aye, Everson – aye, Kelich – aye, Noone – aye, Tyner – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Ordinance 2453 passed.

Mayor Jones read a statement regarding the stance on food trucks.

Stephanie Kane, Madison County Health Department, spoke regarding the regulations of mobile units and temporary units.

Economic Director, Christy Clark stated she spoke with the local food establishments and all seemed to have the same concerns regarding food trucks.

Abernathy stated he had a concern with zoning and the food trucks.

Kelich questioned the parking issue food trucks may pose.

Resident, Aakami Roberts questioned who would follow up after a permit has been issued.

Mike Retherford questioned if there was a different version of the ordinance being discussed.

Judge, Kyle Noone stated he would like to hear from the brick and mortar directly.

Tin Plate owner, Patrick Rice stated the food trucks bring difference which is great but if not controlled it can be detrimental. There must be some type of structure.

SR 28 owner, Tom Doan stated food trucks are great and no one is putting that down but brick and mortar owners spend countless hours to maintain their establishments. The cost of building upkeep, taxes and supplies far exceed the \$100 fee for a food truck. The brick and mortars are what is bringing new people to the city to spend their money. Guidelines and standards must be set for the food trucks to not hinder the brick and mortar that are invested in this city.

Jones stated he would like a committee to look into this further and bring a viable ordinance forward to next meeting. A committee of Abernathy, Noone and Tyner was made along with local brick and mortar to discuss the issue and bring a draft that would be fair to everyone.

Kelich and Watters apologized to brick and mortar for their quick vote at last meeting and not understanding the full weight the ordinance would have on them.

ORDINANCE NO. 2451 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS. This ordinance was vetoed by Mayor Jones. There was no motion to override the veto. Ordinance 2451 veto stands.

ORDINANCE NO. 2454 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF ELWOOD, INDIANA, ESTABLISHING AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS. Tyner made a motion to table for further review; seconded by Watters. All in favor. Ordinance 2454 tabled.

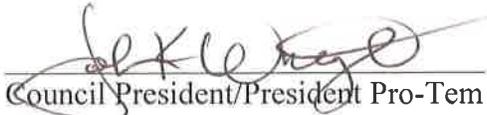
RESOLUTION 2024-01 – OUTSTANDING CHECKS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023. Clerk-Treasurer Roby stated this process is to receipt back old outstanding checks not cashed. Wright made a motion to read and consider Resolution 2024-01; seconded by Noone. All in favor. Resolution 2024-01 read title only. Wright made a motion for unanimous passage on the same night as introduced; seconded by Noone. All in favor. Wright made a motion to vote on Resolution 2024-01 roll call vote; seconded by Kelich. Roll call: Abernathy - aye, Everson – aye, Kelich – aye, Noone – aye, Tyner – aye, Watters – aye, Wright - aye. Resolution 2024-01 passed.

Resident, Matt Taylor would like to see the parking around the Smoke Shop address to accommodate traffic in that area.

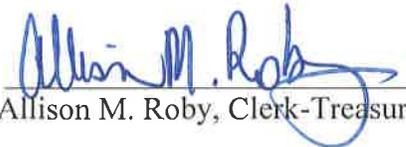
Tyner made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Watters. All in favor.



Todd Jones, Mayor



Council President/President Pro-Tem

ATTEST: 

Allison M. Roby, Clerk-Treasurer