

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Elberta Village Council
401 First St (Community Building) Elberta
September 20, 2018
7:00 PM

Call to Order at 7:00 pm by President Pro-Tem Wilkins.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call. Present: Ken Holmes, Bill Soper, Joyce Gatrell, Jennifer Wilkins

Absent: Holly O'Dwyer.

The August 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Minutes were discussed. Corrections were made to the minutes. K. Holmes wanted the statement regarding H. O'Dwyer removing B. Addis from the Policy & Procedure Committee deleted from the minutes. Motion by K. Holmes, seconded by J. Gatrell, to approve the Minutes of August 16, 2018 Regular Council Meeting as amended. Ayes - B. Soper, K. Holmes, J. Gatrell, J. Wilkins. Nays - none. Motion Carried.

Motion by B. Soper, seconded by K. Holmes, to approve Agenda as amended. All Ayes.

Motion Carried.

No Conflict of Interest.

Correspondence:

Received a Members Dividend Check from MML.

Received a notice from the DEQ about the Public Water Supply Lead and Copper Regulatory Changes. J. Wilkins read a portion of the notice.

Received an email from Jon & Sue Keillor regarding a thank you to the tree trimming within the village.

Received an email from Linda Manville regarding the replacement of grass between the area of the sidewalk and street. Theo had taken care of this the day before.

Public Input:

There was a request for a small explanation for the Old & New Business Agenda Items to accompany the agenda at council meetings for the public.

It was stated that a statement that is in the Council Meeting Minutes, which is a reflection of the meeting itself, cannot just be removed. The current months minutes can reflect that a council member doesn't agree with the statement.

Question regarding the Lead and Copper Regulatory Changes. The Village has to check for lead and galvanized pipes in the village. Village owned pipes will have to be replaced by 2025.

Approval of Bills. Motion by K. Homes, seconded by B. Soper, to approve paying the bills on the check register in the amount of \$141,167.38. Roll Call: Soper-yes, Gatrell-yes, Holmes-yes, Wilkins-yes. Motion Carried. Motion by K. Holmes, seconded by B. Soper to approve paying Chris' Bank of America bill of \$1,231.48. All Ayes. Motion carried. Roll Call: Soper-yes, Gatrell-yes, Holmes-yes, Wilkins-yes. Motion by B. Soper, seconded by K. Holmes, to pay Becky's Bank of America bill of \$514.68. All Ayes. Roll Call: Soper-yes, Gatrell-yes, Holmes-

1 yes, Wilkins-yes. Motion carried. Motion by K. Holmes, seconded by J. Gatrell, to pay the
 2 Pioneer Group bill for the Water Project Ordinance in the paper vo \$1,757.70. Roll Call: Soper -
 3 no, Gatrell - yes, Holmes - yes, Wilkins - yes. Motion carried. Motion by B. Soper, seconded by
 4 K. Holmes, to approve paying the Auditor's bill of \$15,600. Roll Call: Soper-yes, Gatrell-yes,
 5 Holmes-yes, Wilkins-yes. Motion carried. Motion by B. Soper, seconded by K. Holmes, to pay
 6 the Great Lakes Water Quality bill for \$1,538.30. Roll Call: Soper-yes, Gatrell-yes, Holmes-yes,
 7 Wilkins-yes. Motion carried. Attorney bill was tabled until the council receives the
 8 correspondence between H. O'Dwyer and the attorney.

9 **Financial Report** was received and accepted. Jen stated that the budget is messed up and that
 10 the water and sewer is scary. Jen will be meeting with Roxanne from the State Treasury on the
 11 Water & Sewer budget and the Grant budget. Cost of replacing a meter is around \$300 and the
 12 meters are old.

13 **Old Business**

- 14 1. Dune Road - J. Wilkins read the letter that was sent to Elberta Land Holding Company.
 15 We are waiting for a response.

16 **New Business**

- 17 1. General Fund Deficit Elimination Plan - Jen read the resolution. Motion by K. Holmes,
 18 seconded by J. Gatrell, to approve the General Fund Deficit Elimination Plan. Roll Call:
 19 Soper-yes, Gatrell-yes, Holmes-yes, Wilkins-yes. Motion carried.
 20 2. Municipal Street Fund Deficit Elimination Plan - Jen read the resolution. Motion by B.
 21 Soper, seconded by K. Holmes, to approve the Municipal Fund Deficit Elimination Plan.
 22 Roll Call: Soper-yes, Gatrell-yes, Holmes-yes, Wilkins-yes. Motion carried.
 23 3. Water Meters - Ken would like to have Chris take out the faulty meters and see if they
 24 can be fixed. Try to save some money. Still have meters reporting leaks. Need to have all
 25 meters functioning properly. Mary will speak with Mr. Putney regarding his meter and
 26 leak and how important it is to have it checked out and taken care of. Need to order 10
 27 new meters to have on hand and get this situation fixed. Wanting to add to the manhole
 28 on Acre St. BLUA met with the DEQ regarding water in the bay.
 29 4. Benzie Bus Stop - Jen read the email from Chad Hollenbeck from the Benzie Bus. Would
 30 like to have an agreement with the Village of Elberta regarding a shelter and bus stop.
 31 The Benzie Bus will cover all expenses. Motion by K. Holmes, seconded by J. Gatrell, to
 32 have Becky send an agreement for the bus stop and shelter. All Ayes. Motion carried. Jen
 33 requested that Becky draw up an agreement for the Benzie Bus to have the new passenger
 34 shelter at Penfold Park. Then added, for Becky to email Chad Hollenbeck at the Benzie
 35 Bus, saying that we approve of the bus stop and shelter and when we have our plans
 36 ready for Penfold Park, we will send a copy to him, so we can plan the best place for it to
 37 be.
 38 5. Budget Amendment for Grant - Tabled. Meeting with Roxanne from the State Treasury
 39 on Monday.

40 **Reports**

41 **County Commissioner** – G. Sauer - oral report - Budget is available for review, no money is
 42 coming from the general fund. DNR gave a talk about an issue with Chronic Wasting
 43 Disease. Gary attended the MAC Conference, expecting a change in the State Senate. Public
 44 Defenders Office will be combining with Manistee County to handle Civil Probate Courts,

1 eliminate court appointed attorneys. Biggest concern is where the funding is coming from,
2 not sure how this will play out. The Maples had asbestos removed, jobs are being filled.
3 Betsie Valley Trail - Charlie Care Stairway at Railroad Point - Conservancy is building at the
4 lookout. Mark Vandenberg Memorial Walk out on Frog & Snake Pond which a drain was
5 found and unplugged, now it is filled back up. Resource Officer will be on the ballot in
6 November.
7 DPW – C. Pritchard. Written report was provided.
8 Planning Commission - K. Holmes. No meeting.
9 Parks & Recreation Commission - B. Soper. No meeting.
10 BFA - H. O'Dwyer. No report.
11 BLUA/Fire Board/Water Committee - K. Holmes & J. Gatrell. Met with the DEQ. Talked
12 about under Water Meters.
13 Personnel Committee - H. O'Dwyer. No meeting.
14 Building Committee – B. Soper. No meeting.
15 Water/Sewer - J. Wilkins & K. Holmes. Talked about under Water Meters.
16 Grants - R. Rommell. Written. Robin read it.
17 ELSS - K. Mills. Oral report. Still have 5 wedding events. She is wrapping up the busy
18 season. Locks have been changed. Looking forward to next year.
19 Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer report - B. O'Dwyer & M. Lane. Written.
20 Policy & Procedure Committee - J. Wilkins. Working on the Water Procedures.
21 Announcements:
22 Holly, Chris and Becky met with the DEQ regarding the violation. The DEQ is willing to take
23 20% off the fine. We are in the process of filing for hardship. Chris needs to put together the cost
24 of compliance and the cost of maintaining compliance. Add this to the agenda for October.
25 Public Comment:
26 Lilly - Asked if the ELHC has plans for development and would they help with the Bye St.
27 extension? The land is for sale.
28 Lee Blahnick - requested speed limit signs on Furnace Ave. Development means more traffic.
29 Jen mentioned speed bumps.
30 Jon Keillor - wanted to know how much the village paid for the estimate from F&V for Lakeside
31 Boulevard. Zero dollars of the village's money was spent on this. Need more clarification on
32 agenda items
33 John Drury - Congratulations to the Village Council on trying to get the debt under control.
34 Asked about the speed limit on Furnace Ave. The Village has an obligation & responsibility to
35 maintain the speed limits.
36 Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.
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