

Village of Elwood special meeting minutes, August 21, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Elwood, Nebraska was held at the Elwood Village Office at 304 Calvert Avenue on August 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board Chair Martin who acknowledged the Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Present were Trustees Tilson, Townsend and Kleine. Trustee Fong was absent. Clerk Jauken was present to record the minutes. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posted notices at Security First Bank, Pinnacle Bank, Elwood Post Office, the Village Office on August 9, 2024 and by publication in the Valley Voice Newspaper on August 15, 2024. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Taylor Provost, with West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) presented information regarding the upcoming Comprehensive Plan project and reviewed over community strengths, weaknesses and potential for future planning.

A claim from Jane Crofton was presented to the Library for payment of summer reading program expenses and stipend. After reviewing, a motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine, to pay \$649.31 to Crofton for the summer reading stipend and expenses. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

Ed Houlden was present on behalf of the Elwood Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) to discuss their budget request and review potential upcoming redevelopment projects. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Townsend to approve the budget request of \$100,000.00 from the CRA for fiscal year 2024-2025. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Kleine, Townsend, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Trustees reviewed the income, expenses and budget request from the Library. A motion was made by Tilson, seconded by Kleine to approve \$34,500.00 for the Library for the upcoming fiscal year. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Kleine, Tilson, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

After reviewing and discussing some needs of the Elwood Care Center, a motion was made by Kleine, seconded by Tilson, to approve \$28,000.00 to the care center for various projects needing completed. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote was: ayes: Townsend, Tilson, Kleine, Martin; nays: none; absent: Fong; motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board and Clerk reviewed the various fund accounts of the Village considering income, potential grant opportunities and expected expenses for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Board Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Laurie Jauken, Village Clerk/Treasurer