

**City of Elmore Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10th, 2023, 6:30 pm
Library Community Room**

Mayor Clara Vereide called the regular meeting of the Elmore City Council to order at 6:30 pm. Council present was Lorman Jahnke, Sue Dickson and Elton Rhoda. Jennifer Williams was absent. Also present was Traci Hanson, Sharon Rhoda, Edrys Viland, Marlys Jagerson.

MINUTES

Agenda with addition of ECC requests for cleanup day and park shelter fan donations, and 504 Iowa Street clean up notice. Approval moved by Jahnke, seconded by Rhoda. All members voted aye, motion carried.

June 12th, 2023 and June 28th, 2023 minutes approval moved by Dickson, seconded by Jahnke. All members voted aye, motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS: Two submitted applications for the part-time public works help were reviewed by all members. Kasey Kramer was agreed to be the best candidate. It was moved by Jahnke to hire Kramer, seconded by Dickson. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Comp time calendars for Public Works supervisors, Ricky Garvick and Gregory Coupanger were reviewed by the council. It was moved by Dickson and seconded by Jahnke to pay the comp time earned by both Garvick and Coupanger. All present voted aye, motion carried.

LIBRARY: Donation from Friends of the Elmore Public Library for half of the story time cookies, \$30.00 resolution to accept the donation was made by Jahnke, seconded by Dickson and roll call vote, all voted aye, resolution carried.

FIRE DEPT & FIRST RESPONDERS:

It was moved by Dickson to accept the hiring of Cole Klinksiek for placement on the fire department. It was seconded by Jahnke, all present voted aye, motion carried.

It was moved by Jahnke to accept the hiring of David Huber for placement on the fire department. It was seconded by Dickson, all present voted aye, motion carried.

POLICE DEPT:

Elmore police confidential call report was provided by the Faribault County Sheriff's Department. An overview of the 26 calls was given by Mayor Vereide. Council member Dickson

requested that a noise code be enforced as the semi-trucks that enter from the south are extremely loud. It was revealed that this request was approved in the November 9, 2020 meeting. MnDOT will be contacted to order a sign for US Highway 169.

MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE: Year to Date Profit/Loss report was provided. Currently \$1,265.13 profit.

CLAIMS APPROVED: It was moved by Dickson, seconded by Jahnke to accept to pay the claims listed. All present voted aye.

JULY 2023 CLAIMS	
B & B Sanitation & Recycling - Trash/Recycle	\$ 6,158.27
Bevcomm - Phones/Internet/Alarms	\$ 36.06
Bomgaars - calk, ext. cord, miracle gro, etc.	\$ 107.97
Faribault Co Sheriff- 2023 CIS Shared Rec Sys	\$ 2,064.00
Federal Licensing - FCC Frequency	\$ 175.00
Frundt Attorney - J Boettcher, S Guptill, sp mtg	\$ 1,385.72
Gopher State One Call - 4 @ \$1.35	\$ 5.40
Gen System Service- WTP & Lift Station Repairs	\$ 1,175.00
Hawkins, Inc. - Chemicals & Supplies	\$ 229.95
KBEW - Radio Sponsorships	\$ 288.07
League of MN Cities - Clerk training & academy	\$ 305.00
Loffler - Library Printer Toner	\$ 37.19
NuWay-K & H Cooperative - Fuel/Heat	\$ 620.27
Tim's Lawn Mowing Service- Pond 6/12 & 6/19	\$ 470.00
Stock Growers Bond Payment	\$ 1,175.00
Sweet Treats Bakery - Library Story Snacks 1/2	\$ 30.00
Verizon Wireless - Phones & Library Hotspots	\$ 364.75
	\$ 14,627.65

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Richard Krosch assessment final approval. The work was completed by G&S Drainage and Boeckman Plumbing & Heating. Totaling \$2,842.00. The city agreed to this total with a 6% interest added assessment to the property located at 402 E Mondale Street, Elmore, MN. It was moved to approve by Dickson, seconded by Jahnke. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Vereide presented the information from the June 26th meeting with the playground expert about future needs of the City Park playground equipment. It was determined that the current equipment has about three years left. Improvements should be made prior to breakage and

insurance claims arise. The ECC and Elmore Legion will help in the fundraising efforts to replace equipment.

The ECC requested \$500 toward the May 6, 2023, clean up day costs. It was moved to approve by Rhoda, seconded by Jahnke. All members voted aye, motion carried. The ECC also requested \$706.00 for four oscillating fans for the City Park Shelter. It was moved to approve by Rhoda, seconded by Dickson. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Discussion on offering city-owned properties, 503 E Mondale Street and 210 W Rasmussen Street for sale. Residents have asked about these two properties. A list of all city-owned properties was provided to the council for review. They requested more information on selling surplus properties.

A street light is requested by the residents living on East Mondale Street near the intersection of C Street. They're pleading that it's not safe in that area. The police that have responded to issues around that area have told them to ask the city for a street light. It is too dark for the security cameras to pick up more details of what is happening around there. Waiting to hear back from Benco Electric with further information.

Residents have asked to add a dumpster fee to their utility bill that would allow them to use a dumpster for personal clean up once per year. They would rather have the fee spread over a year. B&B Sanitation's quote includes the use of the 3 yard dumpster owned by the City of Elmore. \$86.95 per dump. A \$7.25 per month fee would need to be added to the customer's utility bill for those that want to participate. After 12 months, they would qualify for the use of the dumpster for a predetermined time frame. Blue Earth and Winnebago do it for all residents whether they want it or not. It was decided that we would offer the city-owned dumpster at a \$90.00 prepaid amount to cover B&B Sanitation's fee and the delivery/pickup by public works.

Council Pay sheets for January 9, 2023 through June 28, 2023 was moved to approve by Jahnke, seconded by Dickson, all present voted aye.

It was noted that Elmore Horse and Buggy Day is Saturday, July 15, 2023.

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The City of Elmore would like to thank the Elmore Nursery Company for putting flowers in the planter box and new evergreen shrubs in front of the EDA building at no charge.

Mayra Silva resubmitted the Blighted Property Demolition grant application for her finished project. It was moved by Dickson to accept and pay \$500 to Silva for the finished project. Seconded by Rhoda and all present vote aye, motion passed.

It was moved by Jahnke to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rhoda and all voted aye. As there was no further business, Mayor Vereide adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK