

Regular Meeting
December 12, 2022
Council Room

Mayor Vereide called the regular meeting of the Elmore City Council to order at 6:30p. Councilmembers present were Dickson, and Jahnke. City employees present were: Keven Sullivan. Vicki Boeckman, Bob Mickelson, Wes Brown, Mandy Emmers and Traci Hanson were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

It was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Dickson to approve the agenda as submitted. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADA PROJECT / INFORMATIONAL

Bob Mickelson, project manager for ISG, presented memorandum. Implementation of renovations to the Elmore City Hall to accomplish improvements towards ADA accessibility and updates. The plan will demolish current restrooms to replace with a single unisex restroom that is ADA compliant. Project costs are expected to be \$165,700.00. Final cost is subject to bids received and any adjustments needed.

Wes Brown, Bolton & Menk, spoke on behalf of USDA compliance. Concerned about the timeline of this project and how future funding will be on hold until this is completed.

FINAL 2023 LEVY AND BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussion included:

- The proposed levy was approved at a nm increase of 3.5%
- As per the Faribault County Auditor: A recent change in the Minnesota Department of Revenue's interpretation of Minnesota Statute section 273.42, subd. I, results in the City losing a part of its property tax base beginning with taxes payable 2023. Even if the levy stays the same as last year, there will be an 8% increase for distribution power lines within the City that are supposed to be taxed at the County wide average with 50% of the taxes going to the County and 50% going to the School District.

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.22.1

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL 2022 TAX LEVY,
COLLECTIBLE IN 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elmore, County of Faribault, Minnesota, that the following are proposed sums of money to be levied for the current year, upon the taxable property in the City of Elmore:

FINAL:

General Fund: \$296,203.00

Fire Fund: \$15,000.00

'10 G.O. Bonds: \$28,675.00

'12 G.O. Bonds: \$55,000.00

TOTAL FINAL LEVY: \$403,051.00

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Jahnke and seconded by Dickson. Roll call vote in favor: Jahnke, Dickson, and Vereide. None were against.

This final approved levy shows 3.5% increase on the City's levy from 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.22.2

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION(S) TO THE CITY OF ELMORE

WHEREAS, the City of Elmore has received a donation of \$250.00. From Elmore Township to the Elmore Fire Relief; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elmore has received a donation of \$100.00 from the Elton & Sharon Rhoda for the First Responders equipment purchase; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elmore has received a donation of \$250.00 from the Elmore Township for the use of the Library; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elmore has received a donation of \$250.00 from the Elmore Township for the use of the Museum; and

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Jahnke and seconded by Dickson. Jahnke, Dickson, and Vereide voted aye, none voted against the same, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

LIBRARY

Library Christmas party is to be held @ the library on December 21st, 2022, 4:30-6:30.

FIRE AND FIRST RESPONDERS

It was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Dickson to approve payment to Blue Fire Department/City of Blue Earth for 2022 Air Pack Filling= \$200.00 and Auto Aid Agreement, \$5,000.00. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Jahnke pleaded to not have the snow dumped on his bushes. To dump it on the vacant property next to him instead. Public works supervisor will be informed.

BUILDINGS

Buhl was asked through attorney to sign quit claim deed. City should find a contractor to give cost of fixing and tearing down property. Hold public hearing, give Buhl 30 days to respond or comply. If no response, we may proceed with a court order to tear down the property.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Auto payments to USDA will be made on 1/1/23 as follows: \$123,942.50, 200.00 towards the \$2.9 million USDA Improvement Loan and \$29,355.00 towards the \$612,000.00 loan for the storm sewer.
- Banyon accounting software training for Mandy will be \$100/hour. It was moved by Dickson, seconded by Jahnke to pay for training.
- It was moved by Dickson, seconded by Jahnke to hold a special meeting at 6p before the regular meeting to hold the 2023 Organizational Meeting. All members present voted aye, motion carried.
- The liquor store will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd. Auditors will be here on January 2nd and inventory will be done.
- Clara Vereide and Lorman Jahnke were sworn under oath.

CLAIMS

B&B Sanitation	\$5,869.63
Blue Earth Graphics	\$257.70
Bomgaars	\$169.98
Cintas	\$304.80
Ehrich Plumbing & Heating	\$298.42
Ferguson	\$550.60

Gopher One Call	\$4.05
Hawkins	\$20.00
KBEW	\$44.00
Lampert's	\$5.29
MN Dept of Health	\$933.00
MN Dept of Public Safety	\$20.00
MJM Medical Direction Consortium	\$500.00
NuWay-K&H	\$2,813.20
Pollardwater	\$150.65
Ron's Trenching	\$848.74
Traverse Des Sioux Library System	\$6,319.19
Tvedten Electric	\$592.00
Utility Consultants	451.13

It was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Dickson to order the claims paid as per the listing. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

As there was no further business, it was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Dickson to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

