

Regular Council Meeting
February 14, 2022
Council Room

Mayor Vereide called the regular meeting of the Elmore City Council to order at 6:30p. Council present was Jahnke, Dickson, and Williams; Rhoda was absent. Others present were Vicki Boeckman, Traci Hanson, and Representative Bjorn Olson. City employee Traci Tischer was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

It was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda to include the following: 1] To discuss options for a Police Officer/Department; and 2] Approve the resolution for the City deficits. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

REPRESENTATIVE BJORN OLSON

Bjorn Olson, State Representative, came before the Council to give them an update on what is happening on the State level, to include:

- He serves on the Local Government and Transportation Committees
- Tax Reform
- Social Security Tax

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #2.14.22.1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Elmore City Council has accounts that have a negative balance as of December 31, and

WHEREAS, These negative balances need to be cleared up;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED TO AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO:

Fire Fund:	\$ 32,380.01
EDA Fund:	\$ 32,313.59
Refuse Fund:	<u>\$ 13,060.84</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 76,754.44

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Jahnke and seconded by Williams. Roll call in favor was Williams, Jahnke, and Vereide. No one voted against the same, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elmore.

FIRE & FIRST RESPONDERS

RESOLUTION #2.4.22.2

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION(S) TO THE CITY OF ELMORE

WHEREAS, the Elmore Fire Department has received a donation from Rich and Ruth Kastner in the amount of \$250.00; and

WHEREAS, the Elmore Fire Department has also received a donation from Harvest Outreach in the amount of \$1,350.00 towards the purchase of a grain bin rescue tube;

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 465.03, the City Council of the City of Elmore does hereby accept the donations as listed above.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Jahnke and seconded by Williams. Roll call in favor was Jahnke, Dickson, Williams, and Vereide. No one voted against the same; whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

**RESOLUTION #2.14.22.3
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION(S) TO THE CITY OF ELMORE**

WHEREAS, the Elmore First Responders have received a donation from Rich and Ruth Kastner in the amount of \$250.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 465.03, the City Council of the City of Elmore does hereby accept the donations as listed above.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Jahnke and seconded by Williams. Roll call in favor was Jahnke, Dickson, Williams, and Vereide. No one voted against the same, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted

POLICE

- **New Hire Status:** There has only been one application submitted, and it is from a person who had applied in the past and was turned down. It was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Williams to authorize Mayor Vereide to investigate options for the Police Department. All members present voted, aye, motion carried.
- **Vacation:** It was moved by Williams, seconded by Jahnke to approve payment to Steve Linde for unused vacation hours; 67.38. All members present voted aye, motion carried.
- **Banked Monies:** Shortly after Linde had started with the City, he had the City put aside a certain amount of dollars from each paycheck – a sort of savings account. At that time, the City’s auditor had said that monies can be banked, but hours cannot, and that they are taxable. It was moved by Williams, seconded by Jahnke to authorize payment to Steve Linde for the funds that he had banked with the City over the years. All members present voted aye, motion carried.

BUILDINGS

- As per Council request, letters were sent to **303 E. Mondale Street**, and **307 S. Mill Street**, for which no response has been received. It was moved by Jahnke, seconded by Williams to notify all persons with a large dumpster or shipping containers to remove it. All members present vote aye, motion carried.
- **Buhl:** Discussion was once again held as to the Dave Buhl property in that no improvement seems to be made. In addition, the patio door in the rear of the house has been open for weeks. A ‘Nomad’ flyer will be sent to Mr. Buhl.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Wages:** Wage and benefit information was provided for Council review. Increases for 2020 was 2% and 2021 was 1.5%. It was moved by Williams, seconded by Vereide to approve a 5% increase in hourly wages for all City employees. All members present voted aye, motion carried. Mentioned was that this type of increase should not be expected every year.
- **Clean-up Day** is scheduled for May 21st.

CLAIMS

Arctic Glacier USA, Inc.	\$63.30
Automatic Systems Co.	\$1,222.50
B & B Sanitation & Recycling	\$5,237.88
Bladzick, Isiah C.	\$317.42

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Blue Earth County Sheriff	\$432.00
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	\$4,200.00
Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd.	\$1,400.00
Cintas	\$366.48
Faribault County Register	\$74.35
Gopher State One Call	\$4.05
Hornke, Ray	\$382.50
Johnson, Randy L.	\$317.42
Kibble	\$61.16
Lampert's	\$75.41
League of MN Cities	\$172.00
NAPA Auto Parts	\$17.69
NuWay-K & H Cooperative	\$6,110.12
River Bend Business Product	\$277.50
Fairmont Sentinel	\$75.15
Tvedten Electric, Inc.	\$215.27
Vessco, Inc.	\$680.22
Verizon Wireless	\$259.26

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

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

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK