

The November 6, 2023 Village Board Meeting was called to order by Terry Stamm, Village President, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Karin Wolf, Clerk-Treasurer, verified that proper notice of the meeting had been posted.

Roll call showed Cynthia Abraham, Bob Bachman, Tim Benjamin, Pat Hahn, Pat Lien, Joyce Price, and Terry Stamm present.

Citizen's Forum

Jon Chisholm from the Elk Mound Youth Baseball program thanked the Village Board for the use of the facilities for the 2023 baseball season. He also announced his intent to hold a 2-3 day youth baseball tournament at the Village Park in June of 2024. He asked the Board to consider waiving the park rental fees as the funds raised during the baseball tournament will be given back to the village for the possible addition of another ball field and maintenance/updates to current fields and batting cages. This will be placed on a future Board agenda.

Public Appearance

There was no Public Appearance.

Communications & Miscellaneous Business as Permitted by Law

Director of Public Works Mark Levra reported that there are mechanical issues with the skid steer, and it is currently at the Diesel Repair Shop.

Police Chief Chad Weinberger reported that the village did not receive the COPS grant to help fund a school resource officer.

President Terry Stamm reported that the solid waste sites will now have the same hours year-round. Because of some miscommunication, the sites will open at noon on Wednesdays for at least two weeks.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion/Action Update on Cell Phone Tower Lease Agreement

Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf reported that we met with Village Attorney Jason Brasch. He had reviewed the lease agreement and is going to draft a letter to their attorney to negotiate some terms. No action taken.

New Business:

Discussion/Action Resolution 23-9, Increase in the Elk Mound Fire District Budget

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve Resolution 23-9, Increase in the Elk Mound Fire District Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Frequency of Village Board Meetings

Benjamin/Abraham moved and seconded a motion to change to one board meeting per month beginning January 1, 2024 and to have the ordinance changed to reflect this. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Location of Village Limit Signs

This item was tabled to a future meeting with Chief Chad Weinberger and Director of Public Works Mark Levra to research the cost of moving the village limit sign at the east entrance of Highway 12 and to add new signs at the Division Street and University Street entrances.

Discussion/Action Review of Parliamentary Procedure

President Terry Stamm presented his discussion with Village Attorney Jason Brasch regarding negative motions at meetings. No action taken.

Discussion/Action Sewer Utility Rate Increase

Abraham/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve a 10% sewer rate increase. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Annual Dunn County Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Collection Agreement

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Benjamin/Hahn moved and seconded a motion to approve the Dunn County Real Estate and Property Tax Collection Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2024 Dunn County Humane Society Contract

Hahn/Benjamin moved and seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Dunn County Humane Society Contract as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action 2024 General Fund Budget Review

The Village Board decided to further review the 2024 General Fund budget and discuss it more at the next meeting after Clerk/Treasurer Karin Wolf gets more input from the Village's financial advisor regarding the tax levy. No action taken.

Adjourn

Lien/Price moved and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Karin Wolf, Village of Elk Mound Clerk/Treasurer