

MINUTES  
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL  
2025 Budget - First Reading  
October 16th, 2024

The Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council President Thomas W. Stump at 8:30 a.m., in Room 104, County Administration Building, 117 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Goshen, Indiana. Members present were Council President Thomas W. Stump, Council Vice President David L. Hess, Randall D. Yohn, Douglas S. Graham, Darryl J. Riegsecker, Steven E. Clark, and Adam M. Bujalski. Also present were Patricia A. Pickens, Auditor; Tiara Jackson, First Deputy Auditor; Audie Hostetler Assistant Director of Human Resource and Craig Buche County Attorney.

1. First Deputy Auditor Jackson read the advertised Notice to Taxpayers of the 2025 Proposed Budget Estimates for each fund for Elkhart County. (Budget Form No.3)
2. Auditor Pickens read the levies and rates as advertised (17-Line Statement)
3. Council President Stump asks for a motion /second to approve/deny CCPC request J-3 Landfill (1194 -338) Request new position, Assistant Director of Solid Waste, PAT F, exempt, up to \$3513.75 bi-weekly.

On motion made to approve by Graham and seconded by Clark. President Stump asks for a roll call vote. The Council votes are as follows: Bujalski-Aye, Clark-Aye, Graham-Aye, Hess-Nay, Riegsecker-Aye, Yohn-Nay and Stump-Nay. With a vote of 4-3 the request was approved.

4. 2025 Salary Ordinance CC-2024-26 was read by title into the record by Craig Buche County Attorney. President Stump asks the Council for a motion and second to introduce the 2025 Salary Ordinance CC-2024-26.

On motion made to introduce CC-2024-26 by Graham and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the introduction of CC-2024-26 2024 Salary Ordinance with a 7 to 0 vote.

5. 2025 Recorders Perpetuation Ordinance CC-2024-25 was read by title into the record by Craig Buche County Attorney. President Stump asks the Council for a motion and second to introduce the 2025 Recorders Perpetuation Ordinance CC-2024-25.

On motion made to introduce CC-2024-25 by Graham and seconded by Clark, the Council unanimously carried and approved the introduction of the 2025 Recorder Perpetuation Ordinance CC-2024-25 with a 7 to 0 vote.

6. Council President Stump asks for a motion/second to close 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2025 Budget.

On motion made to close the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2025 Budget by Yohn and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved to close the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the 2025 Budget with a vote of 7 to 0.

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7. Council President Stump asks for a motion/seconded to recess the meeting, which will reconvene tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 pm for the Second Reading/Adoption of the 2025 Budget.

On motion made to recess the meeting at 8:48 am and reconvene tomorrow afternoon at 4:00pm for the Second Reading and Adoption of the 2025 Budget by Hess and seconded by Riegsecker, the Council unanimously carried and approved the request with a vote of 7 to 0.

Cindy Chadwell  
Recording Secretary

Secretary's Note: The complete recording of this Budget Reading is available in the Auditor's Office. The recording of this meeting will be available for 1 year then will be erased.

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