

City of Elk Run Heights  
Special Council Meeting  
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers  
May 27, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Lundy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Wilson, Ratchford, Smock, and Sallis. Absent – Bass. Quorum present.

Wilson/Smock to approve of the May 27, 2021 Agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Wilson/Smock to approve resolution 3079 approving contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the Elk Run Heights and Raymond WWTF Project. Ayes-Three. Nay-Ratchford.

Councilor Smock questioned Councilor Ratchford as to why he voted against the contract. Ratchford responded he feels Council is making a mistake. He feels the economy is going to take a downhill swing and the bids would come back lower if we waited. Ratchford then commented it may have been better to have switched to Waterloo.

Councilor Dennis Bass joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m. pointing out he had difficulty joining the meeting.

Councilor Smock responded to Councilor Ratchford stating her understanding the concerns. But pointed out the professionals who were hired to advise the City told us if the project is sent out for rebid the plans would need to be modified, likely reducing one or more structure, and would still come back in the same price range for construction costs. Councilor Bass pointed out the City of Waverly had their bids came back 40% over estimated costs. Additionally, Waverly received one bid whereas Elk Run had four bids and two of those were within \$30,000 of each other, thus indicating this is an accurate price to build the plant.

Councilor Ratchford informed Councilor Bass of his previous statement about connecting to Waterloo for sewer services. Bass responded the residents would have ended up paying more for a rate with nothing to show for it. Ratchford discussed the possible pricing with Waterloo. Bass pointed out the residents would have had to pay the rates for Waterloo and additionally paying a sewer rate to maintain our system. Mayor Lundy agreed pointing out the Elk Run Heights citizens should not have to pay to maintain the 150-year-old system they are using in Waterloo. Ratchford stated only time will tell. Councilor Wilson clarified to Ratchford, the original discussions about hooking up to Waterloo sewer did indicate that Elk Run residents would pay whatever Waterloo rates were but stated we would have had pay a person to maintain our own system.

Ratchford/Smock to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

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Kristi Lundy, Mayor

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Julie Eastman, City Clerk