

City of Elk Run Heights
Special Council Meeting
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers
July 13, 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 – Ratchford, Wilson, Bass, Sallis, and Smock. Quorum present.

Wilson/Ratchford to approve of the July 13, 2021 Agenda. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Bass to approve Consent Agenda a. Approve the June 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes, June 29, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes b. City Clerk’s Reports as of June 30, 2021: Budget Report, Treasurer’s Report, and Revenue Report c. Approval of Building Inspection, Library, PeopleService Sewer/Water, and Police Reports. Councilor Ratchford asked if we should approve the Library information. City Clerk Eastman stated she is still waiting on pricing from other facilities to provide to Council. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Bass to approve Resolution Calendar – a. Resolution 3091 authorizing the payment of bills and transfers b. Resolution 3092 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, authorizing payment #1 to WRH, Inc. in the amount of \$51,300.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Roll call vote. Ayes-five.

Ratchford/Smock to open Public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement at 6:03 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried. City Clerk Eastman explained is for the second loan for the sewer plant. Ratchford/Wilson motion to close public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Smock/Ratchford to approve Resolution 3093 taking additional action on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement. Roll call vote. Ayes-five.

Request from PeopleService, Inc. to have Willett Hoffmann obtain a DNR permit for a watermain extension from McCoy Road to High Street. Mayor Lundy asked if this project would cost more due to the engineer getting involved. City Engineer Mike Dryden confirmed that. Lundy asked what the budget was for the project. Jordan Cooper with PeopleService responded around \$44,000.00. It was explained the DNR will need to be required due to this project being an addition to the water line and not just a repair. Cooper explained there have been some reductions in other areas of the budget for this project; pointing out should stay within budget. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Discussion: Future plans for the 2nd ball diamond at Mayor’s Park. Councilor Smock explained leaving the second diamond could potentially lose the City the REAP grant which is 100% funding because it would mean taking the pollination garden out of the plans. The bidding for the project will be on the 20th of July and the contractors will be able to give more specific information on how this would affect the overall cost of the project. Councilor Ratchford asked for clarification; inquiring if it would cost less to keep the diamond. Smock and City Engineer Mike Dryden both responded no, it would cost more due to change and the plans and specifications that have already been complete.

Councilor Smock pointed out she feels John Magnuson would do a good job keeping up the diamonds but does not feel it is the best option for the city. Councilor Bass stated with the scope of the whole park he felt one diamond would get used more; stating the City is working on an overall park look and usage for the future. Councilor Wilson stated he likes the idea of both diamonds remaining. Councilor Sallis stated she is neutral. Mayor Lundy asked if they see the second diamond being used as much as diamond one. Sallis stated yes it does get used, but the first diamond is receiving the upkeep, so it does get used more. Lundy pointed out ball programs come and go, usually only being one- or two-year programs. It was agreed to discuss this future of the diamond after the bids come in.

Public discussion: Councilor Ratchford asked as a resident if anyone would have an issue with him moving the speed limit sign to a different location due to him expanding his driveway. Council agreed this would be acceptable.

Jeff Smock from 301 Marie Ave. came with concerns about the hostile phone message his wife received from a resident about the fireworks. It was stated there were other Council members that received calls as well. Police Chief Dean indicated that he has discussed the matter with the City Attorney and they both recommend the individual should be told of the concern and that the behavior should not be repeated. The Council supported that approach at this time.

Jim from 240 Marie Ave. commented he was very displeased with the mess that was left in the yards after the fireworks. Jim then asked about the mowing ordinance stating there seems to be more rentals in the town and they do not seem to care for their lawns as they should be. It was pointed out that no one is in violation of the City Ordinance until their grass and/or weeds are over 8".

Mayors/Council/Engineer Reports: none.

Ratchford/Wilson to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Kristi Lundy, Mayor; Attest: Julie Eastman, City Clerk