

City of Elk Run Heights
Special Council Meeting
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers
August 10, 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 – Bass, Sallis, Smock and Ratchford. Absent – Wilson. Quorum present.

Ratchford/Bass to approve of the August 10, 2021 Agenda. Ayes-four. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Smock to approve Consent Agenda a. Approve the July 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes b. City Clerk's Reports as of July 31, 2021: Budget Report, Treasurer's Report, and Revenue Report c. Approval of Building Inspection, and PeopleService Sewer/Water. d. New Liquor License: Elk Run Community Days – 08/14/21. Ayes-four. Motion carried.

Approval of the Resolution Calendar – a. Resolution 3094 authorizing the payment of bills and transfers b. Resolution 3095 a resolution approving change order #1 from WRH, Inc. for \$15.11 per ton of sand, not exceeding \$43,000.00 c. Resolution 3096 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, authorizing payment #2 to WRH, Inc. in the amount of \$356,384.10 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project d. Resolution 3097 approving the BUYIT grant application for new computers e. Resolution 3098 awarding contract for the Mayor's Park Trail Project to Lodge Construction, Inc. of Clarksville, Iowa in an amount not to exceed \$562,444.50 f. Resolution 3099 approving Mayor to sign contract with Building and Grounds LLC of Ossian, Iowa for the Creek Cleanup Project at Mayor's Park. Councilor Ratchford asked for clarification on Resolution 3098, stating the low bid is over what was budgeted for the project. City Engineer Mike Dryden explained he is unable to contact the contractor until after the contract is awarded because of the Department of Transportation's guidelines. Once the contract is awarded Dryden will contact the contractor and revise portions of the project in order to keep the project in line with the original budget. Councilor Bass expressed concerns with accepting the contract at the price it came in at, and concerns with change orders. Dryden stated the change orders are lowering the costs and is confident the costs will be lowered without out issues. Councilor Smock added that there is no way this project will be over budget and will remove or change whatever is needed to make sure that happens. Ratchford stated he would approve this only if it stays on the original budget. Roll call vote. Ayes-four.

Discussion/Possible Action: Options for Library Services provided to residents per state code. City Clerk Eastman presented Council with the information provided from the surrounding area's libraries. Giving explanation that Jesup is in a separate county which would cause a problem for the online usage due to the funding for those programs being county funded. Waterloo would be at least \$16.23 per capita, Dunkerton would be \$9.00 per capita, and Evansdale being \$9.54 per capita. After discussion Council agreed to move forward with Dunkerton Public Library. Ayes-four. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action: Holding two Regular Council Meetings per month. Council discussed the option and agreed to continue holding one regular council meeting and only hold special meetings. City Clerk Eastman stated there needs to be a special meeting held on August 24 for approval of paperwork for the SRF loan for the wastewater treatment plant funding. Councilor Ratchford asked if he could possibly call in and vote to save the taxpayers money. Eastman explained that calling in is still considered being present, but if they wanted to donate their time there can be a note made of that.

Discussion/Possible Action: Updating the signage at Mayor's Park. Mayor Lundy stated the sign at Mayor's Park is full and there is no longer room to add future Mayor's, asking what Councilor thought about getting a new sign. There were some suggestions discussed and it was agreed to get more information and bring it to the next meeting.

Public discussion: Thomas Storm of Jackie Ave. asked about the sump pump inspections. City Clerk Eastman explained this is straight from our Code, provided by the Department of Natural Services. Jamie,

the owner of storage facility on Gilbertville Road asked Council if he were to buy some land on Plaza Drive if they would be willing to provide a tax break. Council responded they would like to hear what the plans are but would consider providing a break for newly developed commercial land.

Mayors/Council/Engineer Reports: Councilor Ratchford asked about having the hydrants repainted. Ratchford then provided Council with information from discussions regarding Ordinance 241, Automated Traffic Enforcement, pointing out that although it was passed there was not any action taken to install the automated speed cameras. Continuing to explain the process of how the GTSO system works and that it will cost the city no money. Ratchford also mentioned he has received very negative feedback about the speed bumps. Councilor Smock countered she has had very positive feedback. After continued discussions it was agreed to bring this to another meeting as an agenda item.

Ratchford/Smock to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Ayes-four. Motion carried.

Attest:

Kristi Lundy, Mayor

Julie Eastman, City Clerk