

Agenda
City of Elk Run Heights
Special Council Meeting
March 22, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers

Mayor Smock called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present –Bass, Sallis, Wurtz, Galbraith, and McChane. Quorum present.

Bass/Wurtz to approve of the March 22, 2022 agenda. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Discussion: Black Hawk County Sheriff Department. County Sheriff Tony Thompson discussed with Council the services they are able to provide the City. Pointing out that they will not offer a contract amount; emphasizing the fact they are not running a business. Thompson and Dean both stressed they will always continue to have a good working relationship regardless of the outcome.

Galbraith/Sallis to open Public Hearing for the 2022/2023 Budget at 6:27. Ayes-five. Motion carried

Sallis/Wurtz to close Public Hearing for the 2022/2023 Budget at 6:28 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Galbraith/Sallis to approve Resolution 4042 adopting the FY23 Budget. Mayor Smock presented the two budget options; one including a debt service levy and another that doesn't. Smock explained the strain the City will be under by not implementing the levy to help pay for the \$91,760.00 GO Bond payment and the impact elevating such a large portion of the general funds would have on the budget. Further explaining as elected officials it is the responsibility of them to keep the City going. Smock explained this would also help getting the rest of the street projects complete that have been put off for several years, the turning lane on Dubuque Road and Lafayette Rd, and the patches on Gilbertville Road by Plaza Drive. Councilor Sallis stated she would give her vote for the levy because our City needs to grow, and this is just a small step to achieve the growth needed. Sallis asked how everyone thought the Wastewater Treatment Plant payments were going to be made. Councilor Bass responded the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) dollars. Mayor Smock responded that with inflation over the several years we are at a point the LOST funds are being used to pay for the road projects and it is not responsible to continue to let those projects go any longer. Additionally, there has not been a tax increase for five years and the general funds are depleted towards regular bills; stating our hands are tied. Smock added that the LOST funds will need to be used towards the Lafayette/Gilbertville Road reconstruction project in the coming years, so it is not an option to use it to pay for the loan payments. Bass stated we could still use it this year and not raise the tax. Councilor Galbraith agreed with Sallis stating as much as he hates to raise taxes if we want to see our city nice, neat, clean and grow he is willing to add the levy. Councilor McChane contributed that he has an issue with not completing projects that need to be done, which is not growing the city, it is just maintaining it properly. Due to the fact that there are project that would be put off for another few years he agrees with the levy. Pointing out from his standpoint from being his first year, he feels we are running the budget to lean without the levy. Councilor Wurtz stated he is against the levy. Roll call vote. Ayes-Three. Nay-Bass, Wurtz.

Sallis/McChane to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Attest:

Lisa Smock, Mayor

Julie Eastman, City Clerk