

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers
August 9, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa met in regular session, according to law, the rules of said Council and prior notice given each member thereof, in the Council Chambers of City Hall of Elk Run Heights, Iowa at 6: 00 p.m. on the above date. Council members present in order or roll call: Sallis, Wurtz, Galbraith, McChane, Bass. Quorum present.

Bass/McChane to approve of the August 9, 2022 Agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion Carried

Public Input: Non-agenda items – Eric Giddens introduced himself as the State Senator of the new District 38. He summarizes the expansion of the district and ran through his responsibilities as a Representative for the local governments. Giddens encouraged reaching out if he could ever be of assistance to our town.

Sallis/Galbraith to approve of Consent Agenda - a. Approve the July 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes. b. City Clerk's Reports as of July 31, 2022: Budget Report, Treasurer's Report, and Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Investment Report. c. Approval of Building Inspection, Library, PeopleService Sewer/Water, and Police reports. d. Approval of Pay Request #1 to Aspro, Inc. in an amount of \$116,858.74. e. Approval of Change Order #1 to Aspro, Inc. for the Dubuque Road Rehab Project for additional stations to be painted, pavement markings, and solvent/waterborne in an amount of \$224.00. f. Approval of Pay Request #2 to Aspro, Inc. in an amount of \$6,150.46. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Sallis/Bass to approve of the Resolution Calendar – a. Resolution 4071 authorizing the payment of bills and transfers – approve with change of invoice number for Aspro. b. Resolution 4072 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, authorizing payment #13 to WRH, Inc.; in the amount of 920,550.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. c. Resolution 4073 approving the compensation for Courtney Knebel for completion of CDL. d. Resolution 4074 approving destruction of property. Roll call vote. Ayes-five.

Wurtz/McChane to table Ordinance 277 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to water service charges, first reading. City Clerk Eastman explained there was a typo with the number of gallons over the base per month. Eastman explained that during discussions it was decided to charge \$6.00 for every 1,000 gallons used, but the Ordinance reads 2,000 gallons. Mayor Smock states that because of the typo there will need to be another ordinance adopted if Council wants to correct it. Council discussed and decided to leave Ordinance as is and reevaluate at a later date. Roll call vote. Ayes-five.

Bass/Wurtz to approve Ordinance 278 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to the Capital Project fee, first reading. City Clerk Eastman explained that the capital project rate increase was not included in the original sewer rate Ordinance. Therefore, this new Ordinance changes the capital project rate to \$28 per month. The residents will see a credit of \$8 on their September bill but the new increase will take effect October 1st. Roll call vote. Ayes-five.

Wurtz/McChane to approve request from Public Works to purchase and put up a new fence in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. Mayor Smock suggested using the funds from LOST to pay for the outfield fence at the ball diamond and Council agreed. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Wurtz/McChane to table request from Mayor to purchase surveillance cameras from Hawkeye Alarm at most \$11,468.00. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Discussion: Evansdale Police Contract. Mayor Smock updated Council on the employment difficulties that the Evansdale Police Force are facing. Councilor Wurtz stated he expects the contract between the cities to be met to its entirety. Councilor Sallis suggested Evansdale provide a fully itemized log of their time spent in Elk Run for accountability. The rest of the Council agreed with this. Smock said she would request this type of report, and keep Council updated on the situation.

Discussion: Temporary Vacancy “Snowbird” ordinance. Mayor Smock explained a couple of residents requested we consider this type of policy. This would benefit residents to who go on vacation for months at a time or split the year in two different locations. Council was not in favor of this type of ordinance.

Mayors/Council Reports – Councilor Sallis mentioned the “aggressive” speedbumps. Sallis said that residents like and want them, but they almost have to slow down to a near stop to get over them. Mayor Smock stated we are hoping to get the temporary speed bumps removed and replaced with paved tabletop bumps this fall. Councilor Bass then asked if we were disposing of the temporary speed bumps. Smock and Eastman responded it has previously been discussed they will be moved to resident requested locations for a trial basis.

Engineer Reports – Mike Dryden gave an update on Mayor’s park stating that things ought to be in position for the event that weekend; asphalt should be coming in a couple of weeks, wrapping the project up in Mid-September. Gilbertville/Lafayette Road project is starting to move, they are setting profiles on the plans. It has been observed that there will be fewer temporary easements needed than expected. Dryden acknowledged the pricing for this project has gone up but minimally.

Sallis/McChane to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Attest:

Lisa Smock, Mayor

Julie Eastman, City Clerk