

City of Elk Run Heights  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 11, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.  
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers

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: McChane, Bass, Sallis, Wurtz, and Galbraith. Quorum present.

Bass/McChane to approve the July 11, 2023 agenda. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Sallis/Galbraith to approve the consent agenda: a. Approve the June 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes, and June 16, 2023 special meeting minutes, and June 26, 2023 special meeting minutes b. City Clerk's Reports as of June 30, 2023: Budget Report, Treasurer's Report, and Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Investment Report. c. Approval of Department reports: Building Inspection, PeopleService Sewer/Water reports, and Police. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Bass/Sallis to approve the resolution calendar: a. Resolution 4127 approving final completion of the Mayor's Park Trail Project b. Resolution 4128 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, authorizing payment #22 to WRH, Inc.; in the amount of \$45,244.70 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project  
c. Resolution 4129 authorizing the payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Public Discussion: None

Bass/Wurtz to approve request from Mayor to join and support the efforts of Grow Cedar Valley to help promote the City for the minimum investment amount of \$450.00. Mayor Smock explained the organization and how they will be a good reference for helping find information and partners to build the economic development needs in our community. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Discussion: Speed Camera's. Mayor Smock talked about the City of Hudson's results after installing three speed cameras: financial and the effects on traffic flow. The company installs the cameras free of charge and the city would get a portion of the proceeds. But the true benefit is creating slower moving traffic and a safer community for our pedestrians. The council agreed to have the Mayor reach out and collect more information.

Discussion: Security cameras in the park, building, and City Hall/ICAP Grant. Mayor Smock talked about a company owner who had reached out after the park was vandalized and offered a deal so we can protect our park. There is a grant available through ICAP for \$1,000.00. Smock will look at the numbers more closely and bring back to discuss again.

Mike Dryden informed the Council the Mayor's Park Trail Project will be complete through the DOT in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor's Reports: Economic Development, Mayor Smock brought up again the possibility of tax abatement for new business in the City. We will need to get together and start forming a plan to bring to Council.

Office Hours. Mayor Smock stated the City Clerk gets a lot of hours from working meetings in the evenings. Smock has reached out to some of the small cities nearby to see what the hours are. She asked the Council about closing on Friday afternoons if the Clerk has overtime to help save funds in the budget. City Clerk Eastman stated that there are some weeks that won't be possible but at certain times of the year or weeks of the month it is very slow and having the office closed will relieve the budget by eliminating overtime. The Council agreed to close on Fridays at noon when possible.

Sallis/Wurtz to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Lisa Smock, Mayor

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Julie Eastman, City Clerk