

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
May 14, 2024 – 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. on the above date. Council members present in order or roll call: Galbraith, Bass, Sallis, Wilson, Rodden. Quorum present.

Sallis/Wilson to approve of the May 14, 2024 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Rodden/Galbraith to approval of the Consent Agenda: a. Approve the April 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes, and April 23, 2024 special meeting minutes. b. City Clerk's Reports as of April 30, 2024: Budget Report, Treasurer's Report, and Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Investment Report. c. Approval of Department reports: Building Inspection, Library, PeopleService Sewer/Water, and Police reports d. Set the date of Public Hearing for increased water and sewer rates for June 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Elk Run Heights City Hall Council Chambers e. Tobacco Permit: i. Casey's General Store #3041 – effective 07/01/2024 ii. Road Ranger #144 – effective 07/01/2024 Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Sallis/Wilson to approve of the Resolution Calendar: a. Resolution 4177 authorizing the payment of bills and transfers b. Resolution 4178 adopting the Cash on Hand Policy c. Resolution 4179 approving the revised Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Public discussion: Dean Heideman of 215 Michigan asked for clarification regarding the water project fee that will be added to the utility bills. Mayor Smock verified that the fee is included in the new total.

Wilson/Bass to open Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment at 5:04 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Proof of publication is on file and there were no public comments. Bass/Wilson to close Public Hearing at 5:04 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Wilson/Bass to approve Resolution 4180 approving the FY24 Budget Amendments. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-Galbraith.

Sallis/Wilson motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 286 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to sewer service charges. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Wilson/Bass motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 287 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to water service charges. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nay-Galbraith.

Discussion: Setting the date of fireworks for 2024. After discussion it was agreed to have Fireworks on July 4th, 5th, and 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. each day.

Discussion regarding homeowners with well water paying the water project fee was tabled. Wilson/Bass, Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action: Stop signs on Marie and Sutton, and Toneff and Ann. Mayor and Council discussed the risks of accidents with the uncontrolled intersections in town and agreed to add stop signs in multiple locations. City Clerk Eastman will bring an ordinance to the next meeting.

Discussion: Cost for gWorks online version. City Clerk Eastman discussed the pros and cons of upgrading the accounting software. All agreed it is not cost effective.

Public Works updates: Tom Lentzkow informed Council the items they have been working on and the plans to get two additional shelters put up, one in Mayor's Park, and the other in James Street Park.

Engineer Reports. The Lafayette/Gilbertville Road Reconstruction plans have been submitted to the DOT and letting should be in September. The plans state that the project will begin in the right of way this calendar year, and the road work will begin in the 2025 construction season.

Council Reports. None

Mayor Reports. Mayor Smock reminded Council of the cleanup day coming this weekend and reiterated the importance of Council involvement.

Wilson/Sallis to adjourn at 5:58. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Attest:

Lisa Smock, Mayor

Julie Eastman, City Clerk