

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
September 9, 2025 – 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 to 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: Sallis (by phone), Wilson, Rodden, Galbraith, and Bass. Quorum present.

Wilson/Bass to approve the September 9, 2025 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Wilson/Galbraith to approve of the Consent Agenda: a. August 12, 2025 regular meeting minutes b. Approval of Department reports: Building Inspection, Library (NONE), and PeopleService, and Police. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bass/Wilson to approve of the Resolution Calendar: a. Resolution 4268 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, authorizing payment #7 to Owen Contracting, Inc.; in the amount of \$198,168.24 for the Gilbertville/Lafayette Road Reconstruction Project b. Resolution 4269 authorizing the payment of bills c. Resolution 4270 Resolution regarding the issuance of not to exceed \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Revenue Bonds (Northeast Iowa Food Bank Project) Series 2025, of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, directing publication of a notice of intention to issue, and calling a public hearing on the proposal to issue said Bonds for October 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Smock took a motion to amend the resolution of bills to adjust the grand total from \$230,512.17 to \$226,909.17 due to entry error. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Public discussion: Madison Phetmanysay of 300 Shirley expressed that on Friday 9/5 her daughter had a medical emergency. She was frustrated that she and her mother had called previously asking for detour signs for the Shirley addition due to the construction of Gilbertville Rd. Mayor Smock assured her that this has been handled with the fire department and there is a plan in place to do our best to ensure public safety. Nikki Werning of 201 Shirley expressed frustration with the gravel/ruts on Gilbertville Rd. Mike Dryden said that this was addressed with the contractors at the construction meeting earlier in the day and that these would be taken care of. Council Member Dale Wilson said that these ruts have been filled multiple times, but the gravel unfortunately doesn't last very long. Denise Orona of 127 Sutton wanted to address that there are kids that have been riding dirt bikes down by the lift station. Denise also expressed wanting a speed bump near her house due to people going too fast down her street. Bob Hertges of 303 Gilbertville Rd asked if both Gilbertville Road and the sidewalks would be done this year. Mike Dryden said that they would like to complete the project this year, but sidewalks could potentially be pushed to early 2026 weather depending. Barb Prather from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank stated their gratitude for the city's support of their project by allowing them to use conduit financing.

Discussion/possible action: Request from Public Works to hire Frickson Backhoe & Trucking to grate both shoulders of Dubuque Road for \$4,000.00. Director Tom Lentzkow explained that the grating was needed vs just gravel because gravel would wash away. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Request from Mayor to sign a letter of support for Amy Jensen to raise money for improvements at Saveraid Park. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public Works updates/reports: Tom Lentzkow explained why the city will need to purchase 2 generators for 2 stop lights. If the power is lost, the city needs to be able to turn the lights flashing red- a stop sign will not be sufficient.

Engineer Reports. Mike Dryden stated the updated construction plan as of 9/9. Anticipated project completion by Thanksgiving 2025. He addressed that the contractor has 69 of 155 working days remaining to complete the project. He also addressed that the city does not have control over when the crews work.

Attorney points of discussion. None

Council Reports. None

Mayor's Reports. Council agreed with Mayor Smock's suggestion that the city should consider a rental inspection program. Mayor Smock proposed removing the bushes from the corner of McCoy and Lafayette, it was agreed that Public Works would remove the bushes. The city will be creating a larger grass island on this corner along with welcome signage over the next year. Mayor Smock asked the council for their opinion on floodplain management; it was decided that the city would have the DNR take over floodplain permit management. Mayor Smock asked the council for permission to convert the area the Sutton lift station to a pollinator garden; it was decided to allow BHC conservation to go ahead with the pollinator garden. Mayor Smock also informed council of the hours that the office will need to be closed for training.

Wilson/Rodden to adjourn at 5:46. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Attest:

Lisa Smock, Mayor

Cheyenne Plummer, City Clerk