

City of Elk Run Heights  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 11, 2026 – 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 of roll call: Thomas, Bass, Sallis, Wilson, Rodden. Quorum present.

Wilson/Bass to approve the February 11, 2026 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried. A. Thomas/Sallis to approve of the Consent Agenda: Approve the January 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes. b. Approval of Department reports: Building Inspection, Library, PeopleService (NONE), and Police. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

Thomas/Wilson to approve of the Resolution Calendar: a. Resolution 4288 authorizing the payment of bills. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5

Public discussion: Pam Ratchford of 315 Gilbertville Rd questioned the Deputy Clerk position being posted and if in the January meeting minutes it needed to state “Action”. Mayor Smock advised it did not, that it could be voted on by council members, as it was.

Sallis/Rodden to approve discussion/Possible action: City Clerk computer/memory needs. The memory is full and it is recommended by Computer Troubleshooters to get a new computer. The cost is \$2,085.24, including cost of computer and set up. After discussion Council advised Mayor Smock to add computer replacement to future long term plan. Discussion was had to not exceed cost of \$2,100.00. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5.

Discussion to set the date for Spring Clean-up day. Council agreed to June 13, 2026.

Discussion to set the date for city wide garage sales. Council agreed on June 5 & 6, 2026.

Discussion to set the date for budget/future development workshop. Mayor advised Maggie with Speer Financial would be attending to talk about financing with new property development and also to assist with budgeting. Workshop is set for March 3, 2026.

Engineering discussion for future land development. Jake with MSA discussed the development of the land behind the Boys & Girls Club for a housing addition. Proposal packet will be emailed to council members. A 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal will be obtained from another engineer.

Rodden/Wilson to approve Resolution 4287 updating the signatories at the bank. Ayes: 5

Discussion of Umbrella Insurance cost associated with Christmas lighting. MidAmerican Energy requires a \$6 million insurance policy, with \$4 million of that in an umbrella policy over the utility poles. This would cost another \$3,000 a year to put up the Christmas wreaths. It is around \$600 a pole to update and there are 39 wreaths. Public Works Tom Lentzkow had looked into costs associated with doing our own poles and it is around \$10,000 a pole. Discussion was had on alternative decorating using the wreathes and will be decided on at a future meeting. Council agreed cost was too much and decision was made to not move forward with the increased umbrella policy. Budget will be updated to move the funds to the Beautification fund.

Sallis/Thomas to approve to accept resignation from Public Works from Tom Lentzkow. Mayor Smock asked to keep him on staff to do some side work, as needed, plumbing, and as a back up snow plow

driver. All Council members expressed they were sad to see him go and what an asset he has been to Elk Run. Ayes: 5

Public Works and PeopleService updates/reports: Tom Lentzkow stated there a several blowouts on Plaza Dr. and Dubuque Rd. and they are working on patching them. Tom reported that per MSA, at this time with the bypass coming in the future, it is not worth replacing these roads and to continue with the patchwork. Spring cleanup for fixing yards, raking corners back, damaged from the snow plow will begin when the weather warms up.

Engineer Reports: Jon Tienda reports there is a reimbursement form the DOT still coming for around 1.5 million for Gilbertville Rd. On Gilbertville Rd, as the weather warms up scheduling to finish the sidewalks will be done and the speed hump signs have been installed. Pam Ratchford asked if Gilbertville Rd. will be closed during the time the sidewalks are finished and she was advised they will not be, possibly down to one lane during the time the concrete trucks are pouring.

Attorney points of discussion: N/A

Council points of discussion: N/A

Mayor points of discussion: Mayor Smock stated the Public Works position will have to be listed, further discussion to be had at next meeting. Wilson offered to help, if needed.

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

Attest:

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Lisa Smock, Mayor

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Sara Pittman, City Clerk