

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
April 14, 2026 – 5:15 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 5:15 p.m. on the above date. Council members present in order of roll call: Sallis, Thomas, Wilson, Bass, Rodden. Quorum present.

Thomas/Rodden to approve the April 14, 2026 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried. A. Wilson/Rodden to approve of the Consent Agenda: Approve the March 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes. b. Approval of Department reports: Building Inspection(NONE), Library (NONE), PeopleService, and Police. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bass/Wilson to approve of the Resolution Calendar: a. Resolution 4293 authorizing the payment of bills. b. Resolution 4291 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, authorizing the setting of the date of public hearing to adopt FY27 Budget for April 21, 2026 at 5:00pm. Roll call vote. Ayes-Five.

Public discussion: Pam Ratchford of 315 Gilbertville Rd stated the noise ordinance is too general and could use more detail and clarify the hours, questioned not seeing the discussion on posting seasonal job on the last agenda (it was discussed under Mayor's notes), Owen Contracting Inc. not using flaggers on Gilbertville Rd when one lane is closed, and why can Council discuss items not on agenda, but public can't. Attorney Prendergast advised public can bring up any item during the public discussion, Council just cannot reply. Ron Pint stated concerns of speeding on Amber Ln. and drivers not stopping at the stop sign. Bob Hertges of 303 Gilbertville Rd asked about the land around the Lift Station. Mayor Smock advised the Black Hawk Co. Conservation is spraying it to return that area to pollinator lawn.

Bass/Sallis to approve the posting of the seasonal public works job. Pam Ratchford asked why was needed? Mayor Smock responded to assist with the mowing and completing summer projects. Attorney Prendergast replied just because it's an approved posting, it doesn't have to be posted. Ayes-Five. Motion Carried.

Bass/Rodden to approve Resolution 4294 authorizing setting the wage for Public Works employee. Mayor Smock asked to give \$1.00/hr raise to current employee effective 4.20.2026 when new employee starts. Roll call vote. Ayes: Five.

Wilson/Thomas to approve Resolution 4295 authorizing setting the wage for Public Works employee. Discussion had amongst Council on compensating employee while he was on his own from 02.20 – 4.20.26, noting he did an excellent job. Roll call vote. Ayes: Five.

Public Works and PeopleService updates/reports- Dustin Knight reported he'd been working on road repairs and that street sweeping was completed on 04.14.2026. Jordan Cooper advised of the electric plaza pump having a blown gasket and it not pumping correctly. It is not worth rebuilding and the company approved it being ordered now and paid for in July as part of FY27 budget. He reported at the Wastewater plant, one of the trash baskets fell apart and company was able to get him one at a reduced cost. Will be boring out the ditch at Gilbertville Rd and working on **water project at the park**. Bass asked about what streets were done with the sewer cleaning

Discussion on Noise Ordinance possibly adding quiet hours. There has been a few complaints regarding late night parties and atvs/motorcycles being rode in a backyard late. City Hall verified we do not have specific code for this type of noise. Rodden and Thomas agreed to work on writing some notes and bring back ideas to Council.

Council points of discussion- Rodden asked about code enforcement on homes previously discussed. City Clerk confirmed certified letter sent to one house and the Building Inspector was working with getting in touch with the resident of the other home.

Mayor points of discussion- Mayor Smock asked if each Council Member would write a short biography for the new website. The community beautification still has a balance and she would like to put on next month's agenda discussing to approve lights for the bridge in Mayor's Park, possibly hanging a few wreaths there too, and the electrical work needed to go to the bridge, boring from the sign to the bridge. Advised we had money in the PIE fund and we provided a check for Poyner Elementary to assist with May Day Baskets for the students.

Sallis/Thomas to adjourn at 5:56pm. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Attest:

Lisa Smock, Mayor

Sara Pittman, City Clerk