

City of Elk Run Heights  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 12, 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, Wilson, Sallis, Bass, Rodden(arrived at 5:11pm). Quorum present.

Bass/Thomas to approve the May 12, 2026 agenda. Ayes-4. Motion Carried. Sallis/Wilson to approve of the Consent Agenda: a. Approve the April 14, 2026 Public Hearing and regular Council Meeting minutes. b. Approval of renewing Casey's and Road Ranger's Alcohol License. c. Approval of Department reports: Building Inspection(NONE), Library(NONE), PeopleService, and Police. Ayes – Four. Motion Carried.

Thomas/Bass to approve of the Resolution Calendar: a. Resolution 4295 authorizing the pay request #12 from Owen Contracting. b. Resolution 4296 authorizing the payment of bills. c. Resolution 4297 setting the date of public hearing for amended proposed Tax Rate Levy for May 26, 2026 at 5:00pm. d. Resolution 4298 setting the date of public hearing to adopt amended FY27 Budget for June 9, 2026 at 5:00pm. e. Resolution 4299 for approval of wage for seasonal Public Works Employee. f. Resolution 4300 to set the date for the public hearing to adopt hazard mitigation plan for June 9, 2026. Roll Call vote. Ayes – 4

Public Discussion: Tim Ratchford of 315 Gilbertville Rd. asked questions about Gilbertville Rd. and Lafayette Rd. incomplete project. He asked for the clarification of Council / Mayor Points of Discussion, these are information items, not action items, so do not have to be listed specifically on the agenda. Ron Pint of 441 Amber Ln. stated he's yet to hear of any person who likes the sidewalks on Gilbertville Rd. David Galbraith of 623 Amber Ln. voiced various complaints on sidewalks on Gilbertville Rd, city employees, and Christmas lighting. Randy Cook at 304 Gilbertville Rd. voiced complaints about Gilbertville Rd. incomplete project and E-bikes on the sidewalks. Ron Lundy of 200 Marie voiced complaints about the incomplete Gilbertville Rd. project. Pam Ratchford of 315 Gilbertville Rd. voiced complaints about incomplete Gilbertville Rd. project. Bob Hertges of 303 Gilbertville Rd. stated his yard looks pretty good and asked how long the waddles have to be in the yard?

Discussion for electric work in Mayor's Park. Sallis and Thomas agreed to work together to come up with some ideas on what we can do with the Christmas wreaths and ideas for decorating our city.

Wilson/Sallis to approve signing of agreement for engineering for the initial design on High St. with Bolten & Menk. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Discussion on setting the date for the Budge Workshop on May 26, 2026 at 5:15pm.

Discussion on back bathrooms at Mayor's Park. Decided we would like to save them and need for new fixtures, doors, and plumbing. Mayor working on budget for this.

Rodden and Thomas provided recommendations on changes to the updated Noise Ordinance. Mayor Smock will work on revising our ordinance for review at the next meeting.

Public Works and PeopleService updates/reports – Dustin stated they have been busy with mowing, working on taking down a few trees at Mayor's Park, and continuing with street patchwork. Fence is going up around the pickleball court and the concrete guy is working on the surface.

Bass/Rodden to approve request from PeopleService for purchase of repair parts for the Trojan UV system for wastewater plant. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Bass/Wilson to approve request from PeopleService for purchase of repair parts from Influent Composite Sampler for wastewater plant. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Attorney points of discussion – She is working with Evansdale police to get our code updated with them.

Council points of discussion – Thomas asked about the swings at Shirley Park. Mayor Smock advised there were a few wore out pieces, so the swings were removed for safety. Replacement parts ordered.

Mayor point of discussion – Mayor Smock passed along that Raymond is considering expanding their Fire & Rescue services, asking if there would be a future interest with Elk Run Heights. This will be a few years down the road, putting a bug in our ear.

Mayor Smock asked for thoughts on a phone texting system to use for emergencies, notifications, etc.

Mayor and Sallis sat in on a demo. Council advised to look at additional companies and put on a future agenda for discussion.

Rodden/Thomas to adjourn at 6:06pm. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Lisa Smock, Mayor

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Sara Pittman, City Clerk