

City of Elk Run Heights
Special Council Meeting
July 14, 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: Wilson, Thomas, Rodden, Bass, Sallis. Quorum present.

Bass/Rodden to approve the July 14, 2026 agenda. Ayes-5. Motion carried. Thomas/Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda: a. Approve the June 23, 2026 special council meeting minutes. b. Approval of Department reports: PeopleService, Library, Fire, Police, June permits. c. Approve Tobacco permits for Casey's General Store and Road Ranger. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Bass/Rodden to approve the Resolution Calendar: a. Resolution 4308 approving HF 2490 on open meetings. b. Resolution 4309 to approve payment of bills. Roll Call vote. Ayes-5.

Bass/Thomas to approve of city entering contract with TextMyGov. Presentation given by Luc with TextMyGov, on how it works and answered questions. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Pam Ratchford of 315 Gilbertville Rd. noted there are three dates the state allows fireworks to be shot off, July 3, 4, and December 31, last Resolution only had July dates. A separate Resolution is done for December. Commented on the money being spent on the back bathrooms at Mayor's Park. Tim Ratchford of 315 Gilbertville Rd. commented on text app being a test drive for a year. Asked when the work will be completed in front of his shop.

Bass/Wilson to approve of Agreement Amendment No. 1 with Willett Hofmann regarding the G'ville / Laf. Project. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Rodden/Wilson to approve Ordinance 306 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to water service charges, second reading. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Bass/Wilson to approve Ordinance 307 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to sewer service charges, second reading. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Discussion on fencing around pools, regarding height requirements. Wilson and Bass agreed to work on researching and bringing suggestions for new a new code requirement.

Sallis, Mayor Pro Tem, advised she and Mayor Smock had met with Maggie from Speer Financial and Engineer Michelle from Bolton & Menk regarding the development of High St. Special meeting set for August 25, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Wilson/Rodden to approve the surface for the pickle ball courts. Public Works Kyle Wirtz stated worked on landscaping and flags in front of City Hall, removed old sand and placed new sand in volleyball courts at Mayor's Park, mowed pollinator on Dubuque Rd., mowing around town, and patchwork on Dubuque Rd.

Attorney points of discussion: Recommends start with city engineer on assessing condition of Dubuque Rd.

Council points of discussion: n/a

Mayor points of discussion:

- a. City Hall is closing at 11:00am on July 23 and will be closed on July 24.

- b. Suggestion on eliminating the city Facebook page, since will have the new texting system and Website for important information.
- c. Simmering Cory is working on the official code wording for the Noise Ordinance.

Wilson/Thomas to adjourn at 6:04pm. Ayes-5. Motion carried.