

City of Elk Run Heights
Budget Workshop
January 20, 2015
City Hall 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Swope called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Smock, Heideman, Heth, and Wilson. Quorum present. Smock/Heideman motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Agenda. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Council reviewed proposed revenues for the fiscal year 2015/2016. Clerk noted property tax valuations increased 1,189,000. Leaving the tax asking rate at 6.01% would generate \$247,309 property tax.

Considerable discussion was held concerning the Fire/Ambulance proposal presented by the City of Evansdale. Consensus was to approve the contract with Evansdale Fire Department with the contract price of \$12,000 with a savings to the city of \$23,000. Official approval will be made by resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Bass arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Other expenditures discussed were park updates with grant assistance, increasing Mayor wage to \$5,000 annually and Council wages to \$40 per meeting. Discussion was held on employee wages and benefits. Mayor Swope recommended a \$2.00 per hour raise for Deputy Clerk Bonnie Cross, 2% for the other employees for the next 3 years, setting health insurance at 95/5, offering dental and vision and long term disability. Council debated each request.

Conversations also held on a new truck and tractor, a salt bin, water meters and back-up generators for lift stations.

Mayor Swope recommended applying for grants to help pay for a portion of items. City Clerk will adjust the revenues to reflect grant money.

Heth/Wilson motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Tim Swope Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Lundy, CMC, City Clerk