

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
March 8, 2016 - 7:00 p. m.

Mayor Swope called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present recited the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Heth, Wilson, Smock, Bass and Ratchford. Quorum present. Bass/Heth motion to approve the March 8, 2016 Agenda. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Smock/Ratchford motion to accept the Consent Agenda approving the February 9, 2016 regular council meeting minutes and the February 15, 2016 Budget meeting minutes, accept the City Clerk's Report, Investment Report, the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of February 29, 2016 as presented, approve Resolution 2791 approving and authorizing the payment of city bills, approve Resolution 2792 approving to request the assistance of the staff of the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments in the preparation of the city Comprehensive Plan; total payments shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

During Public Input Mayor Swope introduced the City's new Waste Water Treatment Superintendent Pat Reiman. Council welcomed Pat to the City. Mayor Swope stated Pat is doing a great job.

City Engineer Mike Dryden reported the signals on Plaza Drive will be fixed and the seeding for Plaza Drive will be done per agreed.

City Attorney Heather Prendergast has prepared the Deed of Dedication and the abstract for the Elk Ridge Estates. Attorney Prendergast mentioned the buyers need to know the time frame involved to complete the paperwork for the sale of each lot. A public hearing will need to be held for each lot sold. Attorney Prendergast reviewed the lawsuit and ask council for a direction. Council gave Attorney Prendergast their direction. Attorney Prendergast ask that a Resolution be done when the Elk Ridge Estate lot final plat is signed.

Council reviewed the revisions to the Elk Run Heights Personnel Policy. Ratchford/Wilson motion to approve Resolution 2793 adopting revisions to the Elk Run Heights Personnel Policy. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Swope opened the Public Hearing For the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget at 7:38 p.m. City Clerk Kristi Lundy noted proof of publication was on file and there were no written comments. Mayor Swope asked those in attendance if there were any vocal comments. There were none. Wilson/Ratchford to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Heth/Smock motion to approve Resolution 2794 adopting the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget for the City of Elk Run Heights. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Heth/Smock motion to approve Resolution 2795 authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease agreement with the City of Evansdale for the portion of the Elk Run Heights Suspension Bridge that sits in Evansdale at a cost of one-dollar per fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2016 and ending on March 31, 2036, with the

City of Elk Run Heights taking full responsibility for the repair and maintenance of said bridge. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried. City Attorney Prendergast has reviewed the lease and approved it, adding the City's insurance carrier needs to be notified.

Wilson/Ratchford motion to approve Resolution 2796 authorizing Ament, Inc. to contract with Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc. for the purpose of conducting the bi-annual bridge inspection of the Lafayette Road Bridge over Elk Run Creek in the City of Elk Run Heights for a lump sum of \$1,100.00 and if required any additional work prepared at the hourly rate not to exceed \$500.00 without further authorization. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Bass/Ratchford motion to approve Resolution 2797 fixing a date of meeting for public hearing on the receipt and approval of proposals for the disposal and development of certain City-owned real property in the Elk Run Heights Urban Renewal Area. Ayes – 5. Motion carried. The property is located at 5331 Lafayette Road lot #5. Emily reported she received a bid for the city asking price of \$27,900.00 adding the actual buyer will be Skogman Homes possibly beginning work in May. Emily further added she had more interested buyers. Emily explained her contract with the City is expired on March 15th and ask council for an extension with post date. Council agreed to a one year extension and the post date. Emily discussed the length of two cul-de-sac lot driveways. Ratchford thought the City could amend these lengths in the Covenant. Mike Dryden will research a solution to this – possibly asphalt provided by the City. Mayor Swope ask Emily if pavement to the easement would work. Emily replied yes. City Clerk Lundy questioned if this would be extending Lafayette Road. Mike replied not exactly. Ratchford felt the City should assist the buyers with this.

Mayor Swope update the council on the Waste Water Treatment Plant stating he is waiting on the engineers. Mayor Swope will be in touch with the City of Raymond's Mayor Monte Johnson. Mayor Swope noted Pat Reiman is doing a good job, Pat is organizing the waste water treatment plant right now and if Pat has time he will assist with installing the new water meters.

Ratchford/Smock motion to approve the re-appointment of Cindy Halloway to the Board of Adjustment with a term to expire March 1, 2021. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Swope gave his monthly report, mentioning the upcoming Elk Run 65th anniversary. City Clerk Lundy added the next meeting will be held Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and she would like the council to attend. Wilson is working on the Pickle ball tournament and thought there should be an entry fee for Pickle ball teams. He added he will have to limit the number of teams since there is only one court. City Clerk Lundy stated events would begin at three o'clock, food to be served between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Heth ask the date. City Clerk Lundy replied Saturday August 13th. Smock ask the band time schedule. City Clerk Lundy replied 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Mayor Swope ask council when they would like the streets swept. Council replied as soon as possible.

During old business Ratchford informed council Patrick Howley from Redflex would be putting down the road survey in the next couple of weeks and ask that he be put on the agenda for next month's meeting. City Attorney Prendergast noted an Ordinance would need to be in place. Mayor Swope ask all to attend Sheriff Tommy Thompson's meeting March 22, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Resident Arlan

Schellhorn informed council the City of Cedar Rapids cannot legally collect money on tickets from their cameras and have no recourse to collect this money. Resident Al Cross thought Chief Jensen was not in favor of these cameras. Ratchford mentioned Cedar Rapids has collected 3.1 million and stated his interest in this is not merely for money but for safety. He reminded the council there is no cost to the city. Arlan Schellhorn stated the court ruled - cannot turn into collections. Ratchford is in favor the cameras.

Wilson/Ratchford motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Tim Swope, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Lundy, CMC, City Clerk