

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
March 10, 2015
City Hall 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Swope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present recited the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Wilson, Smock, Bass, Heth and Heideman. Quorum present. Smock/Heth motion to approve the March 10, 2015 Agenda. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Smock/Bass motion to accept the Consent Agenda removing the February 10, 2015 minutes and approving the City Clerk's Reports, Investment Report, the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of February 28, 2015 as presented and approving Resolution 2736 authorizing the payment of city bills. Ayes – 5. Motion carried. Smock requested the February 10, 2015 regular council meeting minutes reflect the Fire Ambulance Contract discussion was to be tabled, then changed deciding to go with Waterloo Fire and Rescue. Heth/Bass to approve the corrected minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Rod and Dona Frickson addressed the council regarding development of the trailer court property at 5331 Lafayette Road. They are not ready to make an offer yet but have been discussing two different types of development. The Frickson's asked for information on TIF. City Clerk replied this is a TIF district and the council has chosen to collect all expenses the city incurred in purchasing the property and cleaning it up. The council consensus was they would be willing to look at any development plans brought forth.

City Engineer Mike Dryden presented the Final Check construction plans for the Plaza Drive Reconstruction Project for council review. The total project estimate is \$750,000. City Clerk noted the decrease of \$40,000 in the project cost. Mike reported the plans will be submitted to the DOT March 31, 2015, bid letting is set for July 21 and the project will run 30 – 40 working days.

Attorney David Hosack updated the council on the Trailer Court legal proceedings stating the lawsuit has been filed and the other attorney has requested more time to respond which was allowed but the time expired today. The next step will be to go into court and see if there will be any settlements offers. David added they would contact the city if any negotiations were to happen.

Mayor Swope opened the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget at 7:32 p.m. Proof of publication was on file and no written comments were received. There were no oral comments. Wilson/Heth motion to close the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Heth/Heideman motion to approve Resolution 2737 adopting the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget. Roll Call: Ayes –5. Motion carried.

Heth/Smock motion to set the public hearing for the rezoning of property located at 1701 Douglass Road from A-Agriculture to R-1 Residential to be held April 14, 2015. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Wilson/Bass motion to approve the re-appointment of Thomas Thorson to the Board of Adjustments with a term to expire 3/1/2020. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

During old Business Smock reported we did not get the grant request submitted in time for the tennis court project for this fiscal year. She is asking for permission to still make updates with the city portion of the park funds that had been budgeted. Council asked Smock to prepare a plan.

During new business Mayor Swope introduced the new Waste Water Operator Mark Christianson to the council. Mark and Mayor Swope commended Jamie Eder on the job he has been doing running the plant in the interim. Heth requested the streets be swept as soon as possible. Mayor Swope reported he did talk to Bob Dieter about the Waste Water Treatment Plant project. Wilson asked if the council is still open for discussions on the possibility of Aero Mod plant. He feels the city should try to maintain our own system. Al Cross, 434 Amber Lane, referred to the article in the courier regarding the City of Waterloo 15% increase in the sewer utility bill and he is against the city regionalizing with the City of Waterloo. Mayor Swope responded that we are trying to get the most life out of our plant.

Heth/Smock motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Tim Swope, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Lundy, CMC, City Clerk