

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
March 10, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers

Mayor Lundy called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Bass, Sallis, Smock, Ratchford and Wilson. Quorum present.

Wilson/Ratchford motion to approve the March 10, 2020 Agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Wilson to approve the following items on the March 10, 2020 consent agenda a. Approve the February 11, 2020 meeting minutes as amended b. City Clerk's Reports as of February 29, 2020: Budget Report, Treasurer's Report, Fund Report, Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Investment Report c. Approval of Building Inspection, Library and Police Department reports. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Wilson/Ratchford to approve reappointment of Thomas Thorson to the Board of Adjustment with a new term ending March 1, 2025. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Wilson/Smock to approve appointment of Mark McChane to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment term ending March 1, 2023. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Mayor Lundy accepted the resignation of Melanie Rasanen and recognized her for the 10 years she has served on the Evansdale Library Board.

Ratchford/Bass to approve resolution 2999 authorizing the payment of bills and transfers. Councilor Bass asked about the invoice to Compass Business Solutions for receipts. City Clerk Eastman explained these receipts are for all transactions that are not utility bills and they were bought in bulk. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Smock/Wilson to approve resolution 3000 setting the date of public hearing for the disposal of Lot 1 of the Elk Run Third Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Ratchford/Bass to open public hearing for FY2021 Budget at 6:10 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried. City Clerk Eastman stated there had been no public comments received. Mayor Lundy stated the tax rates stayed the same. Wilson/Ratchford to close public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Smock to approve resolution 3001 approving Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Ratchford/Smock to approve resolution 3002 amending the covenants and restrictions for Elk Run Third Addition. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Ratchford/Sallis to approve resolution 3003 amending resolution 2987 accepting special assessment by removing the interest implied. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Ratchford/Wilson to approve resolution 3004 approving updates to the City of Elk Run Heights Employee Policy Manual. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Ratchford/Wilson to approve resolution 3005 approving Check Writing Policy. City Clerk Eastman explained she had a meeting with our representative from IMWCA regarding safety regulations and he stated many of our policy's need to be updated and this is the first of many coming. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Smock/Ratchford to approve request from the Mayor to purchase a generator for the Sutton Ave. Lift station in an amount not to exceed \$23,717.57. Heath Draeger with PeopleService began by explaining the difference between the pricing of the quoted generators. There is a big price gap due to the fact one is diesel and the other is run from a LP tank. The diesel generators tend to cost more up front but do not have as much added expenses to run. Council began discussing the option of natural gas and if that would be a possibility. City Engineer Mike Dryden stated there is natural gas lines running at or near the location of both lift stations. Council then asked Draeger to investigate the natural gas option and pricing; but to move forward with the purchase of the non-diesel generator. Draeger then verified moving forward with the pouring of a concrete slab to get the project in motion. Additionally, Council discussed putting a fence around the generator and it was mentioned there may possibly be fence on hand for a large portion of the area. Bass mentioned thought the project should be tabled until Heath was able to provide a cost on the hook up for natural gas. Ayes-four; Nay-Bass. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Wilson to table request from Mayor to purchase a generator for the Plaza Dr. lift station as budgeted for FY21 in an amount not to exceed \$27,941.00. After the discussion of the generators Council decided to table the Plaza Drive generator purchase until there is more information regarding the plat size and boundary lines. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Wilson to table ordinance 264 repealing parts of Title 6 Animals Chapter 6.04 Animal Control Regulations by adopting the City of Evansdale's Animal Control Chapter 55 by reference. Council discussed the option of adopting Evansdale's Animal Control chapter but wanted to have some differences. It was decided not to adopt this by reference but to include the whole chapter, so council is able to make changes as they see fit. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Discussion: Updates to the Elk Run Heights Municipal Code: City Clerk Eastman went over the suggested changes from Simmering Cory who we have a contract with to update our Code Book. Does the City want a Weapons Chapter; after discussing the permit to carry rights and Police Officer Dietz informing Council on the Police Departments stance on the topic it was decided to remove this Chapter. Urban Deer Control was tabled for review of the City Attorney. Council decided to adopt the sample Curfew Chapter. The Fireworks alternate options were discussed, and Council agreed to use the alternate 1 version but to add the dates and times will be designated yearly by the Council. The speed limit section was tabled so the ordinance that was adopted in December could be provided and reviewed. It was verified there is no angle parking within the City. Council was in agreeance the snow emergency procedures is correct. Parking tickets was agreed to stay at \$35.00 but parking tickets during a snow emergency was raised to \$100.00. The City's truck route and truck parking permit process was verified with no changes. Councilor Smock mentioned in Chapter 10.04.470 (E) Prohibited parking uses, states a junkage or dead storage vehicle cannot be parked on the roadway for more than forty-eight hours; Council agreed to change it to twenty-four hours. The Automated Traffic Enforcement was tabled, and Council will review the whole Chapter at the next meeting.

Public Discussion: A resident asked Council about the sump pump letter that was sent out earlier this month and what it states. Mayor Lundy explained we split the city into sections and will be setting up appointments based on that information. Lundy continued to explain the City is doing inspections to verify there is no clear water being run to the sewer system. A resident then asked for an update on the stop light on Dubuque Road that has been flashing red since December. City Clerk Eastman responded she had gotten an email that day stating the repairs will begin next Tuesday. He suggested we look at some sort of barricade or cement poles to protect the control box beings this is the 2nd time in a year there has been damage to it. City Engineer Mike Dryden stated any fixtures within 10 feet of the roadway has a breakaway to prevent vehicles from being redirected into traffic. Dryden stated he would investigate the options for this type of location. The resident then asked about the business at 116 High Street and who would need to be contacted to handle the nuisance of the property. Eastman explained that herself and Code

Enforcement Office Brian Wirtz have been in contact with the renter of the business. We will need to contact the City Attorney to verify which codes are in violation and the steps to proceed in order to issue municipal infractions. Councilor Sallis brought up the speeding on the dead-end section on Lafayette Road and would like to see if there are any options for speed bumps. A resident then asked about the house at 100 Toneff. Eastman responded things are moving forward.

Mayors/Council/Engineer Reports: City Engineer Mike Dryden stated he has been working on things for the DOT Park Projects. Mayor Lundy handed out the drawings for Parks Projects.

Ratchford/Wilson motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Attest:

Kristi Lundy, Mayor

Julie Eastman, City Clerk