

City of Elk Run Heights  
Regular Council Meeting  
Eddis Winstead Council Chambers  
April 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro tem Ratchford called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present recited the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present –Schellhorn, Smock, Ratchford, Wilson, and Bass. Quorum present. Wilson/Bass to approve the April 9, 2019 agenda. Ayes–5. Motion carried.

Smock/Bass to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: a. Approve the March 7, 2019 regular minutes and March 12, 2019 special meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Public Input: Ron Pint, 441 Amber Ln., questioned staffing issues at City Hall. Mayor Pro tem Ratchford responded that by the recommendation of the city’s attorney we are not able to discuss staffing issues. Angel Peters, 5326 Lafayette Rd., questioned when the streets would be swept, a date set for the city-wide garage sales, and if signs could be placed stating “children at play” in our area as speeding has been an issue. Councilor Smock questioned when the city normally held their garage sales. Interim Clerk Kobliska stated that they were usually held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June. Mayor Pro tem Ratchford responded that we would get signs placed along that area. Chief Jensen stated that he had been patrolling that area and would continue to do so.

Wilson/Schellhorn to approve Resolution 2942 approving and authorizing the payment of city bills. Councilor Bass questioned the amount paid to AHTS Architects and why we placed a new transmission in the old Ford dump truck. Councilor Smock stated that we approved the agreement with AHTS and she believed this was the second half of the payment. Councilor Ratchford stated that we have been utilizing the Ford due to the long duration of the snow events and the need to have two trucks out to keep the streets clean. Councilor Schellhorn questioned the waste management invoice, mileage reimbursement for city employee Reiman and why an invoice for Waterloo Fire Rescue wasn’t in the bills to be paid. Interim Clerk Kobliska explained the Waste Management and Waterloo Fire Rescue invoice. Mayor Pro tem Ratchford explained the reimbursement of mileage and would look into further. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Bid opening: Gilbertville Road Water Main Improvements from Plaza Drive to Young Road Projects. City Engineer, Mike Dryden stated that the city received 6 bids and that he recommended the bid from Baker Enterprises from Waverly in the amount of \$142,817.

Smock/Schellhorn to approve Resolution 2943 awarding contract for the Gilbertville Road Water Main Improvements from Plaza Drive to Young Road Projects to Baker Enterprises of Waverly, IA in the amount of \$142,817. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Smock/Wilson to approve request from Mayor Pro tem Ratchford to replace the Mobotrex traffic light cabinet at the corner of Dubuque Rd. and Elk Run Rd. in the amount of \$13,713 with the City of Waterloo. Interim Clerk Kobliska stated that there had been an accident on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, cabinet had been damaged, and the motorist had turned the claim into their insurance company and that the traffic light cabinet would be reimbursed in full. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Schellhorn to approve Resolution 2944 approving the Lease Agreement with the City of Evansdale for land abutting Mayor’s Park in Elk Run Heights for the purpose of developing the property for disc golf. Councilor Bass questioned why we didn’t purchase the land. Councilor Smock responded that due to logistics of the land

and the Army Corps of Engineers this is the best option at this time. Councilor Schellhorn questioned the amount of the lease. Smock responded \$1 and that it was a 10-year lease. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Pro tem Ratchford questions council about a request from the 12 U Diva softball team utilizing our diamonds for 13 weeks for practice and asked council if we could rent for \$1 per practice. Councilor Schellhorn stated that the girls on the team were from Elk Run Heights, Evansdale, and Jesup and stressed the importance of availability of the diamonds being reserved for practice. Council approved.

Old business: Councilor Smock informed the council that the city received the TAP grant award in the amount of \$428,000 for the upgrades to Mayor's Park. Smock showed the updated design to the council. City Engineer Dryden stated that the city's share would be 20 percent and that the project would start in the fall of 2020.

New business: None.

Smock/Bass motion to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Tim Ratchford, Mayor Pro tem

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DeAnne Kobliska, Interim City Clerk