

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
May 10, 2016 - 7:00 p. m.

Mayor Pro-tem Heth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present recited the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Smock, Bass, Ratchford and Wilson. Quorum present. Ratchford/Wilson motion to approve the May 10, 2016 Agenda. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Smock/Bass motion to approve the following items on the consent agenda, the April 12, 2016 regular council meeting minutes, accept the City Clerk's Report, Investment Report, the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of April 30, 2016 as presented, approve Resolution 2802 agreeing to become a member of the Fiscal Year 2017 INRCOG Safety Program at a cost of \$1,420.00, approve the Cigarette Permit for Casey's General Store. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Bass questioned the Iowa Workforce Development Unemployment Benefits payment for a former employee. Heth is investigating this to see if he can appeal it. City Attorney Heather Prendergast recommended pursuing this, filing an appeal, submitting documents and verbal testimony if required. Bass/Smock motion to approve Resolution 2801 approving and authorizing the payment of city bills. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

City Engineer Mike Dryden reported they are ready to close out the Plaza Drive Project. Final payment should be made in June. Mike reviewed the Road Ranger monitoring wells being done by Geode Environmental, LLC. on the shoulder of Gilbertville Road. Bass questioned the cost of the field entrance on Plaza Drive. Mike replied he had gotten a new price of \$350.00 for a curb cut from Iowa Wall Saw. Mike indicated the entrance should be three feet wide and six inches deep. Ratchford felt Tom James could use city equipment to do this. Bass ask the cost per foot of the new price. Mike replied about \$16.00.

Bass/Ratchford motion to approve Resolution 2803 approving the request from Geode Environmental, LLC, to complete the installation of three (3) monitoring wells just outside the north shoulder right-of-way of Gilbertville Road to investigate the historic release of petroleum products from the Road Ranger property, 100 Plaza Drive, in the City of Elk Run Heights, Black Hawk County, Iowa: as originally requested by Iowa Department of Natural Resources and direct the Mayor to sign the Property Access Agreement for Road Ranger #144. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Bass questioned the Black Hawk County Engineer letter regarding the IA 281 detour for Elk Run Road Bridge Construction. Mike replied Black Hawk County would be letting a construction project for the repair of the bridge on Elk Run Road just north of Dubuque Road scheduled for July 19, 2016 and it was the only option they had during construction.

City Attorney Prendergast had no update for the council at this time.

Ratchford discussed the Redflex traffic implementation, stating some residents feel this is not legal. He gave examples of recent speeding on Gilbertville Road. City Attorney Prendergast agreed the cameras are civil not criminal. City Attorney Prendergast also stated civil tickets have no impact on licenses or property. Heth stated Chief Jensen is waiting to hear back from Black Hawk County officials regarding the cameras. Ratchford thinks

the City needs the cameras. He feels it is a safety issue. Bass questioned if the cameras capture the license plate. City Attorney Prendergast responded yes. Wilson questioned the cost of Chief Jensen reviewing the Redflex data. Ratchford reiterated there is no cost to the city. Bass wants the traffic slowed. Smock would like the Evansdale Police to be given the opportunity to write tickets. City Clerk Lundy explained their contract with Evansdale Police Department does not begin until July. Heth felt a law enforcement presence was needed. Wilson suggested a meeting with Chief Jensen. Heth will meet with Chief Jensen to discuss the issue. Wilson questioned if Chief Jensen had been given the Redflex Survey results. City Clerk Lundy will see that he gets it. Ratchford mentioned all the data goes directly to the Chief via the internet. Ratchford ask if council wanted to push forward on this. Council agreed. Heth ask for the length of time needed to get the Ordinance in place. City Clerk Lundy replied 2 months.

Smock/Ratchford motion to set the date for the increase in new construction utility connection fees Public Hearing to be held June 14, 2016. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Heth opened the Public Hearing on the 2016 Budget Amendment at 7:30 p.m. City Clerk Kristi Lundy noted proof of publication was on file and there were no written comments. Mayor Pro-tem Heth ask those in attendance if there were any vocal comments. There were none. Mayor Pro-tem Heth closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Ratchford/Smock motion to approve Resolution 2804 approving the 2016 Budget Amendment as presented. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Wilson motion to approve the Building Inspector Brian Wirtz's April 2016 Report. Ayes – 5. Motion carried. The April 2016 Report showed construction value of \$226,600.00.

Mayor Pro-tem Heth had no update for the council on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. City Clerk Lundy noted Mayor Swope will be meeting with City of Evansdale's Mayor Faas regarding this.

City Clerk Lundy informed the council of the 65th Anniversary Celebration meeting this Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Heth had no monthly report as he was only notified on Monday he would be conducting the meeting. He thanked Ratchford and Smock for doing the recent City audit.

Bass/Ratchford motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Rick Heth, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Kristi Lundy, CMC, City Clerk