

Agenda  
City of Elk Run Heights  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 10, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.  
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers

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

Bass/McChane to approve of the May 10, 2022 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Galbraith/Sallis to approval of Consent Agenda – a. Approve the April 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes b. City Clerk’s Reports as of April 30, 2022: Budget Report, Treasurer’s Report, and Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Investment Report. c. Approval of Building Inspection, Library, PeopleService Sewer/Water, and Police reports. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Wurtz/McChane to approval of the Resolution Calendar – a. Approve the April 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes b. City Clerk’s Reports as of April 30, 2022: Budget Report, Treasurer’s Report, and Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Investment Report. c. Approval of Building Inspection, Library, PeopleService Sewer/Water, and Police reports d. Liquor License Update – Casey’s General Store #3041– LE0003086 – effective 06/01/2022 e. Liquor License Renewal – Casey’s General Store #3041– LE0003086 – effective 06/01/2022 f. Tobacco Permit: i. Casey’s General Store #3041 – effective 07/01/2022 ii. Road Ranger #244 – effective 07/01/2022. Roll call vote. Ayes-Five.

Discussion: Utility Bill Rates: Mayor Smock began explaining to Council that there has been a lot of push back from residents on the rates that were published in the newsletter. City Clerk Eastman explained the possibility of lowering the rates but stated that drops the reserve amount to less than 10%, which could really hurt the city in the long run. Jordan Cooper with PeopleService later in the meeting informed Council that the DNR informed him that in the upcoming years the City will have to replace all lead service lines at the City’s expense and all 4” water mains will have to be at least a 6” or 8”. This is further reason that the reserve amount should be higher than the proposed reduction.

Discussion/Possible Action: Law enforcement. Mayor Smock began by asking each Council member where they stand with choosing who to use for law enforcement. Councilor Sallis stated she is content staying with Evansdale Police. Councilor Bass indicated Black Hawk County Sherriff’s department stated they would be cheaper, he chooses them. Councilor Galbraith said he is very happy with the service Evansdale Police Department has provided and would prefer to stay with them. Councilor McChane stated the presence of Evansdale Police is very apparent, adding the revenue in fines is substantial compared to what the Sherriff’s Department had brought in the past. Councilor Wurtz began by stating there are several reasons he feels the City should go to Black Hawk County Sherriff’s beginning with the fact that over the fifteen years we were with them there were only four increases, and there is a yearly increase with Evansdale Police. Another point Wurtz made was the way the Evansdale Council has treated the contract, and the Mayor. Bass added the funds would help the Evansdale Police Department more than it would help the County Sherriff. And stated that if the City would have made the switch back to the Sherriff after the first large increase the contract for law enforcement would be substantially lower than it is now. Smock pointed out that this was an oversight on the previous Council. And added the revenue for fines from Evansdale has been around \$5,000.00 per year as opposed to the County which was in the hundreds per year. Additionally, Smock added every time we need to contact Evansdale Police for any concerns or needs, they promptly respond and react which goes a long way in our small town.

Mayor Smock asked for a motion. Wurtz motioned to move forward with setting up a one-year contract with the Black Hawk County Sherriff’s Department, seconded by Bass. Roll call vote: Ayes-two. Nay-Galbraith, McChane, and Sallis. Galbraith motioned to move forward with a law enforcement contract after the 28E Agreement is reviewed and agreed upon, seconded by Sallis. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nay-Wurtz, and Bass.

Discussion/Possible Action: Avesis Vision Insurance plan options. City Clerk Eastman explained there is a very minimal increase in coverage.

Sallis/Galbraith motion to approve renewing the Avesis Vision Policy. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

McChane/Sallis to approve the request from Street Maintenance Department to have a portion of the Street Department lot overlaid in an amount not to exceed \$13,695.80 by Kluesner Construction, Farley, Iowa. Mayor Smock explained there are funds available to get this portion of the lot done with this year's budget. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bass/McChane motion to approve the request from PeopleService to have the Sutton Street Lift Station rehabbed by Dependable Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$24,583.00. Jordan Cooper with PeopleService explained this is something we have already budgeted for. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Sallis/Bass to table discussion/possible action: request for proposals for bank services. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Garnet Philo from 5500 Lafayette Road expressed his extreme dislike of the speed bump on Lafayette Road stating it is inconsiderate and disrespectful.

Police Chief Dean took a moment to tell Council he appreciated the kind words.

Mayor/Council Reports. Mayor Smock updated Council on the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant informing them there are some mechanical parts to the plant that will not be delivered until December and the plant will not be started until April 2023 at the earliest. Council Bass added the construction is about 2 months behind. And stated with the late delivery of the master board coming in December, winter is not an acceptable time to start a sewer plant due to technical reasons. The contractor will be paying for any loss over those months.

Smock asked Council to please be here at the next meeting at 5:00 p.m. to take new Council photos for the website and Emergency Management ID cards.

Engineer Reports: Mike Dryden City Engineer stated the contractor has not begun working on the Mayor's Park Trail Project, but he has removed the suspension of working days. But based on the wording in the DOT contract they may not have to start until July 5<sup>th</sup>. They have sixty working days to complete the project.

Dryden updated Council on the Gilbertville/Lafayette Road progress, stating the graphics surveys are complete, but the property surveys aren't yet done. Councilor Bass asked if we should plan to replace watermains in those roads while we have them tore up and open. Dryden explained that was planned. Eastman asked if the cost analysis is set for 8"; stating she thought it was discussed to go to 6" watermain lines. Dryden agreed they could be 6" but nothing smaller. Mayor Smock pointed out the American Rescue Plan money is going to help pay for the watermain portion this project.

Bass/Sallis to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Lisa Smock, Mayor

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Julie Eastman, City Clerk