

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
Eddis Winstead Council Chambers
May 14, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Swope, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present recited the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Wilson, Bass, Schellhorn, Smock, and Ratchford. Quorum present. Ratchford/Bass to approve the May 20, 2019 agenda. Ayes–5. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Wilson to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: a. Approve the April 9, 2019 regular minutes and April 25, 2019 special meeting minutes. b. Liquor License Renewal-Casey's General Store #BC-0039746 effective July 19, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Public Input: Mayor Swope amended notice to public limiting time to speak from a five-minute presentation to a three-minute presentation. City Attorney Heather Prendergast stated that this was public input and was not a question/answer session, but an opportunity for council to hear public comment. Allison Lundy, 112 Jackie Ave., spoke regarding support of Kristi Lundy and for residents of the community to take heed when going to the poles in November as to whom you want as mayor and city council of this city. Angel Peters, 5326 Lafayette, spoke regarding qualifications of council to include, harassment training, leadership training courses, and if the current administration served in a government type position previous to this one. Abby Lundy Norgren, 403 Gilbertville Rd., stated that she had started a Facebook page regarding the inadequacies of the current administration. John Lundy, 208 Sutton, stated he was a long-time resident of Elk Run Heights as well as his family and that his wife's rights are being violated by individuals in this room and that it won't be tolerated. Brenda Miller, 198 Toneff, spoke against employee harassment in the workplace. Kate Case, 96 Corliss Ave., spoke of being a long-time resident who has raised her children here and that she was upset with the circumstances that have been allowed to happen in this city and wanted council to see the error of their ways. Ron Pint, 441 Amber Ln., agreed with everything that had been said and that the community deserves to hear the truth. Bob Hertges, 303 Gilbertville Rd., spoke regarding former deputy clerk and that her voice should be heard as well as unfair treatment of the city clerk. Carrie Yu, 220 Marie Ave., questioned staffing issues at City Hall and that city administration should have the best interest of the residents in mind. Teresa Hertges, 303 Gilbertville Rd., stated that the residents should be allowed to hear what is going on in our city. Chris Parker, 212 Sutton Ave., stated that he has lived in the city for over six years was a neighbor with the Lundy's and has tried to stay active in city politics and that the residents need to be heard and to be known to the public what has transpired in this city. Judith Boston, 116 Jackie Ave., former city clerk from the 70's for Elk Run Heights, stated that the public had rights and that she wasn't proud of the current administration.

Ratchford/Schellhorn to approve Resolution 2945 approving and authorizing the payment of city bills. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Ratchford/Wilson to approve Resolution 2946 approving 28E Agreement with the City of Raymond for Wastewater Services. Councilor Bass questioned if the language had been changed to include the 50/50 split for the construction of the wastewater plant and that the language was confusing. Interim clerk Kobliska stated that the language came from the City of Raymond's attorney. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Bass/Ratchford to approve request to make a payment of wages owed to a city employee in the amount of \$1,456.60. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Wilson to approve request to engage the services of Hogan Hansen, CPA for the FY2019 financial exam as required by the state of Iowa. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Smock to table the request to approve Five-year Sewer Maintenance Agreement with Municipal Pipe Tool, Inc., and have the Mayor sign said Agreement. City Attorney Prendergast stated that the current agreement contained a 27% increase and that there were other companies that could quote or to negotiate the rate with Municipal Pipe.

Wilson/Smock to approve request to approve invoice from Koelker Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$950 for labor and equipment to expose curb stop and water main to check water pressure. Councilor Ratchford explained the incident at 185 Gray Street stating the service line was blocked and a new service line had to be dug. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Wilson to approve the request to hire the services of Holly Corkery with Lynch Dallas, P.C. to review employee handbook. Councilor Schellhorn stated that the city needed to ensure that all state and federal laws were being followed. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Schellhorn to table crack sealing. Councilor Schellhorn stated that the quote was received from Kluesner Construction out of Farley, IA who recently swept the city streets and that they did an excellent job for less money than last year. Mr. Hertges, 303 Gilbertville Rd., stated that the City of Waterloo also offered street cleaning services. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Schellhorn to approve request to schedule gWorks software personnel to train new employee. It was questioned if there would be fees for the software support and if it was directly related to the release of the former city clerk and her duties. Councilor Smock responded that it was due to hiring a new employee and that it was a requirement of the software company. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: None.

Old/New Business: Councilor Schellhorn stated that the issue in the 300 block of Gilbertville Rd., would be addressed so the residents in that area would be able to continue to care for their properties. He also questioned when the restroom repairs would begin at Mayor's Park. Councilor Smock responded that she had been working with Public Works Director James and Mayor Swope to get the restroom rehabilitation started. She also stated that volunteers were needed for the parks department committees. Ms. Lundy volunteered to be on a park committee. Chris Parker, 212 Sutton Ave., questioned if the ball diamonds would be renovated. Schellhorn stated that Tyson had reserved a diamond for several weeks and that the organization was helping with renovations to the ball diamond. He also stated that the city reviewed the possibility of repairing the lighting as well, however, we received an estimate of around \$125,000 and that would take corporate funding, community fundraising, and volunteers to get them replaced. Councilor Ratchford stated that there were several UTV's/golf carts with no flags and or lights that are not permitted.

Ratchford/Bass motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Ayes-5. Motion carried.

Attest:

Tim Swope, Sr., Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, Interim City Clerk