

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
June 9, 2015 - 7:00 p. m.

Mayor Swope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present recited the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Heth, Wilson, Smock, Bass, and Heideman. Quorum present. Heth/Heideman motion to approve the June 9, 2015 Agenda. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Heth/Bass motion to accept the Consent Agenda approving May 12, 2015 regular council meeting minutes and the May 20, 2015 special meeting minutes, accept the City Clerk's Reports, Investment Report, the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of May 31, 2015 as presented, approve Resolution 2750 authorizing the payment of city bills, approve Resolution 2751 setting the wages for city employees effective July 1, 2015, approve Resolution 2752 authorizing the transfer of \$86,490.00 from the Local Option Fund to the Plaza Drive Reconstruction Capital Project and the transfer of \$9,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to Sewer Replacement, approve the Cigarette Renewal for Road Ranger effective July 1, 2015, approve the Beer Permit for Casey's General Store effective July 1, 2015. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

City Engineer Mike Dryden reported the Plaza Drive Reconstruction Project will be let for bid July 21, 2015; the late start date is August 28, 2015. It will require forty working days, possible end dates late October-early November. Mike presented Ament Designs' Proposal for the Trailer Park Development, at a cost of \$13,700.00, citing the southwest corner sewer is only 3.9 feet deep which will not provide the necessary gravity. Mike suggested a small package factory built lift station placed in the northwest corner, simply dig the hole and place. Mike indicated no public letting as a small project. Attorney Prendergast questioned if no additional cost to the home builder. Mike replied yes. Mayor Swope's concern is the ditch. Mike stated leave in place, adding curb and gutter would be an added cost. Mike's estimated cost of the sanitary sewer and lift station will be \$50,000.00. City Clerk Lundy added there will be attorney fees for the sale of each lot. Bass estimated the minimum cost for each lot. Mayor Swope reminded the council all expenses would be repaid with the TIF money. Wilson believes these lots are an easy sell. Mike stressed getting the word out to contractors. Attorney Prendergast requested council get a covenant to her as soon as possible. City Building Inspector Ed Winstead mentioned the covenant could be more restrictive than Zoning Ordinances but not less than.

Wilson/Smock motion to approve Resolution 2753 approving the Ament Design Proposal for the Trailer Park Development in the City of Elk Run Heights. Roll call: Ayes - 5. Motion carried.

City Attorney Heather Prendergast stated trial date regarding the former Raymond Road Trailer Court will be April, 2016.

Mayor Swope opened the City's Annexation Property discussion. Mayor Swope and Wilson would like to see the community grow, the trailer park is a start, now the city needs to move on available land both inside and outside city limits for possible purchase. City Clerk Lundy explained annexing would be land

outside the city. City Engineer Dryden thinks annexation is better if land owners bring to the City. City Attorney Prendergast reminded the council land purchases need to be continuous to existing city limits and not create islands. Heth agrees the City should grow to lessen future taxes.

Mayor Swope opened the City's Potential Land Purchase discussion. Wilson would like it to be known the City is interested in purchasing and developing properties. Mayor Swope is hesitate to release all of the City's intents. Smock would like to see progress made in this direction. City Attorney Prendergast cautioned purchasing property or council owed property requires a closed session, without the council member present if council owned.

Mayor Swope opened the Waste Water Treatment Plant discussion, stating he had ask Matt Streeter of AeroMod if the city went with AeroMod what would be the first steps. Matt explained get an engineer's report and check on permits. Mayor Swope spoke to Mayor Monte Johnson of Raymond; Monte is confused with the Waterloo Regionalization option. Wilson plans to discuss options with Heth and Al Cross, as he is new to the council. Al Cross stressed there are three options and three new council members. Heth commented the dynamic of the council has changed. Smock questioned the Waterloo Regionalization situation. Mayor Swope stated it is on hold per Bob Dieter, Elk Run's representative, and Larry Smith, Waterloo's Wastewater Superintendent. Smock commented she was not made aware of the new situation and is concerned because Elk Run had communicated to the DNR something would be done. Smock advised doing nothing was not an option and wants to know where Raymond stands on this. Smock suggested a joint meeting with Raymond. Mayor Swope will arrange a meeting for this and a meeting with AeroMod with both councils in attendance.

The Ricoh Copier Machine Lease contract was discussed. Bass questioned if the City owned the present copier. City Clerk Lundy replied yes. City Clerk Lundy recommended signing a contract lease on a new Ricoh at \$78.73 monthly, slightly less than the old purchase contract of \$84.02 monthly. City Clerk Lundy will check into selling the old Ricoh copier. Wilson/Smock motion to authorize City Clerk Lundy to sign the new Ricoh lease contract. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

The Stout Tree Treating Contract was discussed. City Clerk Lundy states the contract is for injecting insecticide into infected trees for Emerald Ash Bore and for prevention. Lundy also informed the council of another contract bid received today from Royal Turf, however their cost exceeded Stouts. Wilson explained Stout works with the Iowa State Extension office. Wilson reported Stout met with Tom James to inspect and do an inventory of the city's trees. Stout determined some trees cannot be saved and need to be removed. Stout will treat the trees every two years for ten years, stopping treatment if not viable. Stout will also offer resident solutions. Heth requested the price be locked in. Heth/Wilson motion to authorize Mayor Swope to negotiate and finalize a contract with Stout Tree Care, LLC to treat the City's trees for 10 years. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Swope opened a discussion for Liability Insurance for the City's lift stations, stating the City did not have a policy in place now. Smock questioned why this is not included in the City's liability insurance. City Clerk Lundy explained per insurance not part of the policy. Mayor Swope commented a

lift station had been struck by lightning and the cost of repairs was \$350.00, a deductible cost would be \$500.00. Mayor Swope ask the council if they wanted this insurance. Council replied no.

Mayor Swope gave his monthly report informing the council he had attended a pre-construction Dubuque Road Bridge work schedule meeting in Evansdale and noted the time line has been reduced. Mayor Swope ask the council if they had noticed City Hall and City Park improvements. Smock replied yes. Mayor Swope explained resident Al Cross, 434 Amber Lane, did the Council Room sign, the Plaza Drive sign, Tom James installed the new front door and together they put in new bushes and flowers. City Clerk Lundy mentioned the old siding around the front of the building will be replaced. Al Cross states the new siding will be steel. Mayor Swope still wants a butterfly area. Mayor Swope has ordered 100 new water meters and plans installation in the next couple of weeks. Smock is planning a Park Committee and asks for volunteers, the first meeting to be June 15th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. City Clerk Lundy expressed hope that young families in particular would be a part of this. Bass would like to see the streets fixed.

Bass/Heth motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Tim Swope, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Lundy, CMC, City Clerk