

City of Elk Run Heights
Special Council Meeting
June 30, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

The regular council meeting of the Elk Run Heights City Council was held June 30, 2020. In order to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this special meeting of the Elk Run Heights City Council was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code does permit an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical, which is certainly true during this crisis. On March 19, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency which included a suspension of Iowa laws that would prevent the use of electronic meetings or the limitation on the number of people present at an in-person meeting site. Therefore, only City Clerk Julie Eastman was present at Elk Run Heights city hall at 5042 Lafayette Road.

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

Ratchford/Bass motion to approve the June 30, 2020 Agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Wilson motion to enter into closed session at 6:02 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is eminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. The Mayor will be excluded pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(4): where a “member’s attendance at the closed session creates a conflict of interest for the member [of the governmental body] due to the specific reason announced as justification for holding the closed session.” at 6:02 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Ratchford/Wilson to close the closed session at 6:20 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Wilson/Ratchford motion to move forward with defensive litigation. Roll call-Five.

Ratchford/Bass to approve The Office of State Auditors to perform the FY20 annual exam costing in the range \$6,100 to \$6,500. City Clerk Eastman explained it was in the best interest of the City to have the State Auditors perform the exam again due to the fact they did the full audit last year and would be more knowledgeable about the information in review. Councilor Ratchford asked what it would cost to have someone else do the audit. Eastman stated in previous years Hogan-Hansen performed the exams and it was in the range of \$3,500.00 and \$3,600.00. Councilor Wilson stated next year we will need to send out for bids. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Bass to approve resolution 3022 authorizing the payment of bills and transfer. Roll call vote-Five.

Ratchford/Sallis motion to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Lisa Smock, Mayor Pro Tem; Attest: Julie Eastman, City Clerk