

City of Elk Run Heights
Eddis Winstead Council Chambers
Elk Run Heights City Hall
July 10, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tim Swope called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present recited the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Bass, Smock, Ratchford, and Wilson. Absent – Schellhorn. Quorum present. Ratchford/Smock motion to approve the July 10, 2018 Agenda. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Wilson/Ratchford motion to accept the Consent Agenda, approving the June 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes, accept the City Clerk's Report, Budget Report, Treasurer's Report, Fund Report, Investment Report, Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of June 30, 2018, approve Resolution 2910 approving and authorizing the payment of City bills, approve the June 2018 Building Inspector's Report. Roll call: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

During Public Input Ed Ottesen, the Lion's Club representative spoke to the council regarding the new Lion's Club of Evansdale, inviting all to join. Ed gave the council brochures and sign up membership cards. City clerk Lundy ask how often they meet. Ed replied once a month, adding the Charter Meeting is September 8th at the Evansdale Amvets building. Bass questioned the club's purpose. Ed replied various things, helping people get eye glasses, hearing aids, and with diabetes. 100% of all donations go back out to help people. Ed gave his cell and e-mail address to council.

Black Hawk County Engineer Catherine Nicholas discussed the Raymond Road Project, stating Black Hawk County will be letting a construction project for the grading and paving of Raymond Road over the I-380 overpass. This project is scheduled for a February 19, 2019 letting. The county is requesting the use of Dubuque Road, Plaza Drive and Gilbertville Road as a portion of the detour route. The anticipated time line for construction is estimated to occur between May 2019 and October 2019. Catherine stated once the contract is awarded, and the construction schedule has been established, Black Hawk County will install and maintain all of the signs for the duration of the project. Catherine gave council a map of the detour. Catherine stated there will be advance detour signs and there will be no cost to Elk Run. Catherine has spoken to City Engineer Mike Dryden regarding the project and will continue to do so. Ratchford commented Gilbertville Road will be overlaid this year and did not want trucks on it. Mike stated there will be 'No Trucks Allowed' signage posted. Catherine noted construction affects all involved.

City Engineer Mike Dryden reviewed the substantial increase in cost on the Gilbertville Water Main Project in particular the pipe cost and the increase in distance from Road Ranger to Young Road. Mike added the City will be paying for the increase in materials. Mike stated if in the event of annexation the City will be forced to supply utilities. City clerk Lundy stated this project is needed to prepare for the future. City clerk Lundy questioned if the city is prepared to move ahead with the project. Mayor Swope replied yes.

Ratchford/Smock motion to set the Public Hearing for the Garbage rate increase for the August 14th regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes – 4. Motion carried. City clerk Kristi Lundy explained the state of Iowa had changed the water sales tax to an excise tax and the loss of the local option sales tax. Adding there will be an increase in garbage rates in the near future, so by keeping the same utility quarterly fee of \$209.01, sixty-two cents could be applied to garbage as an increase. Mayor Swope noted there has been no garbage rate increase for four years.

Council discussed Ordinance 255, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending Chapter 10: Vehicles and Traffic, Section 04 Parking Subsection 440 Residential Parking Code by deleting the words “similar surface” and inserting cobblestone and pavers. Bass stated there are 97 rocked driveways in the City; he does not feel residents should be forced to change these, noting new areas in the City have covenants for driveways. Ratchford commented these are grandfathered in. Smock thought only new had to be hard surfaced. Mayor Swope does not want front parking “rocked”. Smock stressed the City is thinking of the future by stating “hard surfaces” in the Ordinance. Bass feels the City does not have the right to tell a buyer of an older home what material to repave the driveway in. Bass commented this all started by having multiple cars parked at a particular house on E Gilbert Drive. Ratchford noted also a house on Marie Avenue. Mayor Swope wants no parking in the front yard. Resident Merlyn Schmidt, 206 Marie Avenue, stated this discussion has gone on too long and “grandfathered in” must be defined. Merlyn thinks only the current owner could grandfather in a driveway. Mayor Swope asked council to table this. Council agreed.

Wilson/Smock motion to table approval of the 2nd reading of Ordinance 255 to allow council time for a work session to discuss this further on July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Wilson/Smock motion to approve Resolution 2911 updating the personnel policy to include no scrapping of City materials by city employees. Roll call: Ayes – 4. Motion carried. Merlyn ask if the Mayor could explain this. Mayor Swope replied he could not get into it right now and it has been a problem in the past.

Smock/Wilson motion to purchase a new 8’ X 5’ City sign from Action Signs at a cost of \$878.00. Ayes – 4. Motion carried. Mayor Swope explained the location for the new sign will be exactly where the old one was on Gilbertville Road. Resident Ellis Cross, 434 Amber Lane, designed the sign but the colors on the sign were suggested by City clerk Lundy. City clerk Lundy mentioned the area around sign will be landscaped. Ratchford thanked Ellis for a good job done.

Council discussed the purchase of a new mower deck, the City has a quote for a John Deere 72 inch 7-iron PRO Commercial Side Discharge Mower Deck for \$4,186.00. Mayor Swope stated Tom needs a new deck for his mower. Ratchford questioned the miles/year of current mower. Ratchford stated hours used determine wear. Mayor Swope will try to get a grant for this. Wilson thought there had been many repairs to the current one. Ratchford would like time to check Craig’s List for a used one. Bass has concerns at purchasing used.

Council discussed fireworks, Merlyn questioned if any tickets were written for fireworks. Ratchford replied none. Resident Staci Tiedt, 104 Shirley Avenue, stated their street was impassable due to

fireworks. Ratchford noted Elk Run residents think Elk Run mirrors Evansdale fireworks' days/hours. Wilson likes as is July 4th only from noon to 11:00 p.m. Council agreed to keep fireworks as is.

Mayor Swope gave his monthly report stating the James Street generator is hooked up but will not switch over, he has called to have it fixed. Mayor Swope added the first grant is complete for two more generators and new Christmas decorations for the Elk Ridge Estates have been ordered.

During New Business, Bass mentioned the drainage ditch by the storage units needs to be cleaned out again. Mayor Swope will contract the same person who cleaned it before. Bass thought City employees could do this. Resident Mark Brown, 105 Elk Run Street, questioned the completion of the Weicher's addition in Evansdale. He thought enough houses requiring a road had been built. Mayor Swope stated not yet, however he is keeping track of this.

Ratchford/Wilson motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Ayes – 4. Motion Carried.

Tim Swope, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Lundy, CMC, City Clerk