

CITY HALL  
ELK RUN HEIGHTS, IOWA, JULY 12, 2022  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
LISA SMOCK, MAYOR, PRESIDING

The City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa met in regular session, according to law, the rules of said Council and prior notice given each member thereof, in the Council Chambers of City Hall of Elk Run Heights, Iowa at 6: 00 p.m. on the above date. Council members present in order or roll call: Galbraith, McChane, Bass, Sallis, Wurtz, Galbraith, and McChane. Quorum present.

Bass/Galbraith to approval of the July 12, 2022 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion Carried

Galbraith/McChane to approval of consent agenda – *a.* Approve the June 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes and June 28, 2022 special meeting minutes after amending the text regarding the water ordinance to the correct ordinance number. *b.* City Clerk’s Reports as of June 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 – Creek Day’s – effective 06/13/2022 *e.* Approval for Mayor to sign DNR watermain plan construction permit application for Truck Center’s Companies project. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bass/Sallis to approval of the Resolution Calendar but pulling resolution 4068 for further discussion – *a.* Resolution 4068 authorizing the payment of bills and transfers *b.* Resolution 4069 approving change order #3 of \$1,232 to include extensions on a davit crane in order to limit their potential for hitting surrounding features *c.* Resolution 4070 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, authorizing payment #12 to WRH, Inc.; in the amount of \$231,562.50 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Council Bass asked about the fee for the council photos. Mayor Smock stated it is a fair fee for photos. Roll call vote. Ayes-five.

Bass/Sallis to approve third reading of Ordinance 274 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to garbage and yard waste service charges. Roll call vote. Ayes-five.

Bass/Galbraith to adopt Ordinance 274 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to garbage and yard waste service charges. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Galbraith/Sallis to approve third reading of Ordinance 275 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to water service charges. Tim Ratchford at 315 Gilbertville Road feels the minimum usage amount should be higher. Ron Pint from 441 Amber Lane stated he should not pay the same amount for water as a larger household. Councilor Wurtz explained he requested consumption information from the clerk to create a spreadsheet. It breaks down the proposed rates into percentages and volume. The information confirmed the clerk’s proposed rates; but also gave additional options that would result in lower reserve amounts.

Ron Ratchford of 404 Everette Street argued that the expenses associated with monthly billing will be increase. Mayor Smock explained that the new software will allow residents to sign up for online accounts which will save on expenses. Councilor Galbraith agreed that he does not want costs increased but after reviewing the information can see the necessary. Smock explained that the minimum usage can be raised but the base rate for the minimum will rise too. Jordan Cooper with PeopleService again mentioned that the watermain lines will need to be replaced throughout the city within a reasonable amount of time. Wurtz argued that would need to be bonded but Cooper stated doing small sections a time will keep the authorities at bay because the city is working towards compliance. Councilor Sallis stated she is basing her decision on previous years when there had to be important repairs put off because of lack of funds. Councilor McChane stated he is willing to move forward with this if it will be reviewed and researched further before the next budget. Roll call vote. Ayes-three. Nay-Bass and Wurtz.

Sallis/McChane to adopt 275 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to water service charges. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Bass/Sallis to approve third reading of Ordinance 276 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to sewer service charges. Roll call vote. Ayes-five.

Bass/McChane to adopts ordinance 276 amending the code of ordinances of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to sewer service charges. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Sallis/Wurtz to approve request from PeopleService to purchase new impellers for James Street lift station from Electric Pump in an amount not to exceed \$5,150.00, with the addition of \$50.00 for freight fees. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action: Community room cancelations due to covid. City Clerk Eastman explained that in 2020 the city approved waving the cancellation policy for the community room rental. Inquiring if Council would like to continue with that or reimplement the policy. It was agreed to reimplement the policy. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Discussion: Building inspections and current contract. City Clerk Eastman discussed the employment contract with the building inspector. Eastman inquired if Council is wanting to update the contract, look for another inspector, or see if a current employee would be willing to get the education. Council agreed to look at the options.

Engineer reports: Dubuque Road is complete. Mayor's Park should have begun last week. Gilbertville/Lafayette Road reconstruction should have something to look at in October. Jordan Cooper asked Dryden what would be ready in October, Dryden responded the preliminary plans would be ready. Cooper then asked when this was going to go out for bids. Dryden stated that after discussions it was decided to start the project in 2024. Mayor Smock pointed out that we were under the impression it would begin next summer. Dryden stated he would get things started.

Mayor/Council reports: Mayor Smock informed Council of an email that was received from Waterloo Schools regarding a special meeting and the sale of the property. Smock plans to attend and invited anyone who is willing to join. Councilor Wurtz asked the City Clerk to follow up on a dog issue on Gray Street.

Bass/McChane to adjourn at 7.23 p.m. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Lisa Smock, Mayor

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Julie Eastman, City Clerk