

City of Elk Run Heights  
Regular Council Meeting  
City Hall Council Chambers  
July 14, 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 – Heideman, Wilson, Bass, and Heth. Absent – Smock. Quorum present. Bass/Heideman motion to approve the July 14, 2015 Agenda. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Heth/Wilson motion to accept the Consent Agenda approving June 9, 2015 regular council meeting minutes, accept the City Clerk's Reports, Investment Report, the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of June 30, 2015 as presented, approve Resolution 2754 approving and authorizing the payment of city bills. Roll Call: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Mayor Swope opened the Public Input. Resident Gene Edler, 424 Gilbertville Road, expressed concern that Dubuque Road could not handle a three to four inch rain due to debris in the ditch. Mayor Swope will contact Frickson's regarding this.

Mayor Swope introduced Jason Miller and Joe Elsinger, Engineers from MSA Professional Services. Jason and Joe discussed projected population and gathered information for a possible future Aero-Mod waste water treatment plant. Jason worked with the City of Raymond and toured existing Aero-Mod plants in Lamont, Elkader and Epworth with Mayor Swope and Councilman Heideman. Heth ask about expansion. Jason explained it is possible to add another module but always better to build bigger initially. Jason advised having a twenty-year Comprehensive Plan in place. City Attorney Prendergast questioned if other joint ventures same geographical distance and how capacity determined. Jason replied it is complicated however there are 28E agreements already available. Cities growth differentials need to be considered. Jason expects a three year construction time line. Jason suggested a projected population of 1350 for Elk Run Heights in the year 2035. Jason's concern is building in a flood plain so must have a berm or concrete surround. Jason ask if he should proceed. Mayor Swope agreed but indicated other options may be available for the city to look at. City Attorney Prendergast noted Separation Waivers have been a problem, Jason agreed, must have 1000 feet radius from residents. Jason estimated a yearly cost of \$150,000.00, operational cost \$125,000.00 and operator cost \$35,000.00. Jason discussed funding and stated the finish construction date should be the last day of the old permit. Bass expressed frustration with all the regulation changes, which over years have not happened.

City Engineer Mike Dryden reviewed the trailer park addition using the new sketch he gave to the council, each lot will be 2/3's of an acre. Mike will need the Planning and Zoning Commission approval and will need this added to next month's council meeting. Mike noted the south ditch of Lafayette Road will need the small package lift station – placing it on the northwest corner of lot one easement. City Attorney Heather Prendergast ask if the east end of that lot is green space. Mike replied no. Mike ask the council's approval to draft the area. Council agreed. City Attorney Prendergast ask about covenants and mentioned the cost of abstracts, approximately \$200.00 to \$400.00. Heth questioned setbacks. Mike answered setbacks should be uniform and stated in covenants and zoning codes. Mike will get the final plat to City Attorney Prendergast after Planning and Zoning approval and the August council

meeting. Bass thought there should be covenants for Gray Street, Sunrise Lane and Sunset Lane for comparison. Mayor Swope will ask City Clerk Kristi Lundy to get a copy of these covenants to City Attorney Prendergast. Mike had only one question from the DOT regarding the Plaza Drive Reconstruction Project and the bid date is July 21, 2015. Bass/Heth motion to set the Public Hearing on the plans and specifications for the Plaza Drive Reconstruction Project for the regular council meeting August 11, 2015. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

City Attorney Heather Prendergast reported participating in the mandated discovery to streamline the procedure, the next step will be written discovery, regarding the former Trailer Court.

Mayor Swope opened the waste water treatment plant discussion, mentioning Mayor Faas of the City of Evansdale has expressed interest in Elk Run connecting to their plant. Mike also talked to Mayor Faas confirming this. Evansdale is disinfecting and making modifications to their plant. Bass asked about Evansdale's DNR permit. Mike replied they just received it. Mayor Swope commented sludge was pumped this week from the plant. Wilson ask if necessary with a new system. Jason Miller replied yes. Wilson ask the frequency. Mayor Swope answered twice a year. Wilson thought the plant would last five more years. Mayor Swope agreed adding he wants to run the plant as long as possible.

Heth/Wilson motion to approve Data Technologies proposal for the Radio Meter Read Software. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Mayor Swope gave his monthly report, stating Tom James is on vacation; Mark Christianson has not taken the Grade III Waste Water test yet. Mayor Swope added Mark is aware of the consequences of not attaining this

During old business Heideman revisited Generators for all lift stations. Mayor Swope stated he has one bid and is getting more. Bass mentioned truck traffic and truck speed on Gilbertville Road. Mayor Swope will notify the Sheriff. Gene Edler knows this is happening all the time. Bass thinks due to GPS. Gene ask about the “Your Speed Is” sign that was placed on Lafayette Road and ask if It could be placed on Gilbertville Road. Bass ask the cost of purchasing a sign like this. Heth thought when he previously researched it the cost was \$4,000.00. Mayor Swope explained the sign used on Lafayette Road was borrowed from the City of Evansdale. Mayor Swope will check into the current cost of this sign. Resident Al Cross, 434 Amber Lane, presented Mayor Swope with a new city insignia shirt.

Heideman/Wilson motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

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Tim Swope, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Cross, Deputy City Clerk