

City of Elk Run Heights
Codification Workshop
July 30, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Lundy called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present –Bass, Sallis, Smock, and Wilson. Quorum present.

Wilson/Bass motion to approve the July 30, 2020 Agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Review of City Ordinances: Conversation began with the topic of New Construction: Paved Driveways. Mayor Lundy pointed out our current code only includes permits being required and a section on culverts. Councilor Smock pointed out there was nothing pertaining to surfaces. Councilor Bass stated he thought that 80%-90% of the driveways in town are hard surfaced. Councilor Wilson interjected stating this was discussed over a year ago, and at that time it was decided to enforce anyone who built new construction such as a house or garage would be required to have a hard surface driveway. Wilson continued to explain that the homes that have been here and have gravel would be grandfathered in, and not required to have hard surface unless they tore down the house or garage and built a new one. Bass stated he did not feel the City has the right to tell residents what they need to with their driveway. Discussion continued and it was agreed to grandfather the current gravel driveways. Council then continued to examine the samples provided and selected sections to be included in the new Code.

Parking in Grass: Councilor Smock stated she felt it should be stated in the code that all vehicles need to be licensed. As conversations continue the samples were examined and discussed. Council determined several sections they want to include, with several modifications. It was decided to have City Clerk Eastman do a mockup version of the edited information and revisit these two topics.

Council continued to verify the information in the Through Streets, Stop Intersections and Yield signs. It was agreed to remove the section for School Stop Signs. Council eliminated the four-way stop sign reference at Gilbertville Road in section 10.08.050 (A). Additionally, 10.08.070 (A {§1:2}) was removed. Council then agreed the Controlled-Access Information Chapter information is correct and left as is.

All-Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles: Councilor Bass suggested the All-Terrain Vehicle, Snowmobile and Golf Cart chapters be combined into one; everyone agreed. Mayor Lundy and City Clerk Eastman pointed out that snowmobiles do not require a permit and the speed limit is 15 mph, and the required equipment differ, so this may not make sense to combine. Councilor Smock agreed and suggested only combining the ATV's and Golf Cart chapters. Smock stated the renewal amount needs updated for both. Smock then pointed out the ATV chapter states they shall not be operated on any city playground or any city property. But there are trails located at the back of Mayor's Park, and they have been driven on for years. Did we want to update the code to allow this or leave the verbiage as is and begin enforcing it. It was agreed to leave this because we do not want our parks to get torn up.

Simmering Cory wanted to inform the Council the roads can be designated by resolution. This topic was overlooked and will be revisited on the next agenda.

Snowmobiles: Council reviewed the samples provided and selected sections they approved of. Additionally, reviewing the information in the current code and keeping all that information aside from removing 10.20.030 (A {1}), operating on Lafayette Road. After some discussion Council agreed the speed limit for snowmobiles should remain at 15 mph.

Golf Carts: Council decided to combine All-Terrain Vehicles with Golf Carts and using the information from the current code, eliminating repeating the same guidelines.

Jake Brake Regulations: Council review the samples provided and chose the one best suited for the City.

Wilson/Sallis to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Attest:

Kristi Lundy, Mayor

Julie Eastman, City Clerk