

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
October 11, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.
Located at Eddis Winstead Council Chambers

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, and Wurtz. Quorum present.

Bass/McChane to approve the October 11, 2022 agenda. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Galbraith/Sallis to approve the consent agenda: a. Approve the September 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes b. City Clerk's Reports as of September 30, 2022: Budget Report, Treasurer's Report, and Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Investment Report. c. Approval of Library, PeopleService Sewer/Water, and Police reports d. Liquor License Renewal: i. Road Ranger #144 – BC0029120 – Effective 10/31/22. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Sallis/Wurtz to approve the resolution calendar: a. Resolution 4078 authorizing the payment of bills and transfers b. Resolution 4079 a resolution of the City Council of the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, authorizing payment #15 to WRH, Inc.; in the amount of \$348,735.80 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project c. Resolution 4080 approving pay request #4 to Lodge Construction, Inc. of Clarksville, Iowa in an amount not to exceed \$187,188.64 d. Resolution 4081 setting the date of public hearing on the adoption of the proposed "Code of Ordinances of the city of Elk Run Heights, Iowa". Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Mayor Smock opened up the floor for public comment. Ron Ratchford stated it would be a good idea to look into the solar speed signs that Evansdale has around town. Everyone agreed and the Clerk was asked to inquire.

Bass/McChane to approve Mayor to complete grant application for WTFAP (water treatment financial assistance program) for up to \$500,000 in funds to help with the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Smock stated the State Senator that had been at a previous meeting sent her the information for this grant. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the FY2022 Street Finance Report. City Clerk Eastman stated it looked good and had no issues.

Discussion: Having City Code of Ordinance online for the public and costs. Mayor Smock explained the benefits of having the code available online. Councilor Wurtz asked if there are funds in the budget for this. City Clerk Eastman said yes and stated we can add this as an action item to the next agenda which will give everyone the chance to consider.

Bass/Galbraith to approve the Mayor to sign NPDES Permit application and to pay the \$85.00 fee associated with the permit. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

McChane/Galbraith to approve the request from Mayor to hold a special meeting on October 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to review financial perspectives with Maggie Burger. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Sallis/Wurtz to approve adding 50 users for the GWorks FrontDesk platform in an annual amount of \$300.00. It was agreed this is needed but the costs for the multiple modules is becoming expensive and we should review costs and fees at budget time. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Wurtz/McChane to approve the renewal of the employee benefits package with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. City Clerk Eastman stated the rate has gone down slightly. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Engineer reports: Mike Dryden with Willett Hofmann stated that Mayor's Park Project is done and came in under budget. He has reached out to B&B Builders to fix the bump in Dubuque Road but has not heard back. He stated the Gilbertville/Lafayette Rd. project is moving forward. The road width will be 26' and there will be a speed table which is similar to a speed bump and will replace the stop signs on Gilbertville Rd.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Smock explained she has been working with Waterloo Schools and Tyson Foods to come to some sort of an agreement regarding the school property and will attend meetings in the next two weeks. Smock asked Council for permission to close City Hall for a few hours on October 18th in the afternoon to plant the wildflower and pollinator gardens; Council agreed.

Councilor Bass informed Council of a change order MSA is submitting for additional engineering costs due to the project not being complete on time. There are concerns with this and Council asked to have the engineer attend the next meeting for discussion.

Wurtz/McChane to adjourn at 6:46. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Attest:

Lisa Smock, Mayor

Julie Eastman, City Clerk