

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
October 13, 2015 - 7:00 p. m.

Mayor Swope called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present recited the pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of Council Members: Present – Heideman, Wilson, Smock and Heth. Absent – Bass. Quorum present. Smock/Heth motion to approve the October 13, 2015 Agenda. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Heth/Wilson motion to accept the Consent Agenda approving the September 8, 2015 regular council meeting minutes and the September 29, 2015 special meeting minutes, accept the City Clerk's Reports, Investment Report, the Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of September 30, 2015 as presented, approve Resolution 2769 approving and authorizing the payment of city bills, approve the liquor license renewal for Junie's Restaurant. Roll call: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

There was no public input

City Engineer Mike Dryden reported paving will begin next week on Plaza Drive. Mike stated a new string-less method will be used. Mike reviewed the depth of the rock and pavement. Mike explained someone had driven on the Dubuque Road intersection which will have to be redone. There will be no cost to the city. City Clerk Kristi Lundy ask when Lafayette Road will be opened, Mike replied hopefully this week. City Clerk Lundy questioned the Pay Estimate No. 1; Mike explained a lot of the \$240,638.63 is for the patching of Dubuque Road. Mayor Swope ask if the water main in Elk Ridge Estates has begun, Mike replied yes, adding it will be three weeks before the lift station is in place and everything else will be ready by then.

Heth/Heideman motion to approve Resolution 2770 authorizing pay estimate #1 for the Plaza Drive Reconstruction Project to Croell Subsidiary in the amount of \$240,638.63. Roll Call: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

City Attorney David Hosack updated the council on the former Raymond Road Trailer Court litigation, stating still waiting for the opposing responses. Attorney Hosack added then a good faith procedure begins. The trial date is set for April 19, 2016.

Mayor Swope opened the Mowing Ordinance discussion. City Clerk Lundy ask council if they had any changes to the Mowing of Properties ordinance as written. Smock stated the ordinance is clear and she liked as is. City Clerk Lundy noted Councilman Heth assisted her in writing the mowing ordinance.

Heideman/Smock motion to set the Public Hearing for the Mowing Ordinance to be held November 10, 2015. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Smock/Heideman motion to approve Resolution 2771 approving the water rate increase to be effective January 1, 2016. Roll call: Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Wilson/Heth motion to approve Resolution 2772 adopting Audience Procedure Rules. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Smock/Wilson motion to approve Resolution 2773 approving the INRCOG Safety Program. Roll call: Ayes – 4. Motion carried. Heth ask if this was needed to comply with OSHA. City Clerk Lundy replied yes, local cities participate in the training provided by INRCOG.

City Clerk Lundy reviewed the Term Life Insurance quotes she provided the council from Colonial Life and Dearborn National. Smock felt this is a good time to take care of this. Council agreed to offer term life policies in the amount of \$15,000 to full time employees.

Mayor Swope addressed the Elk Run Suspension Bridge. Heideman ask the city engineer if the bridge is okay. Mike replied he will check the structure this Thursday. Mayor Swope explained the letter from Dan Cruse at Iowa Communities Assurance Pool states the bridge is safe from a loss control liability. Tom James does the maintenance on this bridge regularly. The City of Evansdale and Mayor Swope closed off the bridge due to some of the cables and some rotten boards. Mike will report back his findings.

Smock/Heth motion to set the Trick or Treat hours to be 5 p.m. To 8 p.m. on Saturday October 31, 2015. Ayes – 4. Motion carried. Smock mentioned these times have been reported in the news.

Mayor Swope informed the council the salt bin had gone way over budget which he accepted the responsibility for. The concrete alone was \$10,000.00, footings were included and the placement of the bin was changed. Smock questioned if Tom James knew the budget on this. Wilson ask why the location was moved. Mayor Swope replied moving it to the end of the garage was a better location. Mayor Swope added the floor and walls are done, however they may have difficulty in finding salt. One supplier is out but he will try to contact other salt suppliers. Mayor Swope ask the council for approval to spend \$1,500.00 to remove a dead tree at the corner of Ann Street and Michigan Drive. Heideman ask how many bids for this. Mayor Swope replied two. Council would prefer 3 bids for the project. Mayor Swope questioned looping the water line from Shirley to the new Elk Ridge Estates. Mike stated moving the water line improves pressure - notice this if large usage - and improves the quality. Heideman ask how many fire hydrants will Elk Ridge Estates have. Mike replied two possibly three. Mayor Swope mentioned the resident at the end of the Elk Ridge Estates is requesting to be hooked up to the new waterline. Mike recommended getting an easement. Mayor Swope will have Frickson Brothers look at it. Heideman ask why paint the tennis courts green. Smock replied for the esthetics and the paint provides better play. Mayor Swope noted two lots on Gray Street were mowed and smoothed out by Tom. Mayor Swope informed the owner the city will not continue to do this without a fee being assessed. The owner indicated new houses are planned for both lots. City Clerk Lundy stated she would invite our Realtor Emily O'Connell to next month's council meeting to give an update on the sale of the lots in the Elk Ridge Estates.

During new Business Heideman ask the Mayor if he had contacted the Sheriff's Department about speeders and writing tickets instead of issuing warnings. Mayor Swope replied yes but received no response. Mayor Swope mentioned the increasing number of signs being knocked down for the Plaza Drive project. Smock requested the Mayor contact the Sheriff Department again. Mayor Swope will do so.

Wilson/Heideman motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Ayes – 4. Motion carried.

Tim Swope, Sr., Mayor

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Kristi Lundy, CMC, City Clerk