

City of Elk Run Heights
Regular Council Meeting
Eddis Winstead Council Chambers
December 11, 2018 – 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 – Wilson, Bass, Ratchford, Smock and Schellhorn. Quorum present. Ratchford/Wilson motion to approve the December 11, 2018 Agenda. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Schellhorn motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda approve the November 13, 2018 meeting minutes, accept the City Clerk's Reports, Treasurer 's Report, Fund Report, Function Report, Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of November 30, 2018, approve the November 2018 Building Inspector's Report. Ayes – 5. Motion carried. Schellhorn ask the bill for Frickson Bros Excavating be pulled. City clerk Kristi Lundy explained the \$3,331.68 was for the Shirley Avenue water main break payment and the Gilbertville Road Ditch Project was \$2,699.60. Schellhorn agreed to paying the Shirley Avenue water main break but thought the Gilbertville Road Ditch Project was supposed to go to Marie Avenue and therefore was not completed and should not be paid. Schellhorn stated the drawing the council had showed ending at Marie Avenue and wants this completed first. Schellhorn/Wilson motion to approve Resolution 2928 authorizing the payment of City bills excluding the payment to Frickson Bros. Excavation for the Gilbertville Road ditch. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Council discussed the Gilbertville Water Main Project. A representative from Road Ranger plans to attend the Public Hearing to contest the portion assessed to them. Mike will redo the preliminary assessment changing percentages to be paid by connecting land owners. Wilson thought the City could then re-negotiate with the property owners.

Wilson/Ratchford motion to approve Resolution 2929 rescinding Resolution 2925, a Resolution fixing value of lots and adopting preliminary plat and schedule, estimate of cost and proposed preliminary plans and specifications for the construction of the Gilbertville Road Water Main Improvements from Plaza Drive to Young Road Project in the City of Elk Run Heights, Iowa, per Mike it was too soon to determine this. Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Schellhorn motion to approve Resolution 2930 setting the date of the Public Hearing to January 8, 2019 to consider the Resolution of Necessity (Proposed) for the Gilbertville Water Main Project. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Ratchford/Schellhorn motion to approve Resolution 2931 approving the quote from Mobotrex Mobility and Traffic Experts for a new four-camera system recommended by the Traffic Operations Department of the City of Waterloo for a Wide Dynamic Range camera detection system which will cover all four-way travel at the intersection of Dubuque Road and Elk Run Road for a cost of \$21,981.00, plus the cost of installation. Roll call: Ayes – 5. Motion carried. City clerk Lundy explained the loops under the concrete on Elk Run Road are broken and approaching traffic will not change the signal, they are now set on 40 second intervals. Schellhorn stressed the traffic backup at that location. Mike explained this system will be a lot better than the loop.

Council discussed building code permits during the workshop scheduled for 5:30 p.m. prior to tonight's meeting. City clerk Lundy will make the necessary changes to be agreed upon building permit requirements for council's approval at the next regular council meeting. Smock would like these changes added in the City newsletter, so residents know what they need to get a building permit for.

Council discussed foundation drain disconnections and reviewed examples of some City clerk Lundy had provided during the abovementioned workshop. Wilson spoke with the City of Waterloo and how they were handling their drain disconnections. City clerk Lundy ask for volunteers to write the drain disconnection ordinance. Smock requested someone on the council study these examples for the next regularly scheduled meeting. Wilson and Bass will review all the examples and prepare an Ordinance.

Councilwoman Smock read the Home Rule Proclamation recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Home Rule in Iowa.

Mayor Swope gave his monthly report stating there is an upcoming Emergency Management meeting. At this meeting Emergency Management Committee will be discussed the cost of the 911 system. Evansdale Chief of Police Jeff Jensen mentioned Black Hawk County is deciding how to do this, adding the cost will go up for Evansdale and Elk Run Heights. Chief Jensen also added Emergency Management is trying to split the cost evenly.

During Old Business Schellhorn questioned the railroad crossing repair, noting he had seen the signs stating this crossing would be closed the Monday after Thanksgiving but Tuesday the signs had been removed and no work done. City clerk Lundy replied asphalt plant closed due to cold temperatures.

Ratchford/Smock motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Ayes – 5. Motion Carried.

Tim Swope, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristi Lundy, CMC, City Clerk