

# City of Elm Springs Council Meeting September 27, 2018

The Elm Springs City Council met September 27, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. Mayor Harold Douthit called the meeting to order followed by prayer, led by Derl Howerton and the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Allan Huddleston, Steve Roberts, Roberta Peters, Jeannie Burks and Derl Howerton. Sarah Downum arrived @ 6:32. City Attorney Jay Williams was also present.

The August Minutes were presented for approval. A motion was made by Allan Huddleston, and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken and all approved.

The August Financials, including Sewer, were presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Roberta Peters. Roll call was taken and all approved.

## Reports

**Police-** Chief Hiatt reported that the last police vehicle has been replaced and equipped. Business as usual.

**Planning-** Matt Casey presented the Planning Report. There was 1 lot split. There was a request for advice regarding a residence on Elm Springs Rd. about rezoning and potential development. A recommendation was made for the master street plan. Since the new map wasn't available to the Council, the map will be included in next months packet, and the vote will be tabled until next month. Matt has received construction plans for the subdivision on Weston and the sewer plans.

**Inspection-** Included in packet

**Ambulance-** Included in packet

**Elm Springs/Cave Springs Fire Dept.-** Included in packet

### Mayoral Update

The Mayor stated the NACA line has now reached beyond the 2mile mark.

2 or 3 places have required using an 18,000 pound excavator to hammer through it. The Mayor has contacted a contractor to work through other problem areas. The contractor will address those areas when he finishes a current project.

The Mayor has opened a bid for boring under the creek. Our Engineer David Gilbert with Plymouth Engineering will explain the bid selection for pumps and boring and go into detail. He stated the Council can either accept a bid from H & H Directional Boring for \$120,000.00 with the understanding a change order is required or cancel the contract. 4 Boring Businesses were contacted and only 1 bid was submitted. The mayor entertained a motion to accept the contract from H & H for \$120,000.00 and will have change order to \$105,000.00. Derl Howerton made a motion to accept the contract and seconded by Steve Roberts. Roll call was taken and all approved.

David Gilbert stated we also advertised to accept bids for pumps and associated piping. This is a specialized job and will involve electrical and mechanical work.

Jay Williams recommended we contact a pump installer, negotiate cost and the Council to pass an Ordinance to bypass the bid process.

The City elected to cancel Movie in The Park this year, due to lack of available manpower.

Twila Taylor contacted Lanny Richmond with the Municipal League, regarding the Ordinance codification process and it should be completed before the next Council meeting in October.

### **New Business**

- A Resolution to approve the 2018 Benton County millage .5 mills was presented for approval. A motion was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Sarah Downum to accept the Resolution. Roll was taken and all approved.
- A Resolution to approve the 2018 Washington County millage .5 mills was presented for approval. A motion was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Derl Howerton. Roll call was taken and all approved.
- A Resolution to approve annexation for the Highlands at Elm Springs was presented for approval. A motion was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Roberta Peters. Roll call was taken and all approved.
- A phone allowance for Twila Taylor was presented for approval. The Mayor stated she is on call and available by phone evenings and weekends. After discussion, Allan Huddleston asked if we need to consider back pay to August 2016, and recommended back pay be given to Twila Taylor for a phone allowance of \$50.00 per month, \$150.00 per quarter, and going forward from here. A motion to approve the phone allowance was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Roberta Peters. Roll call was taken and all approved.
- 1 ton dump truck is 18 years old and showing signs that it won't last much longer. Transmission has been replaced twice. AEP damaged our road while building power station and they will donate \$7,500.00 toward our street fund. Our street funds total \$102,117.22. We can purchase a replacement for \$35,875.00. The last day to order this model is October 11, 2018. The Mayor requested the Council approve ordering the truck. A motion to approve was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken and all approved.
- There are state statutes that Wards population be within 7% approximately of each other. The number is not accurate and needs to be addressed. The Mayor will contact Jeff Hawkins of NWA Planning for advice, which will then be presented to the Council for approval.
- The Mayor will compose a Proposed 2019 Budget to be discussed next month.
- November and December meeting dates were discussed. All decided to hold the November meeting November 29<sup>th</sup> and December will remain December 27<sup>th</sup>. A motion to change the November meeting date was made by Allan Huddleston and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken and all approved.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Jeannie Burks. All approved and meeting adjourned.