

# **City of Elm Springs Council Meeting October 26, 2017**

The Elm Springs City Council met on October 26, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. Mayor Harold Douthit called the Meeting to order followed by prayer led by Gary Burney, and the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Allan Huddleston, Steve Roberts, Sarah Downum, Roberta Peters, Jeannie Burks, and Derl Howerton. City Attorney Jay Williams was also present. The October 10, 2017 Proposed Budget Workshop Minutes and the September 2017 Council Minutes were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Allan Huddleston and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken and all approved.

The September financials were presented for approval. A motion was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken and all approved.

Chief Hiatt may be late tonight.

## **Reports**

The Police, Planning Inspection Fire Dep't. and Ambulance reports are all included in the packet. If there are no questions or discussion we will move to the Mayoral update.

## **Mayoral Update**

\$52,000.00 is in a construction account and will discuss a resolution to put in an account for city use. Connie Newman was sent to Little Rock for a Municipal Training class.

Tommy Garrett is the new employee. His 90 days are up next week and will become a full-time employee. He is an equipment operator also and now we have 3 to operate equipment.

Sewer line break is being repaired and being buttoned up. All connections are made.

The Penny Lane subdivision plans are back in front of the Washington County Planning Committee, with intent to annex property into city of Elm Springs.

Cleanup is still continuing around town.

Movie in the park went well. Approximately 175 attended.

## **New Business**

The workshop was held and we went over numbers for the proposed budget.

The budget will be passed in December.

We need to discuss the Proposed 2018 budget.

A discussion took place pointing out some things will change. A motion to approve a Resolution to adopt the budget was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Roberta Peters. Roll call was taken and all approved the Resolution.

The Tontitown Court Sharing Agreement Resolution was presented for acceptance.

A motion was made by Allan Huddleston to accept the Resolution and seconded by Derl Howerton. Roll call was taken and all approved.

A Resolution to establish a bank account for the ANRC monies was presented for approval. Jeannie Burks made a motion to approve the resolution and seconded by Allan Huddleston. Roll call was taken and all approved.

The Mayor opened the floor for questions and discussion for a Tobacco Free Park. There were suggestions for a designated area rather than totally smoke free, placement of area and that it would help control cleanup.

Chief Hiatt mentioned that a total smoke free park would restrict some parents from bringing their children to the park.

It was also mentioned that we be considerate of small children in the park.

A motion for a Tobacco Free Park was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Roberta Peters.

Roll call was taken. Allan Huddleston-No, Steve Roberts -Yes, Sarah Downum-No, Roberta Peters-Yes, Jeannie Burks-Yes, Derl Howerton- No. The motion failed.

Allan Huddleston made a motion for a Tobacco Free Park with a Designated Smoking Area. Sarah Downum seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken. Allan Huddleston-Yes, Steve Roberts- Yes, Sarah Downum-Yes, Roberta Peters-No, Jeannie Burks-No, Derl Howerton -Yes. The motion passed.

An ordinance for a smoke free park with a designated smoking area will be prepared and presented at the next meeting.

The Planning Commission has been working on a master street plan and expect to complete next month.

We are looking forward to substantial growth in our area. The 2020 census will most likely push us over 3000 and will place us in First class city level.

The new police car was not quite ready and will be delivered at a later date. The ¾ ton pickup delivery was delayed because the factory is in Mexico City and impacted by the earthquake.

The new electrical substation on Weston is under construction.

The old Ted Downum Barber Shop building has been rented.

With no other comments or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Allan Huddleston. Meeting adjourned.