

# City of Elm Springs

## Council Meeting

**July 27, 2017**

The Elm Springs City Council met on July 27, 2017 @ 6:30p.m. Mayor 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: Roberta Peters, Jeannie Burks, Derl Howerton, Steve Roberts, and Allan Huddleston. City Attorney Jay Williams was also present. Council member Sarah Downum was absent.

The minutes from the June 22, 2017 Council meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Allan Huddleston and seconded by Jeannie Burks. All approved. The financials including Sewer were presented for approval. Jeannie Burks made a motion to approve the financials and Roberta Peters seconded the motion. All approved.

### Reports

Police- Chief Hiatt presented the report. Calls have increased to around 100 more than normal. Council members also received an information packet on Police vehicles.

Planning- Included in packet

Inspection- Included in packet

Sewer- Included in packet

Elm Springs/Cave Springs-Included in packet

Ambulance- Included in packet

### Mayoral Update

1. 988 Act is fading away regarding Police vehicles
2. Letter received from SWEPCO regarding 2 close calls when lighting ballasts caught fire
3. Converting lighting to LED; SWEPCO will assist with cost  
Derl Howerton made a motion to approve repairs. Jeannie Burks seconded the motion. All approved. Mayor Douthit will call SWEPCO to begin process
4. Audit went well
5. Benton County Judge willing to work with the city regarding Lott Rd.
6. Terry Franks has been off work 3 weeks due to injury
7. Preliminary meeting with FEMA
8. The city has applied for 5 grants-50/50 matching funds
9. Elmdale Lake subdivision Phase II & III beginning construction

10. Drip field near capacity with room for only 20 more homes. Health Dept. will not approve more subdivisions until we have a solution. NACA contract is currently in the process of being completed.
11. Jay Williams advised that Council needs to approve an ordinance to proceed with the NACA contract. We also need approval from Health Dept. regarding technical issues. The November Council meeting date needs to be changed to November 30<sup>th</sup>, because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Derl Howerton made a motion to approve the date change. Allan Huddleston seconded the motion. All approved.
12. An inquiry was received in the office regarding the city's position with the recent Marijuana ruling. The Mayor advised that Council consider this issue. Jay Williams said there are ordinances in place regarding dispensaries and pharmacies. A dispensary would be legal where a pharmacy would be, limited near schools and churches.

With no further business, Jeannie Burks made a motion to adjourn. Derl Howerton seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.