

City of Elm Springs Council Meeting January 26, 2017

The Elm Springs City Council met on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Douthit called the meeting to order followed by prayer, led by Cynthia Douthit, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Douthit welcomed the new City Council members Derl Howerton and Roberta Peters. Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Sarah Downum, Roberta Peters, Jeannie Burks, Derl Howerton, Steve Roberts, and Allan Huddleston. Jay Williams, City Attorney was also present.

The December 22, 2016 minutes were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Allan Huddleston. The minutes were approved by all.

The financials were presented. Sarah Downum made a motion to approve the financials and Roberta Peters seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Mayoral Update

1. Jay Williams City Attorney was able to obtain for the city \$3000.00, a portion owed to the city related to the Ball Street lien.
2. Mayor Douthit presented the 2016 Budget and discussed briefly. The City Administration building and Shop building now have generators in case of power outages. The city buildings can be used as a warming center and avoid city being shut down.

Reports

Police- Chief Hiatt presented the report. The citations look different, because the city has a new ticketing system. There have been thefts in the area. The Chief advised everyone to use locks and put away valuable property.

Planning- Miranda Taylor presented the minutes. An approval regarding 2 separate accessory structures (10960 and 10192 Snavely), was tabled until a ordinance in Chapter 5 is voted on whether to change an ordinance allowing owner to build accessory structures (ex: barns) before primary structure (house) without a conditional use permit.

There was also a lot split for 11438 and 11410 Schuster Loop.

Inspection- Report included in packet.

Sewer- Report included in packet.

Elm Springs/Cave Springs Fire Dept. - Report included in packet.

Ambulance Report- included in packet.

New Business

Mayor Douthit pointed out the budget is a guide for performance and is required by the auditor. The Mayor presented a resolution to amend the 2016 Budget. A motion was made by Sarah Downum to accept the Resolution to acknowledge and accept the 2016 Budget. Steve Roberts seconded the motion to accept the resolution. Roll call was taken and all approved.

Matt Casey presented a Zoning Ordinance to the City Council for approval regarding the request for an accessory structure (a barn), before the primary structure (the home), without having to have a

conditional use permit. The Planning Commission recommended an amendment to the ordinance, allowing residents to build an accessory structure without a conditional use permit. After explanation for the need, a motion to suspend the rule and read by title only, was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Steve Roberts. Roll call was taken and all approved. A motion to approve the Ordinance was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken and all approved. A motion to invoke the emergency clause was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken and all approved.

Other Business

David Gilbert with Plymouth Engineering, gave a presentation considering connecting to NACA. Mayor Douthit recommended that we pursue approaching NACA to connect sewer services. A Resolution was requested to proceed with negotiations. Derl Howerton made a motion to allow the Mayor and Mr. Gilbert to pursue negotiations with NACA, with offering \$2500.00 per sewer customer and bringing the existing 238 customers in at zero, with \$4300.00 as a possibility by NACA. A second was made by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken. All approved.

The Mayor mentioned Spring Cleanup and requested the City Council to consider dates for scheduling to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

With no other business, Sarah Downum made a motion to adjourn. Roberta Peters seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.