

City of Elm Springs Council Meeting April 27, 2017

The Elm Springs City Council met on Thursday April 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Douthit called the meeting to order followed by prayer led by Derl Howerton and the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Sarah Downum, Roberta Peters, Jeannie Burks, Derl Howerton, Steve Roberts, and Allan Huddleston. The City Attorney Jay Williams and former Mayor Jane Waters were also present.

The March minutes were presented. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Allan Huddleston. All approved.

The March financials were presented. Roberta Peters made a motion to approve the financials and seconded by Sarah Downum. All approved.

Reports

Police- Report included in packet.

Planning- Matt Casey presented the Planning Report. He spoke about the rezoning request from Kelly Grigg that was denied. There was no appeal. There were 2 lot splits. Zoning code change, involving 3 different chapters, and requests for home based businesses and conditional use was also discussed. A conditional use permit has limits that will be changed in certain locations. Sarah Downum made a motion to suspend the rule and read by title only. Jeannie Burks seconded the motion. All approved. A motion to pass the Ordinance with emergency clause was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Steve Roberts. All approved. A motion to invoke the emergency clause was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Roberta Peters. All approved.

Inspection- Included in packet.

Sewer- Included in packet.

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

Ambulance- Included in packet.

Police Chief arrived & briefly gave summary of the Police report. The ambulance average response time is about 9 ½ minutes.

New Business

The Mayor presented the need to raise the pay for the Planning Chairman, Matt Casey to be increased to \$500.00 per month. To document, there was a roll call taken. All approved.

Mayor Douthit contacted 3 companies and only 2 responded with bids for street repairs. E Lake Rd. needs seal coat and gravel. Kenneth Price Rd. also needs patching, shoring up the shoulders, seal coat and chip seal entire road. Whippoorwill Lane also needs a base compacted and double chip seal.

The least inexpensive bid is \$197,858.00 from Hutchens Construction.

Currently, there is \$195,961.00 in the street fund, and \$209,000.00 in a money market account. Mayor Douthit suggests we move \$159,000.00 from the money market account into street fund and \$50,091.19 into the sewer account. A motion to transfer the money discussed and pay for the street repairs needed was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Steve Roberts. All approved.

Mayoral Update

The Mayor also stated there is \$1,712,589.13 in city funds.

The NACA proposal has been negotiated to a \$580,000.00 buy in. With the proposed program working on now, we will make a down payment of \$58,000.00 (10%), and pay the buy in over 10 years with no interest.

The Mayor presented an Ordinance reducing the interest rate on the Sewer Bond from 4% to 2.75%. A motion was made to read by title only by Sarah Downum and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken and the motion was approved. A motion was made to approve the Ordinance with emergency clause was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Steve Roberts. Roll call was taken and all approved.

A motion to invoke the emergency clause was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Steve Roberts. Roll call was taken and approved by all.

A Resolution to add Connie Newman to the city checking accounts was presented to the Council. With no questions a motion was made by Jeannie Burks to pass the Resolution. Roll call was taken and all approved.

Other Business

A question was brought up by Sarah Downum. She asked if the sewer was ok with the pending weather.

The Mayor stated we are working on it.

Derl Howerton complimented Inland Waste picking up trash in the severe rain.

There was also a question about a time frame for an appeal of rezoning. It is 30 days.

With no public comments or further questions, a motion to adjourn was made by Roberta Peters and seconded by Sarah Downum. Meeting adjourned.