

# **City of Elm Springs Council Meeting December 28, 2017**

The Elm Springs City Council met December 2017 @ 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 and the following members were present: Allan Huddleston, Sarah Downum, Roberta Peters, and Derl Howerton. City attorney Jay Williams was also present. Council members Steve Roberts and Jeannie Burks were absent.

The November minutes were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Allan Huddleston. Roll call was taken and all approved.

The November financials including Sewer were presented for approval. Sarah Downum made a motion to approve the financials and Roberta Peters seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and all approved.

## **Reports**

Police- Chief Hiatt stated that there have been reports of stolen mail & auto theft for the month. The officers solved the mail theft and auto theft. A juvenile was arrested.

Mayor Douthit complimented the Police Dept. for all their hard work and efforts. As a small department, they are doing a great job.

Planning- Matt Casey stated the planning commission is working on the master street plan and the future land use plan. A property owner came to the Planning meeting. Their property to be developed, will be affected by both maps. Hopefully we can make changes to work with the property owner and benefit both city and owner.

Matt explained the difference between the current planning map and the changes on the proposed map.

Inspection-

Ambulance-

Elm Springs/Cave Springs Fire Dept.

## **Mayoral Update**

A proposed subdivision has been presented to the city for development, at Weston & Water St.

The survey for the Sewer line route to NACA plant has been ordered. The city put up a \$1000.00 deposit and it will be refunded to the city in 2 weeks. Roof has been completed. All ceiling tiles were replaced.

There will be a small surplus after insurance payment because we did the work ourselves.

The cost to repair flood damage at the creek crossing was approximately \$74,000.00. FEMA will refund 75% of that cost.

We are working on getting unsightly properties cleaned up.

The city is prepared for bad weather affecting our streets.

Approximately \$925,000.00 was the budgeted income for 2018. It is estimated to be \$225,000.00 more than expenses expected. With that said, the budget is in good shape.

## **New Business**

2018 Sewer budget \$645,000.00 estimate includes \$350,00.00 transfer from General fund. Expenses are anticipated to be \$644,050.00.

A Resolution to adopt the 2018 sewer budget was presented for approval. Derl Howerton made a motion to adopt the resolution and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken, and all approved.

An Ordinance to approve the City Planning map was presented. After no questions or comments, a motion to suspend the rule and read by title only was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Allan Huddleston. Roll call was taken and all approved. The Mayor read the Ordinance. A motion to pass the Ordinance was made by Roberta Peters and seconded by Derl Howerton. Roll call was taken and all approved. A motion to invoke the emergency clause was made by Allan Huddleston and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken and all approved.

Anita Burney presented a proposal to the Council regarding the Elm Springs Heritage Association. They would like to represent the city as the Elm Springs Welcome Center. They would offer free coffee, literature and information, serving like a Chamber of Commerce. A metal art gallery will be on display entitled "Camp Shadow ". A motion was made to approve allowing Heritage Center to act as a welcome Center by Derl Howerton and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken and all approved.

## **Old Business**

The 2018 amended budget was presented for approval. 2 changes were made. As Allan Huddleston suggested, the budget will include \$10,000.00 set aside each year for police dep't. vehicles, that will be cycled every 5 yrs. Also \$200.00 pr. month will be set aside for IT support. The projected income for 2018 is \$924,000.00 and the projected expenses are \$694,000.00. Mayor Douthit read the Resolution. A motion to accept and adopt the Resolution to amend the budget was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Allan Huddleston. Roll call was taken. All approved.

A question was asked if there was any other information regarding the subdivision at Water St. & Weston. They propose to have ¼ acre lots but hopefully will change to ½ acre lots. Estimate value is \$200,00.00 per home.

## **Adjourn**

With no other questions or comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Sarah Downum. Meeting adjourned.