

City of Elm Springs Council Meeting November 30, 2017

The Elm Springs City Council met on November 30, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Douthit call 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, Steve Roberts, Sarah Downum, Roberta Peters, Jeannie Burks, and Derl Howerton. City Attorney Jay Williams was also present.

The October 26, 2017 minutes were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Allan Huddleston. All approved.

The October 2017 Financials, including Sewer, were presented for approval. A motion to approve the financials was made by Allan Huddleston and seconded by Derl Howerton. All approved.

REPORTS

Police- Police Chief Hiatt reported we now have a new vehicle Officer Casamayor will be driving. There have been 2 stolen vehicles recovered in the area, but no suspects found.

Planning- Matt Casey wasn't able to attend the meeting. Mayor Douthit reported that Planning is working on a master street plan, new maps for planning and planning area. Future growth for the city can only go west. These are hopefully forthcoming in December. New subdivisions Elmdale Lake and Elm Valley are progressing.

Inspection-in packet

Ambulance-in packet

Elm Springs/Cave Springs Fire Dept.-in packet

Mayoral Update

The city will be receiving 75% of cost of the sewer project at 112 Bridge from FEMA in approximately 3 months. We would need to move the line when Hwy 112 is widened so this was fortunate for the city.

Police Chief Hiatt will be posting on our website and we will have traffic control for 744 East Lake Rd.

The culvert is only 36" and plugs up frequently tearing up the road. The Mayor applied for 50/50 grant to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management to repair that.

A hydraulic study will be done on Lott Rd. and Snavely intersection to show how much water flows thru the creek. Hopefully box culverts can remedy the situation.

The City will be receiving a \$1000.00 refund for a permit deposit from The Arkansas Highway Dept.

David Gilbert will have the draft of the NACA sewer line completed by end of November. The survey of the route should be completed by end of December. Once all the information is finished, it will then be turned in to the Health Dept. Hopefully we will have approval by March 2018. Our goal is to have the line installed, finished and ready to turn the tap by July 2018.

A \$58,000.00 down payment is due for the NACA contract. The Mayor needs approval from the Council to appropriate those funds. The construction of 210 houses in 10 yrs. will pay off the contract, \$52,000.00 annually.

A sewer budget will include the construction of sewer line for \$350,000.00 to \$450,000.00 from the General Fund reserve.

The proposed budget for 2018 will be finalized in December.

New Business

Currently the Mayor has a \$100.00 pr. month truck allowance. Mayor Douthit proposes that the truck Casey Jackson has currently, be used for the Mayors use, when Caseys is replaced. A vote was required to approve. All approved.

The employee bonus is \$250. The Mayor proposed that those employed less than 1 yr. receive a pro-rated bonus, approximately \$20.84 pr. month. All approved.

\$58,000.00 for the NACA down payment needs to be allocated by the Council. A motion to allocate the payment was made by Jeannie Roberts and seconded by Roberta Peters. Roll call was taken. All approved.

The Ordinance for Tobacco Free Park was presented for approval. A motion to suspend the rule and read by title only was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Allan Huddleston. All approved.

Mayor Douthit read the Ordinance. A motion to pass the Ordinance was made by Allan Huddleston and seconded by Sarah Downum. All approved. A motion to pass the emergency clause was made by Allan Huddleston and seconded by Steve Roberts. All approved.

The Insurance Company inspected the ceiling and roof damage and it will cost \$31,083.00.

A motion was made by Derl Howerton to allow the Mayor to enter in a contract with Perry Roofing for \$30,256.79 to complete ceiling repairs and seconded by Steve Roberts. All approved.

The windfarm land and other properties are expected to be annexed in to the city in the near future which will mean more income. The City is in great shape financially.

With no other questions or comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Jeannie Burks. All approved. Meeting adjourned.