

City of Elm Springs Council Meeting April 26, 2018

The Elm Springs City Council met April 26, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. Mayor Harold 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, Steve Roberts, Sarah Downum, Roberta Peters, Jeannie Burks, and Derl Howerton. City Attorney Jay Williams is out of town, however his colleague, Joel Kurtz was present.

The March Minutes were presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken and all approved.

The March Financials, including Sewer, were presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Roberta Peters. Roll call was taken and all approved.

Reports

Police- Chief Hiatt reported 1 vehicle is being equipped and will be ready in 2 weeks. The unmarked car will have stripes added. Generally, all is good.

Planning- Matt Casey reported the March meeting was very interesting.

1. There had been a misunderstanding, where a lot split was requested when it was actually a property line adjustment.
2. We had a business license discussion about Ward Plumbing to operate out of his home.
3. Penny Lane subdivision has 1 ½ to 4 ½ acre lots, requested waivers regarding no curb and guttering in rural area and was approved earlier by Council. But they now want to add 15-17 more lots. This will be presented to Council for approval.

Inspection- Included in packet

Ambulance- Included In packet

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

Mayoral Update

1. Introduced Cheryl Morgan as new Chief Court Clerk
2. Received \$59,000.00 from FEMA. We have already received \$29,000.00 and \$12,000.00.
3. Legendary Builders want to build 14 homes instead of a pool house and green area off 56th. We will be running about 450 ft of 2" sewer line.
4. City Spring Clean-up date has changed to May 4th and 5th 7:30 am-4:00 pm
5. We received a letter for the attorney representing Morris PI LLC and we will be presenting a resolution later this evening to address the request for sewer service. We already have a sewer line in place.
6. An Elm Springs resident has in the past stated they want to have their property de-annexed but have never come in to proceed with that.
7. The Penny Ln property has changed to Highlands at Elm Springs and will proceed will annexation if waivers are granted.

8. There are 2 proposed subdivisions off Weston, (1) 14 acres (40 + homes) and farther down on Weston, (2) Estate Style Homes on 19 acres at a later date.
9. We are requesting 3 temporary lights on 112 regarding the upcoming opening of Hwy 49 connection at 112. Becky Stewart with Central EMS will also write a letter stating the difficulties for emergency vehicles getting through, if an accident does occur.
10. Springdale Planning meeting will be held May 1st regarding 20 acre property on Ball St. not in Elm Springs. It is Agricultural currently. The Mayor will attend the meeting and request it be zoned low density family dwellings, keeping in mind surrounding homes.

New Business

1. A resolution to provide sewer service to Morris Place LLC. with line already in place, was presented to the Council for approval. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken and all approved.
2. The Mayor addressed receiving a request from a fencing class using the City Hall building for classes and asked the Council what their thoughts were. The Council agreed to table a decision until they present it to Council.
3. The waiver for the Highlands at Elm Springs subdivision to add 15-17 more lots, was presented to the Council for approval. The Council and the public was invited to comment. One resident voiced concern regarding drainage. The Mayor stated laws are in place to make sure there is proper drainage. A motion to pass the waiver was made by Steve Roberts and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken and all approved.
4. Bill Lundy requested a trash service waiver, since he has had an agreement with Gene George to dispose of trash for his lifetime. After discussion and comments from Council and the public, a motion to pass a waiver was made by Roberta Peters and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken. Allan Huddleston-no, Steve Roberts-abstained, Sarah Downum-yes, Roberta Peters-yes, Jeannie Burks-yes, Derl Howerton-no. The results, 3 in favor of waiver and 2 against waiver. Waiver approved by majority vote.
5. A resolution to authorize amending the bank signatures, removing Mary Norman from all relative bank accounts, was presented. A motion to approve was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken. All approved.
6. The Mayor has been working with the Postal Service to get a last line change as a solution to our mail delivery issues, changing the address from Springdale to Elm Springs for several years. Council passed a resolution recently to ask for a preferred last line change of address. We have received several responses from the flyers. We will send copies of the letters, the resolution, and boundary map of Elm Springs to Senator Boozman and the Post Office.
7. Anita Burney representing the Historical Society, has received grant money for metal art depicting camp life during the Civil War. The ribbon cutting will be April 28th, at 12. The event will last until 3 pm.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Allan Huddleston and seconded by Roberta Peters. All in favor, meeting adjourned.