

City of Elm Springs Council Meeting September 28, 2017

The Elm Springs City Council met on September 28th, 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, Steve Roberts, Sarah Downum, Roberta Peters, Jeannie Burks, and Derl Howerton. The City Attorney Jay Williams was also present.

The minutes from the August 24th, 2017 meeting and the minutes from the September 19, 2017 Special Council meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Allan Huddleston, and seconded by Roberta Peters. Roll call was taken and all approved.

The August 2017 Financials including Sewer Financials, were presented & approved. A motion to approve the August financials was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Sarah Downum. Roll call was taken and all approved.

Mayor Douthit announced the Movie in the Park will take place Saturday October 21st this year. The Movie featured will be "Hotel Transylvania" and invited Council members to attend and get acquainted with the people attending. He also requested their help in areas where needed.

The 2017 Budget was given to each member as a guideline to be thinking about the 2018 Budget. A workshop will need to be held and discussion for a date was addressed. October 10, 2017 is tentative until we are sure all members can be available. The Mayor will work on a tentative budget to be reviewed, changed or adjusted.

The Springdale Contract is signed and complete. The meter is in the line, effluent is running and all is working

The NACA contract will be signed at next NACA meeting in October.

The FEMA situation is ongoing. The Mayor has compiled all the necessary paperwork and documentation for their study.

The bore on Brush Creek is being worked on. There has been a change of plans. The state requires we move the bore and an additional 150 ft. will be needed. We do not have the ability to install the line, so it will cost more. FEMA will cover 75% possibly 85%. The Mayor stated the first estimate was about \$24,000.00 and with the changes, it could possibly be an additional \$35,000.00.

Tommy Garrett is a new employee, replacing Charles Lindley. We now have a full crew.

As a reminder the November Council meeting has been changed to November 30th.

The old water line in front of the building has been replaced.

All new LED lights have been installed.

We have \$75,135.76 in capacity fees that have been collected. We will make a down payment of \$58,000.00 to NACA and the balance will go toward next year's payment.

The Arkansas Dept. of Health notified the Mayor late today that we are cleared to begin Elm Valley subdivision.

Reports

Police-Chief Hiatt reported the work on Elm Springs Rd. and Lake Rd. is almost complete. The Police Department did receive the radar sign. Cost was \$6995.00. State Representative Robin Lundstrum brought check from the State General Improvement funds, for \$9000.00 weeks prior to that, which more than covered the cost of the sign. It is a great tool, slowing down traffic. We will add slogans later.

We are working on an inter local agreement for court services with Tontitown. We will increase our court sessions to 2. We have calculated what costs are involved and at end of year will be reimbursed for the cost. The money paid will be used to hire a part time person to help with court. Their attorney is working on a contract.

Planning-Matt Casey reported 1 item property line adjustment on Kenneth Price Rd. The Planning Commission is working to finalize changes to zoning codes in Chapter 5. Matt will have copies of old wording & revised versions to compare changes made. Also working on land use plans, and the master street plan.

An Ordinance to amend provisions of zoning regulations was presented.

A motion to suspend the rule and approve the Ordinance was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Jeannie Burks. Roll call was taken and all approved.

The Mayor read the Ordinance. A motion to accept the Ordinance was made by Sarah Downum & seconded by Derl Howerton. All approved.

A motion to approve the Emergency clause was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Derl Howerton. Roll call was taken and all approved.

A Resolution to authorize a contract with Cassie Elliott to acquire easements for the sewer line. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Allan Huddleston. All approved.

A request to allocate up to \$35,000.00 for installation of sewer line through the sleeve was presented.

A motion was made by Steve Roberts and seconded by Sarah Downum. All approved.

An Ordinance with emergency clause was presented to comply with Springdale's sewer code.

A motion to suspend the rule and read by title only was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Allan Huddleston. All approved.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance for the sewer use code was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Roberta Peters. All approved.

A motion to adopt the emergency clause was made by Jeannie Burks and seconded by Derl Howerton.

A Resolution to pass the Washington County millage was made by Derl Howerton and seconded by Allan Huddleston. All approved.

A Resolution to pass the Benton County millage was made by Sarah Downum and seconded by Allan Huddleston. All approved.

The Mayor has been approached by Josh Strother representing the Community Clinic Arkansas Drug & Tobacco Smoke Free Coalition. In the future we would have a Resolution to approve a smoke free park. The old SUV Sgt. Nichols drove, needs to be replaced and needs to be approved to add to the budget. A 2018 Dodge 4 wheel drive, is being considered and could be purchased at the 2017 price thru 10/17/17. Mayor Douthit stated he wanted council to be aware of this to be in the proposed budget.

Stipulations from the Arkansas Health Dept. was received today that require adequate connections be complete before expiration date or ban would be issued. He is completely confident we will have no issues.

With no other questions or comments, a motion to adjourn was made by Allan Huddleston & seconded by Derl Howerton. Meeting adjourned.