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Elkader City Council Proceedings

The Elkader City Council met on Monday, March 10, 2025 in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at the Elkader City Hall with Mayor Josh R. Pope presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

Roll call: Present: Bob Garms, Randy Henning, Tony Hauber, Deb Schmidt and Daryl Bruxvoort.

Henning moved to approve the consent agenda. Garms seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye: Schmidt, Henning, Hauber, Garms, Bruxvoort. Nay: None

Consent Agenda (Items on the consent agenda are considered routine in nature and all items are passed in one motion. In order to have an item voted on individually, it must be removed from the consent agenda.)

- Minutes from the February 10, 2025 meeting
Bills (February 7-March 7, 2025)
Financial reports (reconciled February Treasurer's report, revenue, receipts by fund, budget by function)
Approval of liquor license renewal for Deb's Brewtopia (Class C Retail Alcohol License)
Approval of appointment of Mitch Neibert to Pool Board (term to expire July 1, 2028)
Approval of Resolution 2025-15 - Establishing rates of compensation for seasonal workers
Approval of Resolution 2025-16 - To remove bad debt accounts over ten years old from the utility billing system
Approval of special event application for the Combat Veteran's motorcycle ride hosted by TD's Bar and Grill (includes closing South Main Street from Mulberry Street south on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 7 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and blocking parking in front of TD's on Friday, July 11, 2025 from Mulberry Street south (hours TBD))

Public comments No public comments were received.

Second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-02 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 165 of the Municipal Code of the City of Elkader, Iowa (2022) by rezoning certain property surrounding the downtown area Hauber moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2025-02. Garms seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye: Schmidt, Henning, Hauber, Garms, Bruxvoort. Nay: None. Garms moved to waive the third reading and finally approve Ordinance 2025-02. Schmidt seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye: Schmidt, Henning, Hauber, Garms, Bruxvoort. Nay: None

Consideration of request for a variance to Chapter 95 - Sanitary Sewer System (95.05- Sewer connection required) Garms moved to approve the request to be allowed to have a septic tank on a to-be-platted lot in Breezy Summit due to the burden placed on the potential property owner because the lot can not use a gravity sewer. Schmidt seconded the motion. Hauber questioned if Council could make this exception. Schmidt asked that staff look into the ordinance language and clarify it for the future. Roll call: Aye: Schmidt, Garms, Bruxvoort. Nay: Henning, Hauber

First reading - Ordinance 2025-03 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 69, Parking Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Elkader, Iowa, 2022, to eliminate handicap parking spaces on Davis Street Council considered a request from the Superintendent of Central Community Schools to remove two of the handicap accessible parking spots that were installed in January 2024. A concern was shared that people using Davis Street to drop children at the school are passing stopped vehicles on the left because those parking spots are not being utilized at that time of the day. Garms moved to approve the Ordinance. Schmidt seconded the motion. Roll call: Aye: None. Nay: Schmidt, Henning, Hauber, Garms, Bruxvoort

Administrative staff update

- Budget-continue to review/discuss - Council continues discussions with staff about changes to the budget.
Staff updated the Council on a number of topics.

Questions and Concerns from the City Council members Hauber shared that the Economic Vitality Committee was disappointed to hear that the Council did not approve purchasing the lots in Breezy Summit; questions were asked about the storm water management issue in an alley between 1st and 2nd Streets and between Spruce and Pine Streets; a question was asked about the status of proposed C3 Zoning and Hauber indicated he is working with members of the Planning and Zoning Commission on his downtown plan;

Adjournment Garms moved to adjourn. Henning seconded the motion. Mayor or Pope declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Josh R. Pope

ATTEST:

Jennifer K. Cowsert, City Administrator/Clerk

City of Elkader IA CLAIMS REPORT February 24, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Lists various expenses like AFLAC, ALLIANT ENERGY, ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Lists local sales tax option, hotel/motel tax, water, sewer, etc.

City of Elkader IA CLAIMS REPORT March 10, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Lists various services like marketing campaign, books, parts, etc.

RECEIPTS BY FUND - FEBRUARY 2025

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Lists receipts for general fund, opera house, floral hall, etc.

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Central Community Schools February Claims Paid

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name, Amount. Lists various vendors like Amazon Capital Services, Braxton Bormann, Country Inn & Suites, etc.

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