The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session on Monday March 7th, 2022, at 6PM with the following members present: Mayor Hansen; Councilmen Fredericksen, D. Petersen, Teegerstrom, Hogberg and K. Petersen. Also in attendance was Clint Fichter, Chelsee Jacobsen, Jeff Nelson, Jerry Evans, Steve Turner, and Jerry Hoffman.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve February 7th, 17th, and 22nd meeting minutes. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve the claims register and time sheets as presented. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve the financial report. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Hansen opened the public hearing for FY Budget 2022-2023. Clint Fichter stated the city’s financials are in the position to pay off GO debt by the end of this FY 2022. The city received $61,500 from USDA to work on storm sewer drains. The proposed area is along Elm Street by the bank and along the highway of Grace on Main. Snyder and Associates will have a contract for the April meeting to discuss this further. Clint stated the city could potentially look into a housing development. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to close the public hearing. Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve FY Budget 2022-2023. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

The city has a court hearing on March 28th, 2022, regarding obtaining the hotel.

Council asked that Steve Turner have his property surveyed to know exactly where the property pins are to obtain half of the abandoned alley located North of his property. Steve agreed and will get this completed.

Public Works pay was discussed. Jeff Nelson is not taking the city’s health insurance and council has agreed to compensate a starting wage of $3.00 more an hour. Nelson will receive $21.00 an hour to start, increasing to $24.00 an hour after his 90-day probation ends on May 26th, 2022. Teegerstrom moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve the new wages for the Public Works Director. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried.

Mayor Hansen opened the sealed bids for the city’s concrete forms. The highest bid was $250.00.

Department Reports:

Streets/Sidewalks: Jerry and Jeff will be fixing the sign out front of the post office. The city was asked by the Post Office to repaint the yellow curb on the East side of Madison Street. Jeff and Jerry will get this done when the weather allows.

Water/Water Samples/Sewer: Samples were sent in, Water reports for February 2022 are also completed and sent in to DNR.

Pool/Park: Pool Registration and Food license was approved by the state for the 2022 year. Jeff/Jerry will place brick pavers at the pool house entrance.

Fire Dept/Rescue: Jerry Hoffman asked if the city could potentially hire a full-time Paramedic to answer medical calls during the day. On average Elk Horn Rescue goes on 120-140 calls a year and do not have many EMT/Paramedics available during the day when most calls happen. Chelsee and Jerry Hoffman will look into this more.

Fitness Center: Juelsgaard Fire Industries installed the cameras at the fitness center.

Town Hall: D. Petersen has been working on installing the sound panels that were ordered. Dan repainted the duct work and installed a new toilet in the women’s bathroom.

Library: Alissa applied for a grant for a teen area. Council would like Alissa to come to the April meeting to further discuss.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the building permit at 2030 Catalpa Street. Roll Call: Ayes 5. Motion carried

Councilman K. Petersen stated he has been asked if the city would consider installing a dog park in our city park. Chelsee will ask other city’s who have dog parks what average cost would be.

Council approved Chelsee to go to the IMFOA Spring Conference in Des Moines in April.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM.

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Keli Hansen, Mayor Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk