

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
January 8, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Greg Priske, Robert John, Melody Hoy and Aaron Budweg were present. Also, present were City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Rick Patrie, Mike Ludwigs, Chad Brekke, Matt Rezab, Nicole Low, Lawrence Springston, Jack Brekke, Crystal Carroll and Brad Winter.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by John to approve. The consent agenda consisted of the December 11th minutes, the monthly claims and the financials. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Budweg, Hoy, Priske and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and David Mitchell introduced Nicole Low and Crystal Carroll from the community garden project. They will be working to get the community garden project started in town. David Dunn gave a proclamation for Gladys Higgasons upcoming 100th birthday this month.

David Dunn opened the discussion on EMS taking over billing. The council discussed who would be doing the billing and the backup billing process, the training needed and the time needed to process the billing. Ryan Sutcliffe has previous billing experience and has been doing the billing along with PCC the past two months. PCC’s contract with the City ends on January 31st, 2019 and February 1st would be the starting date for EMS to do their own billing. The EMS would save around \$3,000.00 per month by doing the billing themselves. It would take about 1 hour per claim and there would be about 80 claims per month. Right now, City Hall makes the deposits only for the EMS. They would have a quicker turnaround on insurance claims, have better control of the claims and would be quicker on resubmittals and appeals claims. Council member Hoy motioned to approve EMS to do their own billing with cross training for the billing system and will review the process in March, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Budweg, Hoy, Priske and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 01-19-2789, Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing the issuance of a \$180,000.00 General Obligation Ambulance Acquisition Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. This loan will be with Hardin County Savings Bank and will be paid in 10 equal payments of \$19,882.00 on June 1st and December 1st starting December 1, 2019 until June 1, 2024 by the EMS department. Council member Jones motioned to approve Resolution 01-19-2789, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, John, Priske, Jones and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn introduced Resolution 01-19-2787, Resolution to transfer funds from HCSB account 514659 to EMS 501c(3) account and close account 514659. Ryan Sutcliffe was on an ambulance run and could not make the meeting tonight. David Mitchell reviewed notes with the Council. The board would be made up of 2 citizens and 3 ambulance personal. They

would direct the funds of the Eldora Area Ambulance Foundation. The council discussed the option of having a council member on the board also and had a few questions for Ryan who was not present. Council member Hoy motioned to table this Resolution until Ryan would be able to attend a council meeting, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, John, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 01-19-2788, Resolution correcting assessment schedule for the Iowa Highway 175 improvements project was next on the agenda. The US Post Office is a government entity and is exempt from the assessment and this resolution will reflect that. They did get a new sewer line and got value from this but the cost of fighting this would be more than the value received from the assessment. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by John to approve Resolution 01-19-2788. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Hoy, John, Jones and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The Eldora Herald Ledger & Hardin County Index has requested to be the official newspaper for the City of Eldora for 2019. Council member John motioned, seconded by Priske to set Eldora Herald Ledger & Hardin County Index as the 2019 official newspaper. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Hoy, John, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 853 – amending chapter 65 – stop sign was next. A citizen has contacted City Hall and the Street department about adding a stop sign at 15th Street and 6th Avenue. They have concern about the safety of this intersection. The council member John motioned to have the Street & Alley committee review their stop sign request, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Budweg, Hoy, John and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report and the Council members gave their concerns at this time. Blake Jones has an upcoming personnel meeting on January 28th. Aaron Budweg said the 911 commission has update their communication center system and the 911 commission has about 295K available for 911 communication projects. The Emergency Management has a 28E agreement with Franklin County. Bob John said there is still an issue with the draining from the Realty building on Hwy 175 from the curb & gutter work done. Brady Winter asked what void could the EACC fill for the City. The EACC is not here to make the business profitable but here to help with marketing and getting involved with the community.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Hoy so moved, meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk