

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
January 10, 2023 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call, Zoom or at the Council Chamber.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Mike May Jr, Cindy Drake, Jerry Kramer, and Carey Morton were present along with City Administrator Aaron Budweg, and Chandra Kyte. Also, present were, Nick Hassebrock, Drake Baade, Maile Carter, Kelly Haskin, Sandi & Jeff Creech with Tally & Leora Creech, and Shawn Dicity in the council chamber.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing on vacating three alleys and Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Drake. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Drake, Jones, Morton, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:04pm. There were no comments. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Morton. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Morton, Jones, May Jr, and Drake; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:05 pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing on vacating and selling an alley and Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Drake. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Drake, Jones, Morton, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:06pm. There were no comments. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Drake. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Drake, Morton, May Jr, and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:07 pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Drake motioned, seconded by Kramer to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of minutes of December 13 & 21, plumber permit for Gehrke Inc, approval of Fire Fighter Dale Johnson, approval of Fire Dept appointments: Fire Chief, Aaron Clemons; Secretary, Steve Pence; 1st Assistant, Rick Walcott; 2nd Assistant, Mike Rogers; and Mechanic, Brandon Jones, Resolution 01-23-3193 approving the hire and setting wage for EMS employee, Resolution 01-23-3184 approving the merit increase for Dennis Dickenson, and Resolution 01-23-3185, Authorizing Transfers. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Drake, Kramer, Jones, Morton, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the citizen comment period and there were none.

The council reviewed the claims and council member Morton motioned, seconded by Drake, to approve Resolution 01-23-3186, to approve the monthly claims. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, May Jr, and Jones; “nays”: Kramer; “absent”: none. Motion carried. Since the financial report was not ready at the time of the council meeting, Jerry Kramer was voting no on the claims.

Resolution 01-23-3189, authorizing Mayor to sign agreement with Drake Baade was next. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Drake to approve Resolution 01-23-3189. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, Jones, May Jr, and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. He will start school at Hawkeye in March.

Next was Resolution 01-23-3191, adopting policy governing concealed weapons for the City of Eldora employees. Some of the EMS employees have felt threatened on some calls. Someone wanting to carry while at work will have to take a class with the police department. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Morton to approve Resolution 01-23-3191. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Morton, Kramer, Drake, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Council member Morton motioned to approve to continue to pursue a joint merger with Ackley EMS, seconded by May Jr. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, May Jr, Kramer, Jones, and Drake; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

There is an Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program available to apply for and Resolution 01-23-3192, pledging cost share/match of Non-Federal funds in the amount equal to not less than five percent of the grant award was voted on next. The grant paperwork is due February 10, 2023, and would be used to replace the tender truck. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Kramer to approve Resolution 01-23-3192 and the finance committee will follow up with the grant. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Kramer, Jones, May Jr, and Drake; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

The last resolution was 01-23-3194, approving the training expense reimbursement agreement between the City of Eldora and EMS employee. The cost of this course is 950.00, much lower than the Mercy course of 1,500.00. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 01-23-3194. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Drake, May Jr, and Morton; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1) and 22.7(3) and council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Morton. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Morton, May Jr, Drake, and Jones; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. Closed session started at 6:35pm. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the closed session and council member Jones so moved, seconded by Morton. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Morton, Kramer, Drake, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. Closed session closed and went in open session at 7:05pm. There was no action taken after the closed session.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Carey Morton said there is an EMS essential meeting next week. Aaron said the Harrison building is coming along. They need an electric easement, sheet rock is done, two apartment will be ready in May and WIC, Satuci, and MICA are looking at the lower level of the building as a rental option. 82% of the FEMA training is completed. City Hall might have an active shooting drill later. There will be a Mayor meeting next week with Ackley, Hubbard, Steamboat Rock, and Eldora meeting in Eldora City Hall.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 7.15pm.

ATTEST:

David W. Dunn, Mayor

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk