

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
January 14, 2020 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Greg Priske, Melody Hoy, Cindy Johns and Blake Jones were present. Also, present were City Attorney Erika Allen, Chandra Kyte, Jerry Kramer, Matt Rezab, Sarah Carson, Rick Patrie, Julie Duhn, Angela De La Riva, Jamie & Matt Witham, Brandon Butler, Kelly Haskin, Mike Ludwigs and Jose Velasco.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 859 adding Chapter 144 for Property Maintenance to the City Code. Council member Hoy so motioned, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Jones, Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:03pm. Julie Duhn was asking if a copy of the new chapter would be available and one would be at City Hall.

The Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing on Ordinance 859, and Council member Hoy so motioned, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Johns, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:05pm.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the December 10th & 23rd minutes, the monthly claims and financials, claims for the City of Eldora, Community Garden, Veterans Memorial and Memorial Park, approval of fire department officers, approval of theater board members, approval of the council appointment to committees, approval of Dollar General Store liquor license and Resolution 01-20-2853 authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Johns and Jones; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Julie Duhn was concerned on some ordinance being passed at one meeting and not letting the citizens have time to review the changes. The mayor said important changes are not voted and passed at one meeting, but the minor changes are. Mike Ludwigs introduced the new police officer Jose Velasco. He is already Iowa State certified and has been a policeman at Cedar Falls.

Resolution 01-20-2860, Resolution approving of full-time police officer Jose Velasco. Jose is already State certified and started January 13th. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Resolution 01-20-2860. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Angela De La Riva came and spoke on economic development in Hardin County. She offered her services to the City of Eldora. She could help write grants. She told about the Home Base Iowa program that will post job for veterans. There will be no cost for the City to post on this system. She had given the City a sample resolution to review and bring back to the next meeting for passage after the council reviews it.

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 860, Chapter 46 Minors. This ordinance is to change the purchasing age of cigarettes from 18 to 21. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Ordinance

860, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Johns and Hoy; “nays”: Jones; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. Council member Hoy motioned to wave the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 860, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Jones and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. Council member Hoy motioned to approve final reading and passage of Ordinance 860, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, Jones and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 861, Chapter 121 Cigarette Permits. This ordinance is to change the purchasing age of cigarettes from 18 to 21. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Ordinance 861, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. Council member Johns motioned to wave the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 861, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. Council member Hoy motioned to approve final reading and passage of Ordinance 861, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 859, Chapter 144 Property Maintenance Code. This ordinance is adding a chapter to the Eldora Code. The chapter will establish a minimum standard of maintenance in Eldora. This ordinance was discussed last month, and the City attorney will review it again before final passage. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Ordinance 859, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Johns, Hoy and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Resolution 01-20-2859, Resolution approving the six months’ pay increase for Jamie Witham. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Resolution 01-20-2859, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Jones and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Resolution 01-20-2855, Resolution approving use of LOST for EMS HVAC system. Their current system will keep the building between 55-60 degree, depending on the outside temperature. The finance committee toured the EMS and reviewed four difference HVAC bids and recommend the bid from Whink to replace the HVAC system. They also recommend an additional \$1,000.00 from LOST for electrical work needed with the HVAC system. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Resolution 01-20-2855, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Resolution 01-20-2858, Resolution approving the purchases of sewer pumps. In the 20/21 FY, the sewer plant is replacing the 7 large pumps that were new in 2005. These pumps have been rebuilt 2 or 3 times already. By placing the order now, the City can save 25% on the cost and the payment can be made after July 1, 2020. The other 8 pumps have less hours on them and would need to be replaced in 5-7 years. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Resolution 01-20-2858. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Resolution 01-20-2860, Resolution to approve the personnel policy changes. The proposed change will be the residence and commute requirement. The change would be that the department heads and City administrator would live in town and other emergency personnel would reside within 20 miles. The council discussed if 20 miles was too far out for some departments. The police may need to be closer to town in case they were to be called in. They also discussed that some candidates

have been passed over due to the residence requirement. Council member Jones motion to approve Resolution 01-20-2860. There was not a second for the resolution and no other action was taken.

Alliant Energy is needing an easement agreement from the City to add power lines to the Mediacom building at the Clinic. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Priske to give the mayor permission to sign the easement agreement with Alliant Energy. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Priske, Hoy and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The City sold an old 1966 Chevy that does not run or has not ran for over 15 years. Council Member Jones motioned, seconded by Hoy, to give the Mayor permission to sign the title over to the new owner. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Priske and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The fire department applied for a grant from the DNR to cover half of some wildfire equipment and the other half will be paid from the Fire Trust account. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to give the Mayor permission to sign the grant paperwork for the fire department. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Johns and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Melody Hoy said the finance committee will be meeting January 23, 27 & 28 to review the budget. Maggie Vanderwilt would like to have a meeting with the park & rec. committee to discuss the playground equipment at Memorial Park. Greg Priske enjoyed the tour of the EMS building and glad to see they will be getting a new HVAC system. Cindy Johns was checking on the updating process for agendas, resolutions and ordinances on the website. She would also like to check with Grundy Center and see how they run things without a city administrator. Blake Jones stated the ad for a new city administrator has been posted in the Ames paper, online, Iowa Workforce, on clerknet and the grapevine. They would like to find a manager and start the first part of March. He also mentioned if Jamie Witham would move to fulltime, some of the 28E agreement would cover her wages and Trust & Agency would cover the benefits. The council also mention they would like to see progress reports on code enforcements each month. Jamie said she has been giving David Mitchell weekly report and did not know they were not passed on to the council. The mayor said the Greenbelt Home Care is looking to hire a new director. Recover Health is interested in taking over service done by Greenbelt. A new 28E Agreement for Greenbelt Home Care is in the works.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk