

Council Workshop
February 4, 2020 – 5:00pm

Eldora City Council meet with Mayor Dunn presiding, also attending was the Finance Committee. Present were council members Aaron Budweg, Melody Hoy, Cindy Johns, Greg Priske and Blake Jones. Also, present were Chandra Kyte, Jerry Kramer and Kelly Haskin.

Melody reviewed with the council the Finance Committee meeting notes. They discussed raising the franchise fee from 2% to 2 ½ or 3%. A ½% increase would bring in about \$25,000 in revenue. In the police department they reviewed the leasing of the vehicles. They could give the street department the truck and let the code enforcement use the car. With the adding of the 5th officer the OT in the department should decrease some. The fire department had a 40K request for equipment and the council would see if that amount could be reduced one turnout gear and a two SCBA. They would need to check to see if the township were at the max levy yet. Alliant has a grant program the fire department could apply for. Park & Rec took out ½ of the cost of a new truck. The Sons of American Legion could help with replacing the flags at the Veteran Memorial when they are needed. Someone is coming next week to look at the pool's boiler system. The boiler is about 14 years old and the life span is about 10 years. Currently Jamie wages is all coming out of the general fund but if she moves to full time her wage would be split 50/50 with blight. For now, she will be kept at part time. In trust & agency the health care cost could see a 12% increase over last year. The park trust will have some cracks to seal at the tennis court and the playground committee would like some help this spring setting up the play equipment. The fire trust currently does not charge for emergency rescue fee, just for fires. The library had an electrical control box issue they hope is fixed so should have lower electric bills. EMS has changed to 24 hours shifts for the full-time employee. They have 12 hours of wage pay and 12 hours of on call pay. The cemetery will be ok for equipment this year but will be spraying for weeds this year. They discussed raising the plot fee from \$300 to \$500. The street department revenue is based on the population of Eldora. They have trees in the parking to remove and more to come with the Ash trees. They also discussed the large trees left at the sewer plant by tree movers. You can not burn them and the cost to grind them will be about 10K. The City could put a fence around the site and charge a fee to dump trees there. LOST revenue will increase with Norby now in town and the online sales. Blight could be acquiring 3 more properties this year. The fire department can burn two houses a year. Water department discussed the water line at snake alley and by the county shop. They will be doing the GIS and 7 pumps at the wastewater treatment plant. They discussed Kelly's retirement and who would be replacing him and what kind of training they would need. Kelly also had a truck budgeted in for half in water and half in sewer. Sewer also has part of the GIS cost. They discussed a storm water fee on the water bill. There is currently about 1,100 water bills sent a month and a flat fee or a fee based on size could be added.

Mayor David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

David W Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk