

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 2021 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call or Zoom in the council chambers due to the Governor's State of Public Health Disaster, eliminating groups of more than 50% capacity and social distancing.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Greg Priske and Melody Hoy were present at the council meeting along with and City Administrator Aaron Budweg and Chandra Kyte. Blake Jones, Cindy Johns, and City Attorney Erika Allen were present by Zoom. Also, present were Pauline Lloyd, Taylor Koppes, Jerry Kramer, Kelly Haskin, Sarah Carson, Matthew Rezab, Jamie Witham, Gary Kolfoid, 515-707-8729 and an iPhone.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayor David Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the consent agenda without the Storey Kenworthy bill. The consent agenda approved consisted of the January 5, 6, 7, 12, 14, 16, 21 and February 2 minutes, monthly claims and financials, approval of liquor license for Dollar General and Backwoods Gallery LLC and Resolution 02-21-2923 authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Johns and Jones; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Gary Kofoid wanted to thank the council for their time and service to Eldora. Pauline Lloyd was requesting that the City pass a mask requirement for the City of Eldora. Since the Governor has lifted the mask requirement, she has seen people in the gas stations and grocery stores without mask. Not everyone has received the Covid-19 shot yet, so she thought the City could extend the mask requirement a few months until more have gotten their shot. Since she is the caregiver for her husband, she would not want to get sick. Des Moines has passed a mask requirement and if needed to, she would drive to Des Moines to get fuel and groceries.

The Mayor introduced Resolution 02-21-2924 Resolution setting hearing date for appointment of council member. With Aaron Budweg resigning from the council, the council will be appointing his replacement at the March 9th meeting. This appointment will fill out the remaining term ending December 31, 2021. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Resolution 02-21-2924. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Johns, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced a letter of support for HF 216. HF 216 would provide State funds to help remove old school buildings. The County and the school are also in support of this House File. It was asked if the building was a historical building and to best of Aaron knowledge it was not but could check on it. Melody thought 10-12 years ago the build could have been save but now it is too late. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to give the Mayor permission to sign the letter of support for HF 216. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Jones and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council next discussed the current loan for the ambulance at HCSB dated January 2019. The balance due is about \$85,000.00 and the EMS has been receiving the GEMT payments

this year so, they have extra funds on hand. The council did not want to use of the cash on hand to pay off the loans at this time. They do have funds in saving and in CD, but the CD would have a penalty for early withdraw of the funds. The council approved to make a \$50,000.00 payment now and will review the balance when the next payment is due in June 2021. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to make a \$50,000.00 payment on the loan at Hardin County Saving Bank. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; “absent”; none. Motion carried.

The City owns two properties on 15th Avenue. The council discussed on best way to sell these two properties. The end game plan is to have the blight removed and the properties back on the tax roll. The council discussed a grant or loan to help cover the cost to take down the building and having a time frame to finish the project. The City has put these properties up for sale before with no one bidding on them. She thought with the financial help, they would get some bids this time. The council discussed between 4 and 7 thousand as a grant incentive for each property. The City had a bid of about 9K each to remove the buildings plus there would be additional cost of disconnecting the water and sewer. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to place 1607 and 1609 15th Avenue up for sealed bids, with no minimum bid requirement and up to a \$6,000.00 grant to help remove and level the property, to be completed within 6 months. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; “absent”; none. Motion carried. The bids are due at City Hall by Monday March 8th by 4:00pm.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Aaron thanked everyone for the warm welcome, he has met with most of the department heads and will be sending calendar requests to the council members. Cindy welcomed Aaron and asked if he was on the bank signature cards yet. Greg said that Dee has gotten her pool certificate and is working on getting lifeguards line up for the summer. Melody also welcomed Aaron and glad to see the position filled. She would like to see the police monthly and annual reports. Gary Kolfoid asked Aaron if he would have an open door policy and Aaron said yes, he has been getting calls all week from citizens.

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

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk