

Eldora City Council
Special Council Meeting
February 26, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Special Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members present were Aaron Budweg, Greg Priske, Blake Jones, and Melody Hoy. Also, present were City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Jerry Kramer, Rick Patrie and Matt Rezab.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The first item on the agenda was Greenbelt Home Care. The City of Eldora is 25% owner in Greenbelt Home Care and they were looking for some monetary support from the City for the 2019-2020 year. They are seeking \$75,000 for health insurance. This would raise the tax rate up by about \$1.27. Another option would be to give Greenbelt Home Care free rent at the clinic. Julie Towne has said that they like the space and would sign an extended lease, up to 10 years. Melody reported that the finance committee met earlier and discussed the same options and voted not to give the \$75,000 health insurance support. The City may have to support the ambulance in the future and the council thought between the two entities the City could only be able to support one of them. The council decided to withdraw from ownership in Greenbelt Home Care. Council member Hoy motioned to withdraw from being 25% owner in Greenbelt Home Care, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Hoy, Priske and Jones; "nays": none; absent: John. Motion carried. Dave Mitchell will let Greenbelt Home Care know the City's intent.

Dave Mitchell gave a presentation on the 2019-2020 City Budget. Dave reviewed each fund's revenues and expenses with the council and answered questions that came up. Some of the highlights are the option of changing the LOST from a 70/30 split to a 60/40 split which would need a vote in November by the City of Eldora. (Capital Improvement/Community Projects) A Trust & Agency surplus was used to lower the taxes by \$75,000. The pool may need a new boiler this year and if needed the money will come out of LOST. If all 28E Agreements are in place Jamie Kolthoff wages will be split between General & Blight. If not, then her wage will all come out of General. A balance was left in General in case this happens. The clinic is running at a loss with the EMS moving out. New renter will need to be found. Without the ambulance loan payment, the EMS would be running at a break even. With Iowa Falls starting their own EMS service, the Eldora EMS would get less transfers. By April the EMS should have a better idea of revenue/expenses for the coming year. The street department will cash in their CD's to help pay for the last DOT loan payment. The only TIF revenue will be for Anderson Dentistry and will be rebated to them. They discussed the current health insurance split of 7% / 93% (employee/employer). The Union Contract is up June 2020 and they discussed changing the split. After the council meeting the budget will be finalized and published. There will be a public hearing on March 12th at 6:00 in the Council Chamber and Dave will review the budget for the public.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Hoy so moved, meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk