

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
April 9, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

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

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by John to approve. The consent agenda consisted of the March 12<sup>th</sup> minutes, the monthly claims and financials, the approval of Vince Lukehart to the Eldora Fire Department and tree trimming license for Affordable Tree Service. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Jones, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and there were none.

Resolution 04-19-2796, Resolution approving application for tax exemption under the Urban Revitalization Ordinance of the City of Eldora – Jack Brekke storage units. New storage units were added to the property and the Urban Revitalization will exempt the increased assessed tax value at the rate of; year 1 at 100%, year 2 at 75%, year 3 at 50%, year 4 at 30% and year 5 at 15%. Council member John motioned to approve Resolution 04-19-2796, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: John, Hoy, Budweg, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 04-19-2798, Resolution approving application for tax exemption under the Urban Revitalization Ordinance of the City of Eldora – David Hoyt new construction. A new home and garage were added at Dole Drive and the Urban Revitalization will exempt the increased assessed tax value at the same rate as above. Council member Priske motioned to approve Resolution 04-19-2798, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, John, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 4-19-2794, Resolution regarding Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) excess money. The LOST account loaned the TIF account \$201,000 until the tax revenue came in. TIF repaid \$41,000 in 2018 and \$73,785.30 in 2019 for a total of \$114,785.30. The City’s auditor would like this LOST money to be used to pay for past Blight capital expenses. Blight’s current fund balance is (\$185,082.54) as of March 31, 2019. With the \$114,785.00 applied to Blight, their new balance will be (\$70,297.54) as of March 31, 2019. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Resolution 04-19-2794, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Jones, Hoy, John and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Next the council discussed the current fireworks ordinance. Some council members have had calls from citizens about the upcoming firework season. They are concerned about the debris left on their property from the fireworks, them being shot outside of the set hour and being shot outside the set days. They are also concerned with the noise. When the police are called, the person is usually gone by the time they get there or can't be found in the area of complaint. Not every citizen is going to follow the City's rules on fireworks. The council will be leaving the fireworks days and times the same as last year but will post more notices to inform citizens on the days, times, and types of fireworks allowed within the City's limits.

Mayor Dunn introduced Resolution 04-19-2797, Resolution setting the Public Hearing date to sell real property. The City has seven properties they are putting up for bids. They are:

- 1) 1425 Washington Street
- 2) 1315 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 3) 1609 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 4) 1901 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 5) 1607 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 6) 1504 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 7) 1518 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Property 3 was discussed on if it could be repaired, the roof was newer. The council thought the house was beyond repair and needed to be torn down. They also said that what one's person idea of repair work may not be the same as someone's else. So on property 3 & 5 the buildings must be torn down and back fill within 6 months of purchase or the City will do it and assess the property. On property 7, the building must be repaired or torn down and back filled within 6 months or the City will tear down and back filled and assess the property. The bidder on property 7 would need to submit a plan with their bid. Property 1 the council knows they will not get all their money back from the purchase of the building. They will be selling the building only and leave the parking lot with the City. The bidder will need to submit a plan along with their bid. The council also discussed an Economic Loan for property 1 as a possible incentive. The council would like to keep the bidders who submitted a plan and timeline for property 1, 3, 5 & 7 to their timeline and track the progress. All property will be sold as is with no abstract or title but with a quit claim deed. Interested parties can call City Hall to find out the bidding requirements. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 04-19-2797. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, John, Budweg and Jones; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Public Hearing for the selling of these properties will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and the bids have to be in at City Hall by May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

Kum & Go paid their tobacco violation fine and Hy-Vee used their Affirmative Defense for their violation. Council member Budweg motioned to accept Kum & Go's fine and

Acknowledgment Agreement and give the Mayor authority to sign the Acceptance Agreement, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Priske, John and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Budweg motioned to accept Hy-Vee’s Affirmative Defense and give the Mayor authority to sign the Acceptance Agreement, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Budweg, John and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. This is the first offence for both Kum & GO and Hy-Vee.

Resolution 04-19-2795, Resolution establishing City investment policy. The State of Iowa changed their numbering system and this resolution changes Section 452.10(1) to Section 12B.10(1). Everything else stays the same. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 04-19-2795. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, John, Hoy, Jones and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report. Council member Jones updated on the personal committee and are looking at updating the City’s handbook. Greg Priske has given the community garden some extra tools and a cart for their project.

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

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk