

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
April 13, 2021 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call or Zoom in the council chambers.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Cindy Johns, Jerry Kramer, Melody Hoy, and Greg Priske were present at the council meeting along with and City Administrator Aaron Budweg and Chandra Kyte. City Attorney Erika Allen was present by Zoom. Also, present were Tina John, Aaron Clemons, Sarah Carson, Kelly Haskin, Nicole Low, Rebekah Cullinan, Matt Rezab, Jamie Witham, Amanda, Bentley, and an iPhone either by Zoom or in the council chamber.

The Mayor asked for the Fire Dept washer and dryer purchase, Proclamation for Neurofibromatosis Awareness and Budweg Enterprise LLC Economic Development payment be moved to the consent agenda. The council wanted the financial claims and Resolution 4-21-2934 pulled from the consent agenda. The Fire department will use part of their 21-22 equipment budget to pay for the balance of the washer/drier after the grant money. Cindy spoke on Neurofibromatosis and gave the council a short history of the disease. The Mayor then asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the March 9th & 29th minutes, financials, approval of plumbing license for Morts Water Company, City's Driving Policy, Tree Trimming license for Grass Masters Lawn & Landscaping Service LLC, Resolution 04-21-2933, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign separation agreement, Resolution 04-21-2935 Resolution establishing street closing for the Hardin County Fair parade, approval of Scott Humphrey and Terry Portz to the Board of Adjustment, the rescind of the Proclamation of Emergency dated 3-16-20 and the City will now follow the State guidelines, Resolution 03-21-2935 Resolution authorizing transfers (February) and Resolution 04-21-2936, Resolution authorizing transfers (March). Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Priske, Hoy, Johns, and Jones; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Tina John wanted to thank the street department for trimming up the low branches on Hwy 175.

The council went back to the pulled consent items. They asked for some more clarification on a few bills. Blake Jones, Kelly Haskin, and Jamie Witham gave answers for them. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske, to approve the monthly claims. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Priske, Jones, Johns, and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 04-21-2934, Resolution approving wage adjustment for Brandon Jones was reviewed. The council discussed the timing of the wage adjustment, they are in the process of a Union Contract and may want to wait till after the Union Contract is completed. They discussed the responsibilities of this position and the training needed. Brandon will be taking water/sewer classes to get his water and sewer grade levels. They reviewed the letter of agreement with Brandon Jones and added the beginning wage to the letter. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 04-21-2934. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Priske and Jones; "nays": Johns and Hoy; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City Ordinance sets the water and sewer rates increase at 5% yearly unless it is lowered by resolution. Resolution 04-21-2937, Resolution setting water rate increase for fiscal year 2021-2022 will set it at 4% for next year. And Resolution 04-21-2938, Resolution setting sewer rate increase for fiscal year 2021-2022 will set it at 2% for the next year. Both these rates will start July 1, 2021. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 04-21-2937. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Hoy, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Kramer, to approve Resolution 04-21-2938. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Kramer, Priske, Hoy and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 873 to amend the sewer service charged was pulled by Kelly Haskins so he can update the rates and amend the chapter just once.

Ordinance 874 will amend Chapter 101, Storm Water. The rates will go up \$0.25 starting July 1, 2021. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Ordinance 874 first reading. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Jones, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 875 amends Chapter 75, All-Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles. This change will allow the police chief to give a special permit for ATV for special events within the City. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Ordinance 875 first reading. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske, to suspend the rule requiring that ordinance 875 be read at two meeting after this one. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Johns, Jones, and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Hoy, to hold the final reading and passage of Ordinance 875. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Hoy, Priske, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The Park & Rec Committee met and recommended to the council that the flag student Sully Goodell design have “Eldora, Home of Pine Lake” added to the water tower. Troy McDonald of Eagle Sport Motor said we would donate the money to purchase the first flag. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske, to approve the flag with the words added to the water tower. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Priske, Hoy, Johns, and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The property at 1906 15th Avenue has not had any interest in it and the City will be removing the house. They will be awarding the bid to Gehrke Inc. It will be cheaper to have Gehrke remove the house than burning the house and the expenses associated with it. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to award the bid to Gehrke Inc. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the Eldora Garden MOU and Nicole Low wanted the MOU to clarify that the excess funds will be held in the City of Eldora’s, Eldora Garden account. It states now it will be held in the City of Eldora account. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske, to approve the adjusted MOU and have the Mayor sign it. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Hoy, Johns, and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City is working on getting bids to repaint the pool, reseal the cedar wood at the pool and place new lighting at the pool. The paint will need 7 days to cure, so they would like to get this project started. The pool will need to be power washed first. Steinfeldt Painting received the bid for painting and resealing for the pool. Musco lighting received the bid for the lighting project. The infrastructure is already in place and Musco does have the supplies needed on hand. With Hubbard and Union being closed this year, the Eldora pool could be busier this year. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to award the pooling painting and resealing to Steinfeldt Painting. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Hoy, Kramer and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to award the lighting project to Musco Lighting. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Priske, Hoy and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Both of these projects will be paid by a bequest the City received.

The City will hold a City Wide Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 29th. This year citizen will need to bring their items to the pool parking lot on Saturday, May 29th. DK Custom Cleaning & Refurb will also be at the pool that day to take scrap metal and appliances, you will need to call them at 515-269-3166 to set an appointment time.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Aaron Budweg said they will be meeting next week for the Iowa Ride, Tracy Morlan traded a sign for the Eldora Garden for vegetables this year, the City should receive around \$300K for a Covid grant and RUT should see some Covid money also. They will be starting the police chief interviews, Friends of Park & Rec are looking at some fund raisers, the pool has 18 lifeguards so far, the driving policy is being worked on and volunteer week is next week and want to thank all those who volunteer and help out the City.

Greg Priske said the Park & Rec committee has been reviewing the painting and light projects, the pool setting up and the Eldora Garden. They also discussed renting the showers and towels for the Iowa Ride. Jerry Kramer said the personnel committee are planning to meet twice a month for the rest of the year. Blake Jones said the street & alley committed review the main breaks this year and the patch work need to repair them. They reviewed the sidewalk code and were looking at recommending a sidewalk to the pool on 14th Avenue. Kelly Haskin said the company installing the meters have an opening in June to start and the billing will still be in July. Aaron Clemons said the fire department received a grant for \$9,780.00 from Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation to help with the washer and dryer purchase.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

ATTEST:

David W. Dunn, Mayor

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk