

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
May 14, 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 Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Mike Ludwigs, Rick Patrie, Curt Crosser, Troy McDonald, Grace Kadolph, Marianne Gatton, Thomas & Michelle Lorenzen, Don Lauchner, Jim Lantz, Matt Rezab, Brian & Susan Collins, Catherine Hurd, Carson Lutterman, Maggie Vander Wilt, Tim Hoy and Steve Pence.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Budweg, Priske, Jones and John; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The public hearing open at 6:05pm. David Mitchell listed the four properties that received bids. 1425 Washington Street received one bid from Troy McDonald for \$2,500.00. Troy would be moving his business Eagle Motorsports to this building. He said the south garage door entry was steep and he would like to add a garage door to the north side of the building and get half of the parking lot with the building. The council is just selling the building and leaving the parking lot as a public parking lot. Troy would be putting in between 40-80k over 3 years into the building. The City would sell this building with a development agreement. 1315 19th Avenue received three bids and Thomas Lorenzen was the top bidder with \$300.00. The other two bids were Trever Fisher at \$100.00 and Deb Crosser/Tracy Morlan at \$100.00. Thomas & Michelle live next door to the property. 1901 14th Avenue had received two bids and Susan Collins was the high bidder at \$1,000.00. The other bidder was Loretta Manship at \$500.00. Susan Collins lives next door to the property. 1504 6th Avenue has one bidder and Curt Crosser had the bid with \$100.00. Curt also owns the property next to this one. There being no other comments, Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: "ayes": John, Budweg, Priske, Hoy and Jones; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 6:16pm.

Resolution 05-19-2799, Resolution to sell properties was introduced. Properties at 1315 19th Avenue, 1901 14th Avenue and 1504 6th Avenue will be sold with a quit claim deed and the property at 1425 Washington Street will be sold with a quit claim deed also pending the completion of a real estate development agreement. Council member Budweg motion, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 05-19-2799. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, John, Jones, Priske and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to approve. The consent agenda consisted of the April 9th, 17th and 28th minutes and the May 1st minutes, the monthly claims and financials, tree trimming

license for Avery's Tree Service, liquor license for Eldora Firehouse Saloon & Grill, Kum & Go LC, Hy-Vee Food Store and Fareway Stores Inc. Also, cigarette permits for Hy-Vee Store and Casey's General Stores Inc. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Priske, Jones, Hoy and John; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Catherine Hurd and Tina John spoke. Catherine Hurd had a comment on the City Administrator's article in the Eldora Herald Ledger dated April 30, 2019. She thought the article was hateful and should have been written better. She enjoys living in Eldora and was upset by the article. She knows the Council, Mayor and City Administrator's job is a difficult one and a thankless one but she would like to thank everyone for their work done for the City. Tina John said the Welcome Center will open Memorial Weekend. They will be doing the "Eldora Rocks" again this year. It went over well last year with some of the rocks ending up across Iowa and a few in Minnesota. June 8th they will be host a stop for the Run Across Iowa event and will provide drinks and snacks. Tina gave a handout on the expenses to repair the caboos. Some of the cost will be paid by donations raised, some have donated time or supplies and they will still need to raise about \$1,600.00 to finish the project. They will be needing some new white rock around the train tracks. They have had a 9x4 mural on dry wall cut down to make it lighter so they can hang it in the Welcome Center. This fall they will have a RR luncheon and will be videoing it for historical purposes. The EACC has moved into the upstairs level of the Welcome Center.

Maggie Vander Wilt from the WINGS sorority gave the council a presentation on their vision for the play equipment on the south end of Memorial Park. They would like to replace the equipment and are working with Landscape Structures Inc of Ames. Landscape Structures Inc of Ames built the Steamboat Rock playground for around 80K. Some of the Memorial Park equipment is broken or outdated and does not meet safety requirements. The cost is estimated to be around \$98,000.00. They plan to apply for grants to total about 35-40K, the Haunted Hospital and local businesses would be approached for donations and personal donations would also be sought. They hope to get the school involved in the process. The play equipment would be north of the Vet Memorial. The Garden Committee would like some of the old playground equipment and would safely repurpose at the Garden. Aaron Budweg said they could check with the Hardin County Supervisors since the park is across from the fairgrounds and they may have some funds for this project. They would like to have the dedication for the new park equipment in September 2020.

Resolution 05-19-2800, Resolution renewing contract for cleaning service and web maintenance to Jamie Kolthoff. Jamie has been cleaning City Hall for the past year and has been the City's web consultant since switching to the new website. Jamie has taken a full-time position with the Hardin County Sheriff. She would update the website on the weekends when she is doing the cleaning. We would keep her email active so updates could be sent to

her for the website. The new contract will be on a month to month basis. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 05-19-2800. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, John, Hoy, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-19-2801, Resolution setting the public notice of public hearing for the proposed FY 2018-2019 budget amendment and providing for publication of same. The public hearing will be set for May 28th at 6:15pm. At this time the budget amendments will be reviewed. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Resolution 05-19-2801, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, John, Priske, Budweg and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-19-2802, Resolution approving the hiring and setting wages for Michelle Lauchner as a part-time theater department employee. The theater board had hired and set the wages for Michelle. Council member Budweg motioned to approve Resolution 05-19-2802, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Budweg, Priske, John and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-19-2803, Resolution establishing street closing for the Hardin County Fair Parade. The parade will be the same route as last year and will be Wednesday July 10th. Council member John motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 05-19-2803. Roll call vote: “ayes”: John, Priske, Jones, Hoy and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-19-2804, Resolution setting the public hearing date of to vacate and dispose of a portion of the right-of-way of 14th Avenue in Eldora, Hardin County, Iowa. The public hearing date is set for May 28th at 6:00pm. Council member John motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 05-19-2804. Roll call vote: “ayes”: John, Priske, Budweg, Hoy and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-19-2805, Resolution approving claim for payment for Ritland+Kuiper Landscape Architects for work at Memorial Park. The City has pledged \$19,000.00 for the project and with invoice #5, the total amount paid so far is \$17,875.00. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 05-19-2805. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Hoy, Budweg and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Rick Petrie is retiring this month and the City gave Rick a certificate of appreciation for his service to the City of Eldora.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report and the Council members gave their communications at this time. Greg Priske would like to see the City help the Welcome Center with the balance of the cost of \$1,600.00 to repair and work on the train. He said it is the

first thing you see when you enter into Eldora from the east. The council also discussed Greenbelt Home Care. The County has withdrawn from making them part of the County at this time. The City's notice to withdraw from GHC needed to be 180 days before their fiscal year end on June 30 of the current year. The City was not in time and will have to resend notice 180 days before June 30, 2020 if they would like to withdraw.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk