

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
June 8, 2021 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call, Zoom or 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, City Attorney Erika Allen, and Chandra Kyte. Also, present were Andrew Freese, Maile Carter, Kelly Haskin, Nick Hassebrock, Matt Rezab, Pat McKenna, Anthony Schrad, Elaine, and Call-in User-1 either by Zoom or in the council chamber.

Mayor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the May 3rd & 13th minutes, the April 22nd & May 27th Revolving Loan minutes, the Revolving Loan application, monthly claims, financial for April, approval Ryan Kaufman to the Eldora Fire Dept, approval of cigarette permits for Fareway Stores Inc. Dollar General and Hy-Vee Food Store, liquor license for Eldora Firehouse Saloon & Grill. Fareway Stores Inc and Eldora Rotary Club, the appointment of Gina Baraka to the Personnel Committee and Carey Callaway to Finance Committee, Resolution 05-21-2941, Resolution for wage adjustment for Vince Lukehart, Resolution 06-21-2955, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Joint 911 Service Board Bylaws, Resolution 06-21-2952, Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to sign the contract with NIC Iowa, Resolution 05-21-2942, Resolution setting wage for Fire Fighters and Resolution 06-21-2942, Resolution authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Johns, Jones, Priske and Kramer; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 873, amending Chapter 99, Sewer Service Charge. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Hoy, to approve second reading of Ordinance 873. The sewer service fee was set to increase from \$8.00 to \$10.00 starting July 1, 2021, but this ordinance change will only increase it to \$8.50. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Hoy, Jones, Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Kramer motioned to suspend the rule requiring the ordinance to be voted on for passage at a third meeting, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Hoy, Johns, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Hoy motioned to hold final passage and adoption of Ordinance 873, seconded by Kramer. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Kramer, Priske, Jones and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council discussed hiring Ahlers & Cooney PC to review the City's handbook and to give the council a presentation on decorum. They will present the dos & don'ts for the Council and committees. The Council received earlier this year the 2020 Council Handbook but thought this would be a good refresher and could be tailored more for the City. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve the hiring of Ahlers & Cooney PC. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Johns, Hoy, and Kramer; "nays": Priske; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2954, Resolution to close a portion of the City parking lot on July 16-17, 2021, for the Iowa Ride. The City will block off a portion of the parking lot behind the American Legion for addition setting during the Iowa Ride. Most of parking lot will remain open along with Love-A-Latte drive thru. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 06-21-2954. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Kramer, Priske, Johns and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2956, Resolution approving the hiring and setting wages for Thomas Harrell as a full-time street department employee. Thomas has filled a vacancy and started May 27, 2021. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 06-21-2956. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Priske, Hoy and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2957, Resolution approving the hiring and setting wages for Joseph Murphy as a full-time water department employee. Joseph has filled a vacancy and started May 28, 2021. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 06-21-2957. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Priske, Hoy and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2958, Resolution approving the hiring and setting wages for Nancy Miller as a substitute librarian employee. Nancy was approved by the Library Board last year but did not start due to Covid-19 until this year. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Hoy, to approve Resolution 06-21-2958. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Johns, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2959, Resolution approving variance to noise ordinance, park regulations and alcohol consumption for the Eldora Iowa Ride Committee on July 16,17 & 18, 2021 from noon Friday July 16 to noon Sunday July 18 at the City Twister Park with the use of City barricades and picnic tables. The City will allow alcohol consumption on the City streets and sidewalk as long as they do not make a disturbance. You still cannot operate a vehicle while drinking or intoxicated. Those causing a disturbance or operating a vehicle will be arrested. This will allow the police to patrol the event more efficiently. As of now the Eldora Police plan on handling the event themselves. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 06-21-2959. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, and Kramer; “nays”: Hoy and Priske; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2960, Resolution for setting fines for violation of fireworks ordinance. Erika Allen worked with Anthony Schrad to set the fee for setting of fireworks without a permit within the City’s limits. It will be \$250.00 for first offence, \$500.00 for second offence and \$750.00 for 3rd and subsequent offense. It still could be difficult to catch who shot off the firework and the police mentioned that a homeowner could submit a photo or video of the event for evidence. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 06-21-2960. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Jones, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2961, Resolution authorizing and directing the city clerk to write-off a revolving loan account as uncollectible. At the Revolving Loan Committee meeting, the Eldora Flower & Gifts LLC loan was deemed as uncollectable. Council member Jones

motioned, seconded by Hoy, to approve Resolution 06-21-2961. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Johns, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2962, Resolution setting date for Public Hearing on easement. Eldora SC LLC would like a three foot easement from the alley next to their building. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 06-21-2962. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Jones Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2963, Resolution amending employee handbook. The council will change the handbook for a newly hired police officer will be required to live within twenty miles of Eldora. This handbook change will be review in a year and if changed the police officer under this rule will be grandfathered in. This will help with recruiting process. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 06-21-2963. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, and Kramer; “nays”: Hoy and Priske; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2964, Resolution setting EMS on call pay. The on call pay will change from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per hour. Both the public safety and finance committees reviewed the on call pay. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 06-21-2964. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Kramer, Priske and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City would like to get City Hall painted before June 30th. The City had three companies look at the job and received two bids. The council decided to award the upstairs to Steinfeldt Painting and the downstairs to Andy’s Paint & Decorate. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to award the painting contract to Steinfeldt Painting for upstairs and Andy’s Paint & Decorate for downstairs. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Johns, Priske and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The cemetery is replacing the 2010 Grasshopper mower and received three bids. They will be getting a Simplicity Citation mower from Ken’s Repair in Ackley. The old lawnmower had no trade in value and will be moved to a different department. The Simplicity mower is on hand and comes with a 4 year/400 hour warranty. It will have a better suspension on it and the cemetery has uneven ground, so they are hoping for a smoother ride. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to award mower bid to Ken’s Repair. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Hoy, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council receive two firework permits. From Steve Gehrke for July 4th and J & M Displays Inc for July 16th. Both will be shot off from 1611 3rd Street Place. Since the council meets once a month, they thought that the permit could be approved at City Hall and added to the list for the council. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Kramer, to approve the firework permits. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Kramer, Jones, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Aaron Budweg is working on having all the minutes on the computer for the committees. He is also working with Region 6 to get grants for the Harrison building. Jerry Kramer thought that when the minutes are sent to City Hall, they could also be sent to the council to keep them informed, instead of receiving all the minutes with the council package. Melody Hoy was checking on the progress

of the 10th/Edgington property. Cindy Johns mention that vehicles were parking in front of the EMS building since they thought EMS was Eagle Motor Sport, but new signs were added to the garage doors. She also asked if other Cities attended the Iowa Ride meetings. Aaron said that each City sends a representative to the meetings. Greg Priske said the pool is going well. They have a A/C issue that will be looked at and when they painted the pool, they also painted over the drain but are working with the issue.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Kramer so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk