

Eldora City Council  
Special Council Meeting  
June 29, 2021 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Special Session in the council chamber with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Greg Priske, Cindy Johns, Jerry Kramer, Melody Hoy, and Blake Jones were present. Also attending the meeting was City Administrator Aaron Budweg and Chandra Kyte. Present for the meeting was Kelly Haskin, Tom Harrell, Tim Harless, Brenda Wical, Sue Kramer, Maile Carter, Dave Rubow, Mat Rezab, Sarah Carson, Joan Grothoff, Skylia Steffen, Owen Spencer, Amanda1 and Galaxy S8+ either in person or by Zoom.

The meeting started with Kristine Stone presenting to the Council the role of the City Council, best practices, and open meeting laws. She also gave the Council a handout of the presentation.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the year end monthly claims for the City. Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Jones to approve the claims. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2966, Resolution setting wages for FYE 2021-2022, was next. The finance committee recommended to follow the Union Contract and give the full-time and permanent part time a 2.5% raise. Part time, volunteers and police reserve will not be receiving a raise this year. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by Kramer to approve Resolution 06-21-2966. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Kramer, Priske, Johns and Jones; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The health insurance the City offers the employee increased 5% this year. The council would like to offset the increase by raising the percent the employees pay. This year a non-tobacco user will pay 11% of the insurance premium and a tobacco user will pay 15% of the insurance premium. It was at 9% & 10% for period ending June 2021. Two employees will be taking home less money after the wage raise and insurance increase. Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Hoy to set the percent the employee pays at 11% for non-tobacco users and 15% for tobacco users. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Hoy, Johns and Priske; "nays": Jones; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-21-2965, Resolution requesting funding form the American Rescue Plan. The City should receive around 360K from this program and this resolution will be the first step in applying for the money. Council member Priske so moved, seconded by Kramer to approve Resolution 06-21-2965. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Kramer, Hoy, Johns, and Jones; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Trees Forever is asking for \$2,000.00 from the City to help buy tree that will replace the Ash Borer trees being removed. Both the Park & Rec and Finance committee review their request. Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Kramer to give Trees Forever \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Kramer, Priske, Hoy and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

An engineer study will be done on the Harrison building at 1245 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a grant with Region 6 will be applied for. The estimate cost will be \$8-12K and the council is to decide if they will help with 1/3 of the engineer cost. Mike Steffen and Pete Harrison each have committed to pay for 1/3 of the cost. HCSB has committed to pay \$1,000.00 of the cost. The grant will restore the building and keep it from being taken down. The upper level will be done first and a grant for the lower level will be done later. It would cost about 150-200K to remove the building. Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Jones to pay up to \$4,500.00 of the engineer cost. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the EMS request to move from 3 full time employees to 4 full time employees. The EMS would like to go back to a 4 FTE staff. This will help with staffing two ambulances at all times and be able to take more transfers. It will also allow the staff to take more vacation time and have more days off. She said she already has two hires in mind, one to replace Vince and one for the added position. After discussing Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Priske to approve a 4 full time EMS department. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Priske, Hoy, Jones, and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The Council discussed to leave the residence requirement up to the EMS director discretion. She has interviewed to replace Vince and found some living in surrounding communities that have farms or homes already. They would stay in the EMS building when they are on call. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the EMS residence requirement to the EMS director discretion. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Jones, Priske, Kramer and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Kramer so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chandra Kyte, City Clerk