

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 10, 2018 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Greg Priske, Bob John, Blake Jones, Melody Hoy and Aaron Budweg were present. Also present were City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Marty Petersen, Matt Rezab, Tina John, Lynn Willson, Rick Patrie, Floyd Rinnels, Jim Brown, Tim Harless, Mike Ludwigs, Cindy Johns, Seth Lamasters, Zak Stoullil, Troy McDonald, Gary Van Den Boom, and Jack Brekke.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn opened the Public Hearing at 6:02pm to sell properties. The City received one bid for the 1313 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 1329 Edgington Avenue. Each bid was for \$25.00 on each property. There were no citizens comments and the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:05pm. Troy McDonald was the only bidder for the lots. He told the council that the 1313 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue he would turn into a parking lot. He would be losing parking space when he adds on to the north of his building. He may place a car dealership on 1329 Edgington Avenue lot in a year or two. The farmers market could still use the space this year. The council discussed if restrictions could be placed on the property as to what could go in the area but once the property was sold, the owner may use the property within the zoning rules. The council decided to sell the properties to the highest bidder which was Troy McDonald on both properties. Council member John motioned to approve Resolution 7-18-2754, Resolution to Sell Real Estate, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Hoy, John, Priske and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member John motioned, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, John, Priske, Budweg and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda consists of the June 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> minutes. The monthly claims and financials, refuse permit for Ferch Sanitation and Green RU LLC. A liquor license for Eldora Rotary Int'l and the approval of a new firefighter Hanna Wolcott.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Tina John spoke first. She would like two regular and one handicap parking reserved in front of the Welcome center for guest during the Hardin County Fair. She also said some rocks have washed away in the ditch and could use some more. Tim Harless was at the meeting and told her he would see to these items tomorrow. Floyd Rinnels had a comment on loose dogs in his neighborhood and using his yard as a bathroom. Seth Lamasters was checking on the progress of splitting property behind him up with the neighbors. David Mitchell told him the latest split was not approved by all property owners affected and another plan would be needed. The council wanted to set a timeline to get the resolved and thought 90 days would work.

Mayor Dunn opened the old business. The council was updated on the EMS progress hiring full-time and part-time employees. Resolution 7-18-2748, Resolution approving the hiring and setting wages for ambulance personnel was introduced. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Resolution 7-18-2748, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, John and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none; abstain: Jones and Budweg. Motion carried. Jones and Budweg abstained since they are on the ambulance crew. The ambulance has nine more applicants and a new facebook page. Both the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> outs are running but the transfers are still on hold. They were in the Iowa Falls & Gifford parades. The Mayor will be setting a subcommittee and they will be setting a proposed ambulance board structure and bring it to the council within 90 days.

Mayor Dunn introduced Resolution 7-18-2749, Resolution establishing street closed for a car show on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the car show between the high school and Lutheran Church on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. It will run from 10:00am to 4:00pm and food vendors will be on site. There is no cost to see the car show. They have been getting 10-15 more cars each year and plan on about 50 cars this year. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Resolution 7-18-2749, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Budweg and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none; abstain: John. Motion carried. John abstained since he and his wife are on the car show committee.

Next the council discussed the need to add David Mitchell to be authorized to obtain credit line and add or delete authorize users for the VISA account as outlined in the Credit Card Policy for the City of Eldora. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to authorize David Mitchell on the City credit card. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, Hoy, John and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dunn introduced Resolution 7-18-2750, Resolution approving claim for payment from Ritland+Kuiper Landscape Architects for work at Memorial Park. The Eldora Veterans Monument committee has asked if the City would pay for landscape and survey cost which will be about \$19,000.00 and \$11,750.00 is due now. The council decided to use LOST money to pay for this expense. Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 7-18-2750. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Jones, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried unanimously. The committee will have the funds for the stone and bench work and the monument should be in place in November 2018. The American Legion will be purchasing the six flags and flag poles for the monument.

Mayor Dunn introduced Resolution 7-18-2751, Resolution approving application for tax exemption under the Urban Revitalization Ordinance of the City of Eldora, Iowa – Edwards. Edwards will be adding a garage to the property. Council member Jones motioned to accept Resolution 7-18-2751, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Budweg, John, Priske and Hoy; “nays”: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Mayor Dunn introduced Resolution 7-18-2752, Resolution setting fines for fireworks violations. The council discussed the number of calls and complaints from the citizens. The police received 22 calls, but not everyone called the police since they were legal. They decided to set the fines as the same for the municipal infractions, \$75.00 for the first offense and \$250.00 for the second and every one afterward within a one-year period. Council member John so moved, seconded by Budweg to approve Resolution 7-18-2752. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, John, Budweg, Jones and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 7-18-2753, Resolution setting public hearing for a special event for the Eldora Firehouse & Grill live music. This resolution was passed at the meeting but the next day with further research a public hearing would not be needed. A notice will still be sent to the surrounding residents to inform them of the activity.

The mayor will be gone for the August 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting and was asking to move the next meeting to August 21<sup>th</sup>. Council member John motioned, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

David Mitchell gave the council the administrators report and went over the highlights. Tina John said the Front Porch will open in the old Harvey’s Home Decorating Store, Anderson Dentistry will have a grand re-opening and the Eldora Pharmacy will have a women and children clothing store in there. Budweg asked if the City knew how much was raised at the Fire Station fund raisers and Dave said he could find out. Bob John thought there was going to be a sign on Washington Street alerting the drivers of the fire station ahead. Melody Hoy said at the last Park & Rec meeting they discussed the cracks at the tennis courts and about grinding and filling the cracks. She had received a few complaints about fireworks, the debris left on their yard and the loudness of them since the houses in town are next to each other. Some of the neighbors did not call in to the police in fear of the neighbors’ retaliation. Troy McDonald was asking about if the City did a firework display and what the cost would be. Bob John said that Steve Gehrke puts on a 45 minutes display for about 16,000.00 each year.

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

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk