

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 13, 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 Cindy Johns, Melody Hoy, Jerry Kramer, Blake Jones, and Greg Priske were present at the council meeting along with and City Administrator Aaron Budweg and Chandra Kyte. Also, present were Michael Pearce, Renee Springston, Treavor Fisher, Gary Kolfoid, Dave Rubow, Matthew Rezab, Sarah Carson, and Anthony Schrad.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by Kramer. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Kramer, Jones, Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Public Hearing opened at 6:02 pm. Eldora SC LLC has requested the use of the east three feet of the alley by 1204 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue to install a handicap accessible ramp. They are requesting 3 feet of the east side of alley for 60 feet running north and south. They will only need 2 feet by 50 feet, but this will allow for expansion if needed to. There were no comments. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Jones, Priske, Hoy and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed at 6:08 pm.

The Mayor removed the Driving Police and Council Member Kramer motioned to remove the minutes and financials from the consent agenda for a later meeting, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Hoy, Jones, Johns and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the amended consent agenda. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the approval of tree trimmer permit Country Tree Service LLC of Ackley, Steinfeldt Painting, Anderson-Grays Tree Service and Grass Masters Lawn & Tree Service all of Eldora, refuse permits for Knights Sanitation of Eldora, Stone Sanitation of Marshalltown, Moler Sanitation of Conrad, Ferch Sanitation of Whitten, McDowell & Sons Contractors of Iowa Falls and Green RU LLC of Blairsburg, approval of Resolution 07-21-2949, Resolution authorizing the City Administrator/Mayor to sign the Physician's Claims Company Inc contract and Resolution 07-21-2967, Resolution authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Hoy, Jones, Johns and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Jerry Kramer brought up that the City has 5 refuse haulers in town and was wondering if the City ever thought of doing the refuse hauling themselves.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve Resolution 07-21-2668, Resolution to approve easement. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve the Resolution 07-21-2668. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Jones, Priske, Johns and Kramer; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council discussed the Mayor & Council pay for the council and how it compares to other towns our size. It has been over 20 years since the last rate change. There has been comparative from other Cities our size and Eldora is on the low end for pay. The Council pay will change from \$20 per council meeting to \$30 per council meeting. The Mayor pay will go from \$2,400 per year to \$3,600 per year. The personnel committee recommended to start at

these wages, and it can be review later. There is a lot of work the council put in before a council and for committee meetings. The council only get a set fee for a council meeting. An ordinance will be made for the August meeting and the change will not take effect until January 1, 2022.

Resolution 07-21-2969, Resolution to hire full-time police officer will be tabled until July 22. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Hoy, to table Resolution 07-21-2969 until after the appointment of the police chief. Carson Lutterman has been a reserve for Eldora for a few years now and will be taking police classes at Hawkeye in Waterloo. The council wanted to wait because if Schrad is Police Chief they would need a 5<sup>th</sup> officer but if Schrad is not Police Chief and someone else is, then Schrad would be the 5<sup>th</sup> officer. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Hoy, and Priske; “nays”: Kramer and Jones; absent: none. Motion carried.

Next was Resolution 07-21-2970, Resolution setting wages for EMS employees. EMS has three EMT that they will be setting wages for. The EMS driver receive \$15.00 per call hour and Maile wanted the EMTs to receive more than a driver’s pay. Maile was setting EMT pay at \$16.00 per call hour. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Hoy, to approve Resolution 07-21-2970. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Hoy, Jones, Priske and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

City Hall is looking at getting the floors redone. The City only received one of the two bids requested to redo the tile and linoleum. The floors have gone a long time without being redone. Funds to help pay for this could come from LOST Fund since it is not in the current budget. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve the floor cleaning and sealing for City Hall with Ryan’s Janitorial Services Inc. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Johns, Hoy, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Lift Station #2, 2014 pump will need to be repaired or replaced. It was repaired once in 2019 and this year it will be \$10k to repair or \$15K to replace. Repairing it again will not guarantee how long it will last and for \$5K more a new one can be purchased. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns, to purchase a new pump from Iowa Pump Works. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Johns, Hoy, Jones and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

When painting the inside of City Hall some issues were found with the doors and window seals. Andy’s Paint & Decorate placed a bid to repair and paint the outside of City Hall. There will be some caulk repair work done on the windows. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske, to award the painting bid to Andy’s Paint & Decorate for the outside of City Hall up to \$2,500. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Johns, Kramer, and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. If the bill will be more then \$2,500, the council will review the increase than.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Aaron said the theater had about 150 patrons for their first weekend open. The pool is having about 200-250 per day attending. The Iowa Ride will have about 400 riders at last count and for the park by the sewer plant, the committee is looking at a land survey and land architect to review the park. Jerry asked if the steps on the north side of building were going to be repaired this year since there are in poor shape. Aaron said they were not in the plans this year. Melody was asking

about the City's Covid Policy. Now the City follows the CDC guidelines but with the increase of Covid/Covid variances, should the City reinstate a mask policy for council meeting. Aaron said that he and the Mayor have discussed this earlier and they will still follow the CDC guidelines. You can wear a mask if you want to, or the meetings are available on Zoom if someone would like to stay home. The Mayor added that he hopes the community would be getting the vaccination for Covid. Greg said the Park & Rec have been working on a trail head for River Edge Park, pool lights are in, and they have a credit card machine now. They reviewed the upcoming Iowa Ride, there is yoga at the Eldora Garden at 9am on Tuesday, and they discussed a plaque at the pool for the Frances Stauffacher since her estate money make this possible. Cindy was asking about a sign on Hwy 175 for the Veteran Memorial. Aaron said he is looking at all signage in Eldora and there are more rules for signs on a State Hwy. There is an old plan for uniforms signs in Eldora and Melody said she still had those plans. Blake said everyone has their own opinions and he said the old City Attorney Marty Petersen once said that the City has had some negative attention and needs to set some positive attention since more negative attention makes the council look bad. Melody agreed that everyone will have their own opinion and that we just need to remember to respect each other's opinion.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Kramer so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

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Chandra Kyte, City Clerk