

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 14, 2020 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call or in the council chambers due to the Governor's State of Public Health Disaster, eliminating groups of more than 50% capacity and social distancing.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Cindy Johns, Melody Hoy, Blake Jones, Greg Priske, Aaron Budweg and Mayor David Dunn were present at the council meeting along with City Attorney Erika Allen and Chandra Kyte. Also, present were Matt Rezab, Renee Minter, Rae Anna Minter, Mike Turney, John Kelley, Maile Carter, Jerry Kramer, Michael Pearce, Sarah Carson, Renee Springston, Owen Spencer, Kelly Haskin, Pat McKenna, Anthony Schrad, Terry Weatherly, Jim Edward, and Kayla Youngman in council chambers. By Zoom were M. Harrell, Rocky Reents, Chip Schultz, Julie Duhn, Gary Kofoid, Taylor Nederhoff, Beverly's iPad, 641-485-5921, 319-823-1928 and 641-485-6769.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing on the Sewer Revenue Refunding Loan Agreement and Council member Budweg so moved, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Hoy, Johns, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:04 pm. Chip Schultz from Northland Security was on Zoom for questions. He said the refunding would save the City around 100K in interest cost. The remaining balance of the loan is a \$2,995,000 and with the buy down the refinance will be \$2,760,000. There were no public comments and the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Johns, Budweg, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:07 pm.

Mayor David Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the June 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> minutes, Liquor license for Hardin County Agri Society, tree trimming for Avery Tree Trimming, approval of Owen Spencer as a fire fighter, refuse permits for McDowell & Sons Contractors, Ferch Sanitation and Moler Sanitation and Resolution 07-20-2894 authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Hoy, Priske, Jones and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Gary Kofoid said that with the current fireworks ordinance the citizen needed a permit and they did not apply for a permit. He asked if the permit were enforced by the police. Terry Weatherly asked what if fireworks go off their property? Who would be liable for the damages? She had a lot of debris on her property. She had to take care of her dogs because of the fireworks. Police did come and took statements. Jim Edward mention a background check should be done on permit holders. He also had debris on his property. Renee Minter say 3 friend got fireworks from a dealer in Eldora and was told they were legal to shoot off in Eldora. Kayleigh Youngman mention how dangerous fireworks are in town with small area. Cindy asked about a dealer in Eldora and there was no one who applied for a firework dealer license from the City.

The council held the second reading of Ordinance 867, Chapter 91, Mobile Home Park. Taylor Nederhoff did speak to Erika Allen about the ordinance change earlier and informed her they will be filing an injunction to stop the enforcement of this ordinance. Taylor also said the trailer park has not received a notice to cure if they are in breach of the contract. Julie Duhn was checking on the number of residents in the trailer park and how many were late on payments. She thought the renters who do pay for the water could be shut off if the total bill was not paid by the trailer park owners each month. If the trailer park closed, where would those renters go? Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the second reading. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Budweg, Johns and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: Jones. The second reading carried.

The council held the third reading of Ordinance 868, Chapter 41, Fireworks. Melody said the fireworks were still permitted in town but needed to fill out a permit and have proof of insurance. Chapter 41 required a permit for fireworks on public property. Blake was checking to see if the tenant/landlord clause will be left in or not (item C). Erika address item "C" on the ordinance, it would be like the speed camera, the owner would get the ticket. If challenged it would be like the speed camera, no current law on which way it would go. Pat McKenna was checking on fireworks in town. A permit was needed for commercial display and citizen could display for a shorten time. The new ordinance would ban fireworks and require a permit for any fireworks except novelty fireworks. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the third reading. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske and Johns; "nays": Jones and Budweg; absent: none. The third reading carried. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to motioned for the final passage and adoption of Ordinance 868. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Johns and Priske; "nays": Jones and Budweg; absent: none. The final passage and adoption carried.

Michael Pearce presented to the council a video system for council meetings. It is the Owl system and has a 20 feet radius with mics and a 360-degree turning radius. It would be placed in front of the council chamber on a tripod. He thought the current laptop could be upgraded but it would still work for this system. The Owl would turn on its own to whoever is speaking. This should allow the online Zoom users a better way to hear the meeting. The County has started using the Owl for about 3 weeks now and has been working out well. The system could be moved to other department if they need to use the system. You would be able to hear the online speakers better also. Michael say it would take about 15 minutes to set up and he could do it himself. The cost would come out of the general fund. Aaron thought the City could get a case so it could be transferred to another department that would like to use it.

Next was Resolution 07-20-2893, Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Refunding Loan Agreement and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith. This is the next step in refunding the loan. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 07-20-2893. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Priske, Johns, Hoy and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none; abstain; none. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-20-2890, Resolution providing for reduction of interest rate for Water Revenue Bond. The Water Revenue Bond interest rate was lowered from 3% to 1.75%, saving the City around \$8,150.00. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve Resolution 07-20-2890. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Priske, Jones, Johns and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none; abstain; none. Motion carried.

A Union Contract was reached earlier this month. It will expire on June 30, 2021. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Union Contract. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Hoy, Budweg and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none; abstain; Jones. Motion carried. Jones abstained since he is a reserve police officer.

Maile Carter brought to the council the possibility of a used ambulance available from Story Medical Center. The one they want to retire (#237), which has 192K miles on it and has been remounted three times already and cannot be done a fourth time. It has had lots of repairs on it and have left them on the side of the road before. The one from Story Medical Center has a new motor with only 6K miles on it. The cost of the ambulance would be 9K, about 5K to rewrapping with the Eldora logo and any minor repairs with checking the brakes, shocks and realign could be 2-3K. A power cot come with it and they would sell the power cot for 2K and move their power load to the new vehicle. They would sell #237 since it would not be needed any more and could get around 5K. There is 15K in the budget for equipment. The current power load has been serviced by Vince and is back in working order. She is hoping for 3-5 years out of the Story Medical Center vehicle. They still have the medical vendor machine and have an offer of 5K to buy it and these proceeds could also be used towards this vehicle. Maile also mentioned that the GEMT payment have started to come in and the financials are looking better. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the purchase of the 2009 Story Medical Center ambulance with rewrap and needed repairs. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Hoy, Jones, Priske and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none; abstain; none. Motion carried.

The Greenbelt Home Care leasing would not be needed at this time since they will be moving out the end of October.

The council members gave their communications at this time and the department heads gave their report. Greg had a meeting with Clapsaddle-Garber and Kelly for the GIS mapping system. Tina John contracted him about repairs to the Welcome Center and cameras for the area. She would like the putt-putt transferred from the Welcome Center to the City as ownership. Melody thought since the pool is closed, the budget could be adjusted to make funds available for the Park Fund.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Budweg so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

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Chandra Kyte, City Clerk