

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
August 13, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Melody Hoy, Robert John, Greg Priske and Aaron Budweg were present. Also, present were City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Grace Kadolph, Judy Mitchell, Jeff Latwesen, Sue Kramer, Jerry Kramer, Tina John, Brady Winter, Brenda Wical, Matt Rezab, James Edwards, Gina Edwards, Gary Kofoid, Della Peters, Jack Brekke, Cindy Johns, Ryan Sutcliffe, Owen Spencer, Troy McDonald, Julie Duhn, Lydia Reichenbacher, Teri Weatherly and Shawn Weatherly.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the July 9 & 24 minutes, the monthly claims and financials, refuse permit for Ferch Sanitation, liquor license for Eldora Bowl, plumbers license for Hudson Hardware Plumbing & Heating, approval of Matthew Witham as a firefighter and approval of Resolution 8-19-2821 for authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Jones, Budweg, Priske and John; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Gary Kofoid thought the City could set a designated spot out of town to shoot off fireworks. Tina John wanted to give thanks for the support. The caboose looks great. Saturday will be 1st Responder Day and they will have walking tacos at the Welcome Center. During the Pine Lake Festival, they had a broken window on the put-put. May be some more sensor lights or cameras could be added near the Welcome Center, she will meet with the Vet Memorial for options. Julie Duhn thought she was hushed during last meeting because she was out of line. She did not think she was out of line or being loud. She attends the supervisors meeting and they are tape and you can check her out on the videos on how she acts. Jim Edwards reported that his neighbor has a vicious dog that the neighbor has a hard time controlling it and the dog will get loose sometimes. Judy Mitchell reported that while mowing her lawn the neighbors tossed rockets at her and will be filing a report.

Resolution 08-19-2822, Resolution setting the public hearing date to sell real property. The City has three properties they are selling. 1609 15th Ave, 1607 15th Ave and 806 12th Avenue. Bids will need to be in at City Hall by Friday September 6th at 4:00pm and will be opened at the council meeting September 10th. Call City Hall if you have questions on the properties. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 08-19-2822. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, John, Priske, Budweg and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Brady Winter was on hand for Aerial Greenbelt questions. The video will be done by professional and they can enter multiple categories. The video can then be used for ads promotional events. The voting will be done in Iowa Falls theater because they have a larger theater and hotels in town. Brady will check to see if a live screening could be done at the Grand Theater at the same time as Iowa Falls. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to approve a \$1,500.00 sponsorship to Aerial Greenbelt with the consideration of a possible simultaneously broadcast at the Eldora Grand Theater. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Hoy, Priske and Jones; “nays”: John; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 08-19-2823, Resolution closing street for car show. The car show will be Sunday, September 15th by the old high school on 12th Street. Council member Budweg motioned to approve Resolution 08-19-2823, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Hoy, Priske, Jones and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

ENP and the City of Eldora will have a 28E agreement for the tennis court repairs and maintenance. ENP will give the City of Eldora \$90,000.00 for a 10-year agreement on the tennis courts. The City has received one bid so far for \$59,500.00 for the repairs and estimated about \$12,000.00 each year to repair any new cracks. There will also be lines for two pickle ball courts added to the tennis courts. Council member Budweg motioned to approve the 28E agreement, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Jones, Hoy, Budweg and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Next was the Mayor and Council wages. The council received a printout of 68 other Cites pay from population of 168 to 7,834. The council discussed how Eldora was on the lower end of the scale. Any changes to the wages would take effect January 1, 2020. It has been over 25 years since any change to the pay scale. They will be adding a workshop at the end of the month and discuss a monthly rate for the council members. They will send this to the finance committee to review. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to recommend to the personnel and finance committee to change the pay to \$100.00 per month for Council and \$600.00 per month for the mayor. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Jones, Priske, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 08-19-2824, Resolution approving EMS Director and Crew Chief pay rate increase. The EMS has a pay schedule based on years of experience for drivers, EMT, AEMT and paramedics. They would like to add \$0.75 per hour premium to the Crew Chief wages and change the Director wage based on the pay schedule plus \$1.50 per hour premium for Director wage. The extra 0.75 or 1.50 would accommodate for the extra work associated with crew chief or director duties. The council will send this to the personnel and finance committee before it comes back to the council. No action was taken on this resolution.

Resolution 08-19-2825, Resolution approving paramedic agreement with Shawn Davis. This is an agreement for Shawn to work for the EMS for five years in return for EMS reimbursing him for his schooling. If Shawn leaves the EMS before his five years are up, he would need to repay EMS for the prorated balance of the schooling. Council member Budweg motioned to approve Resolution 08-19-2825, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Jones, Hoy, John and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 08-19-2826, Resolution awarding investment deposit at Hardin County Savings Bank. The City had CD’s due for renewal that was put out for bids at the local banks. All bids were close with HCSB having the highest rate of 2.35% for the 285K CD, 2.3% for the 12K CD and 2.3% for the 24K CD. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 08-19-2826. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, John, Jones and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 08-19-2827, Resolution authorizing interfund transfer from the City’s EMS Proprietary Fund to the General Fund. This resolution will be sent to the finance committee and no action was taken at this time.

Resolution 08-19-2828, Resolution adopting policy governing snowplowing and ice control on public streets in the City of Eldora Iowa. The new policy set reimbursement rates for property damages, when snow removal will begin and other procedures for snow removal. Edwards is on a corner lot and says a lot of snow gets dumped on this sidewalk and blocks the sidewalk. Others would like to see the City clean the snow better in the parking up town. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 08-19-2828. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Jones, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 08-19-2829, Resolution approving the FY 18/19 Debt Report. Each year the City reports to the State the balances on each loan the City has. As of June 30, 2019, the total of nine loans were 6,591,760.00. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 08-19-2829. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, John, Hoy and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City had four flags that were presented at a previous meeting that the citizen voted on by paper or online. There were 289 votes with the tower getting 153, the deer got 16, the tree got 95 and the corn received 25. The Council thought the voting turn-out was low and some Council members were asked if other citizens could submit a flag design. The Council tasked Mitchell with seeking a solution.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report. Blake received a call from the Iowa River Trail asking for input for the bike trails. Melody would like to see the fireworks revisited before the end of the year and the dogs reviewed soon also.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Budweg so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk