

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
September 10, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Melody Hoy, Aaron Budweg, Robert John, Blake Jones and Greg Priske were present. Also, present were City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Tina John, Chris Cumming, Dan Huntley, Cindy Johns, Jennifer Mitchell, Matt Rezab, Jerry Kramer, Amanda Jones, Jack Brekke, Gary & Julie Kofoid, Tim Hoy, Jeff Grego, Olger Konomi, Lydia Reichenbacher, Jamie Witham and Julie Duhn.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing and Council member Jones so moved, seconded by John. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Jones, Budweg, Priske and John; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Public Hearing opened at 6:03pm. There was only one property that received a bid. Olger Konomi placed a bid on 806 12th Avenue next to his rental property. It will be more green space for the renter or possibly adding a garage. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing and Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Budweg, Hoy, Priske and John; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed and went into open meeting at 6:07pm. Resolution 09-19-2824, Resolution to sell real estate was introduced and Council member Jones motion to approve Resolution 09-19-2824 with the sale price of \$375.00 to Olger Konomi, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Priske, John, Budweg and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by John to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the August 13th & 27th minutes, the monthly claims and financials, tree trimming license for Anderson Tree Service, liquor license for American Legion Club, approval of Nick Hassebrock as firefighter and approval of Resolution 9-19-2830 for authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, John, Priske, Hoy and Jones; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 09-19-2827, Resolution authorizing transfer from the City's EMS proprietary Fund to the General Fund. The reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid has been less than actual cost for the service and the reimbursement rate will likely not see any changes. If the EMS is in the general fund, they would be able to use an essential service levy when available and use Trust & Agency Fund for any employee benefits. Council member John motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 09-19-2827. Roll call vote: "ayes": John, Jones, Priske, Budweg and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Dan Huntley and Chris Cummings presented a plan for the City Ball Diamond on 15th Street & 16th Avenue. The American Legion would like to be custodians of this ballpark. This ballpark has lights and could host night games. The Legion would pay for the expense to renovate the diamond which would include leveling the field, fence, bleachers, dugouts, parking, playgrounds, moving the concession stand and restrooms and adding a storage shed. They will also do all the ground

maintenance. They would like to cover the tennis courts currently there and use it for the ball diamond. They thought most kids use the middle school playground and not this court. They have not talked to Dorothy's Center but plan to. The total cost of this project could be 300-400K over several years. The Legion would pay for this from fund raising, grants and with tournament fees. The City could write up an agreement for the ballpark and the Park & Rec Committee would review it before a final Council vote.

Ordinance 854 – Ordinance amending Chapter 50 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Nuisance Abatement Procedure. The change will further define the failure to abate process. Council member Jones motioned to approve Ordinance 854, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, John, Budweg and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned to wave the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 854, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, John and Budweg; “nays”: Hoy; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Priske motioned to approve final reading of Ordinance 854, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, John, Budweg and Jones; “nays”: Hoy; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 855 – Ordinance amending Chapter 51 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Junk and Junk Vehicles. This change will further define what is a junk vehicle, what is an exempt junk vehicle and enforcement policy. They discussed if a homeowner vehicle is parked properly and licensed that may not move every week would not be considered a junk vehicle. Also discussed was junk yards and the need to secure the area. Council member Priske motioned to approve Ordinance 855, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Budweg, Jones and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. It was decided not to wave the 2nd & 3rd reading and hold them at later meetings.

Ordinance 856 – Ordinance amending Chapter 151 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Trees. This will change the tree trimming license fee to \$50.00 per year. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Ordinance 856, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, Budweg, Priske and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Budweg motioned to wave the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 856 seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, John, Jones and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Priske motioned to approve final reading of Ordinance 856, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Jones, John and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 09-19-2831, Resolution approving the hiring and setting wages for Brandi Valverde as a full-time police department employee. Brandi will start off at the union rate and is not certified so will be going to get certified. She will be moving to Eldora within a year. The Council discussed the moving to Eldora policy. By moving to Eldora, they would get a sense of community but Grego mention that they have lost candidates due to the policy. The personal committee will review the policy. Council member Jones motioned Resolution 09-19-2831, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, John, Budweg, Priske and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The DNR has set the archery deer hunt for October 1, 2019 to January 10, 2020 for 50 antlerless deer. Council member John motioned to support the deer hunt, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: John, Priske, Hoy, Budweg and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 09-19-2832, Resolution establishing parade route for the South Hardin School homecoming parade. The parade will be September 20th and will be the same route as last year. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by John to approve Resolution 09-19-2832. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, John, Jones, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 09-19-2833, Resolution approving the FY 18/19 City Street Financial Report. The City receives Road Use Tax and this report lets the DOT know how the funds were spent. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 09-19-2833. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, John, Budweg and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Eldora Rotary will be leasing the south wing of the Eldora Hospital for the Haunted Hospital. The lease will be for one year. There is a 90 days termination notice with this lease. There was some concern with the state of the building after the Haunted Hospital was done and David Mitchell would address the issue. Council member John motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the lease with Eldora Rotary. Roll call vote: “ayes”: John, Jones, Hoy, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 09-19-2834, Resolution approving the allocation of Interstate Light and Power Company franchise fee. The franchise fee currently is split 9% to Economic Development, 26% to Street Department and 65% to Police Department. The new split will take effect July 1, 2020 and the only change will be the 65% will go to Public Safety, which will include Police, Fire and Ambulance. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 09-19-2834. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Budweg, Jones and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 09-19-2835, Resolution opposing Alliant Energy rate increase case and joining as an intervener by submitting testimony to the Iowa Utilities Board (Docket RUP-2019-0001). Alliant Energy has proposed about a 25% increase in the Alliant Energy rate. This increase could cost the City an extra \$50,000 in utility bill a year. This resolution opposes the large rate increase. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Iowa Utilities Board and Alliant Energy. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 09-19-2835. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, Budweg, Priske and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Julie Duhn was wondering why the citizen comments was moved to the end and the council communication is gone. She was also checking on the City Attorney progress. Cindy Johns also liked the citizen comments in the beginning of the meeting since some citizens will make their comments and not stay for the whole meeting. She also would like to see the council communication and administration report back. Amanda Jones

would like to see the council comments and administration report return since it keeps the taxpayers informed and Melody Hoy liked the citizen comments at the beginning of the meeting and the council communication and Dave's report so the council can share concerns and the citizen can be informed on how the City is going.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Budweg so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk