

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
November 9, 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 Blake Jones, Greg Priske, Cindy Johns, and Jerry Kramer were present at the council meeting along with and City Administrator Aaron Budweg, City Attorney Erika Allen, and Chandra Kyte. Also, present were Kelly Haskin, Rick Patrie, Chip Schultz, Carey Callaway Morton, Mike May Jr, Owen Spencer Anthony Schrad, Matt Rezab, and Matt Garber.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Jones, Johns and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:01 pm. Chip Schultz from Northland Securities gave the council schedule of the bond process. He said the interest rates were favorable. November 30 will be the resolution to authorizing the issuance of the bonds and December 15 will be the closing and delivery of the bond funds. 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 and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:07 pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Ambulance Acquisition Loan Agreement and Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Jones, Johns and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:08 pm. The ambulance should be delivered on the 15th and will replace the 2015 model. The City will get a USDA loan and a USDA grant for the new ambulance. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Kramer. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Kramer, Johns and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:12 pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the approval of minutes for October 12 & 20 and approval of Resolution 11-21-2991, Resolution authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Jones, Priske and Kramer; "nays": none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the citizen comment period and Carey Calloway Morton talked about the November 28th event of Santa in town, shops open, lights around the square, matinee at the theater.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to approve the third reading and final passage and adoption of Ordinance 878. Council member Johns moved and seconded by Jones to approve the third reading and final passage and adoption of Ordinance 878, Ordinance Amending Chapter 69, of the Eldora Municipal Code relating to no parking. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Jones,

Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: Hoy. Motion carried. The street department will install the base and install the signs after the publication of the ordinance.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-21-2992, Resolution taking additional action to enter into General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement for the sale of Bonds. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Kramer, to approve Resolution 11-21-2992. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Kramer, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-21-2994, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign engagement letter with Dorsey & Whitney LLC. They will be the bond council for the ambulance loan. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 11-21-2994. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Jones, Kramer and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-21-2993, Resolution taking additional action to enter into General Obligation Ambulance Acquisition Loan Agreement. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Kramer, to approve Resolution 11-21-2993. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Kramer, Priske and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

The EMS has two new full time employees, Tanner Wolken and Alex Crispin. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 11-21-2995, Resolution to hire Tanner Wolken as a full-time ambulance department employee. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 11-21-2996, Resolution to hire Alex Crispin as a full-time ambulance department employee. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Johns, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Maile stated that this will give the department 3 paramedics, 9 EMTs and 6 drivers.

Next was the resolutions for monthly claims and financials. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Kramer, to approve Resolution 11-21-2997, Resolution to approve the monthly claims. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Kramer, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; Hoy: none. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 11-21-2998, Resolution to approve the financials. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Kramer, Priske; “nays”: none; absent; Hoy. Motion carried. Jerry Kramer would like to see less use of the miscellaneous revenue and expense lines.

Carson Lutterman will be driving to classes each day instead of staying in a hotel. Exhibit “A” of the contract was amended to reflect this, and Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve the changes to Exhibit “A.” Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Johns, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-21-2999, Resolution approving application for tax exemption under the Urban Revitalization Ordinance of the City of Eldora, Iowa, was presented to the council. Dave Hoyt garage addition will be put on a 5 year sliding tax exemption. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 11-21-2999. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Priske and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Dave’s property

is on two different parcels and the courthouse would like a tax exemption for each parcel. The other parcel was done last year.

Resolution 11-21-3000, Resolution giving the Mayor authority to sign 28E agreement with Grundy Center Ambulance and Resolution 11-21-3001, Resolution giving the Mayor authority to sign agreement with Woodland Acres were both put on hold and some wording will be made to each contract. The \$100.00 per year to do snow removal was thought to be very low.

Next was Resolution 11-21-3002, Resolution establishing ARPA capital projects. The City expects to receive \$389,249.00 in American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds. \$300,000.00 will be used for the 11th Avenue project and the balance will be used for River Front Park, the bike trail and economic development projects. There will still be \$54,449.81 left to be determined by the council how to spend. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske, to approve Resolution 11-21-3002. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Priske, Jones and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

The City will set a public hearing for December 14th at 6:00pm, on the transfer of the Children Center from the City to the Eldora-New Providence School District. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske, to approve Resolution 11-21-3003, Resolution on setting public hearing on Eldora New-providence Community School District’s election to exercise option to buy under one certain lease agreement dated January 13, 2012. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Priske, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. The last loan payment will be in December 2021 and after the transfer of property the City will remove the property for the insurance policy.

The council reviewed a bid letter to remove 78 City Ash trees and 8 stumps. The letter will have one bid for the 78 trees and one bid for the 8 stumps to be grounded out. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve the bid letter. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Since the trees can be placed at the City’s tree dump site, the council was wondering how this would affect the River Front Park project.

Nick Hassebrock gave a presentation on a new phone system and security camera system. The City’s phone was affected by lightning strike early in October and the security camera were suggested for City safety. The old system is around 20 years old. There were a few providers that Nick had checked with. The new system would be for City wide departments. It could record calls, time stamp for calls, could transfer calls to departments or cell phones. This system would be about \$28,923. There is a \$5,000 deductible from the insurance and Aaron has not heard back from ICAP to see about the phone system claim. The camera system and key fob could be done all at once or over time. They would start with the key fobs for the City and cameras at City Hall. They can expand the cameras to other departments with the same system. The police would oversee the cameras and key fobs. The two systems Nick reviewed costs were around \$54K and 32K. The council wanted Nick to check with Access to see if the phone and camera/key fobs systems were from the same company, would the City get a better deal. These systems would use broadband and there are Broadband Grants out there the City could apply for.

Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Kramer, to approve the new phone system and will use ARPA funds and will reimburse the ARPA with any insurance proceeds. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Kramer, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Nick will check with the provider to see if a better deal could be made on the phone and camera system was provided by the same company..

The council members gave their communications at this time. Cindy Johns was asking about the chemical water testing and Kelly has not heard of it yet. Blake Jones said the Street & Alley will meet about a stop sign on Vinton and 4th Street. Jerry Kramer was checking to see if the City was paying for the MLA training, and they are.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1) and 22.7(3) and Council member Johns so moved, seconded by Jones to open the Closed Session. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Jones, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. The Closed Session opened at 7:17 pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to close the Closed Session and Council member Johns so moved, seconded by Jones to close the Closed Session. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Jones, Kramer and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. The Closed Session closed at 7:35 pm and went back to open meeting.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Kramer so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk