

Eldora City Council
Special Meeting
November 26, 2019 – 6:00pm

Eldora City Council met with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Aaron Budweg, Greg Priske, Blake Jones, Robert John and Melody Hoy were present. Also, present were City Administrator David Mitchell, City Attorney Erika Allen, Chandra Kyte, Jacque Daggs, Megan Mitchell, Jen Mitchell, Jerry Kramer, Maile Chinery, Diane Ryerson, Mark Ryerson, Matt Rezab, Aaron Clemons, Rick Walcott, Troy McDonald, Ryan Sutcliffe, Jeff Latwesen, Jack Brekke, Owen Spencer, Julie Duhn, Gary Van Den Boom, Cindy Johns, Chad Brekke and Tim Hoy.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The council discussed the fire grass utility truck process. It started last year looking at a new vehicle for about \$123K and how to pay for it. They sent letters to the townships requesting support for a new grass utility truck. There was a used grass utility truck that became available November 6th. It was a 2009 Ford F450 diesel with 16,000 miles on it for \$48,000.00. A loan could be acquired for 5 years at 0% interest through the State Fire Association. The grass utility truck was offered to three cities on November 15th and the first to respond to the offer would receive the truck. On November 15th the City signed a contract for the truck and was the first to have all paperwork sent in. A check was cut, and the fire grass utility truck was picked up November 22nd. Tonight, the council was to discuss the purchase of the truck. Under City Code 17.03(1) a resolution must be passed to spend public funds in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) on any one project, or to accept public improvements and facilities upon their completion. The City Attorney did not know what the code defines as a “project”. The council discussed the process and thought a special meeting could have been held between November 6 and November 15 to review the truck offer before a contract was signed. It was also mentioned that if this truck was brought before the council before it was purchased it probably would have been agreed to purchase it since it was a good deal. The City Attorney said a resolution can be passed after the item was purchased to purchase the truck. It was asked about paying for the truck and the Fire Department had pledged 10K towards a new grass truck, but Aaron Clemons did not know how much if any they would pay toward the used truck until their meeting later. They would be selling the old grass truck and the only value is the skid unit and they could get 3-4 thousand for it. Council member Budweg motioned to table the vote on the fire grass utility truck until December 10 meeting. There were no second for the motion and the motion died. Council member Jones motioned to ratify the purchases of the fire grass utility truck, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: John, Jones and Priske; “nays”: Budweg and Hoy; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council discussed the EMS 2nd out procedure with Director Ryan Sutcliffe. Most volunteers already have a job and are not available. They do have two volunteers that have taken the EMT classes and just need to take the EMT test. Maile Chinery will be offering another EMT class for those who would want to take it. It was discussed that they could let dispatch know if they will not have a 2nd out and they could reroute the EMS calls. The Mayor will review with the County about an EMS levy. A course of action will be developed based on Council intent and availability of resources.

The council discussed the option of staying with Greenbelt Home Care as a 1% owner and the County would be a 99% owner. The 28E Agreement needs two entities to be binding. Now the City is a 25% owner and the County is a 75% until June 30, 2020. If a new 28E agreement is drafted before June 30, 2020, the City would then move to a 1% owner.

David Mitchell handed the Council a copy of his 30-day notice of resignation

Mayor Dunn call the meeting adjourned and the meeting closed at 7:20pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk