

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 10, 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 Cindy Johns, Jerry Kramer, and Greg Priske were present at the council meeting along with and City Administrator, Aaron Budweg, City Attorney, Erika Allen, and Chandra Kyte. Melody Hoy and Blake Jones were absent. Also, present were Nick H., Tina J., Gary K., Matt R., and Chris W. and newspaper reporters either by Zoom or in the council chambers.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Council Member Kramer motioned and Council Member Johns seconded to remove the minutes and financials from the consent agenda. Motion carried. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the amended consent agenda. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisting of the claims for Community Garden, Veteran Memorial and Memorial Park, approval of liquor license for Hardin County Agricultural Society, Resolution 07-21-2977, Resolution for compensation increase for City Administrator pursuant to City Administrator Contract and approval of Resolution 08-21-2972 Resolution Authorizing Transfers. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the pulled items. Johns mentioned that the Mayor's name got left off the interview committee and will be added back in. Kramer asked questions on a few of the claims and questioned some department budget line items. These were explained to him. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the claims, financial and minutes, Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns to approve the top two items. Roll call voted: "Ayes" Kramer, Johns and Priske; "Nays" none and absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the Citizens Comment period. Tina John asked the parking on both side of the street at 10<sup>th</sup> St and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. one car will fit but that fire engines or ambulance would not. Also people are also parking on the grass. Dunn recommended the police check on this. She also reported on the Welcome Center visitors and events and vandals trying to get the key. They purchased a new lock for the door. She was asking for protection at the center for the parks and caboose.

Budweg gave a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act. The City will receive around \$389,000 and would like to replace water, sewer, curb and gutter on 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Washington Street to fairgrounds. The City also lost revenue of around \$127,000 in 2020 and some of this grant money could be used on the Riverfront Park and on a bike trail within the City. This would be a several year project. Council member Johns recommended to use the American Rescue Plan Act funds to get engineering cost of the Riverfront Park, the bike trail and for the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue work. Seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: "Ayes": Johns, Priske and Kramer; "Nays": none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Chris Weiting gave the council a presentation on the REAP Grant proposal to use these funds for the paving project to finish the River Edge Trail from Steamboat Rock to Eldora and then next year from Eldora to 260<sup>th</sup> Street south of Eldora. There would be \$75,000 coming for

these projects. The River Edge Trail project came back higher than expected. REAP likes to finish projects so the River Edge Trail would fit right in and would start this fall. The City would be the applicant for the REAP Grant. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Kramer to authorize the Mayor to sign the REAP Grant. Roll call vote: "Ayes": Priske, Kramer and Johns; "Nays"; none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn indicated the next item was Resolution 08-21-2973, Resolution Establishing Street Closing for Car Show. It will be September 19, 2021 and at the same time and place as before. Kramer moved and Priske seconded to approve Resolution 08-21-2973. Roll call vote: "Ayes": Priske, Kramer and Johns; "Nays"; none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Next item up was Resolution 08-21-2974, Resolution Establishing Street Closing for Trunk or Treat. Trunk or Treat will be October 30, 2021 and will be the same route as last year. It will start by the Eldora Library. Council member Kramer motioned to approve Resolution 08-21-2974, Resolution Establishing Street Closing for Trunk or Treat. Priske seconded the motion. Roll call vote: "Ayes": Priske, Kramer and Johns; "Nays"; none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Ritland+Kuiper Landscape Architects gave the council a presentation for the Riverfront Park and the bike trails within the City. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 08-21-2975, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with Ritland+Kuiper Landscape Architects-Eldora Riverfront Park. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Resolution 08-21-2981, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with Ritland+Kuiper Landscape Architects-Eldora Recreation Trails. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Johns and Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

The City has property at 1609 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and would like to sell it. Resolution 08-21-2976, Resolution setting the public hearing date to sell real property, will set the date of September 14, 2021. A minimum bid of \$2,000.00 will be set for the property and bids needs to be in at City Hall by September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Resolution 08-21-2976. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Johns and Kramer; "nays": none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Next was Resolution 08-21-2978, Resolution approving signatures for checks and drafts on City of Eldora account. The City will add Jamie Witham to the Hardin County Saving checking account. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 08-21-2978. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Priske and Kramer; "nays": none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Kelly Haskin has regular maintenance on the City's wells and on this year's inspection, it showed some issues with the pump and motor on well #5. The cost will be around \$19K. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Kramer to approve the work on pump #5. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Kramer and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

The council review Resolution 08-21-2979, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement with Melee LLC. The City will need a study on the Harrison building before they can apply for any grants. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 08-21-2979. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Priske and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

The City will be sending Carson Lutterman to Hawkeye Community College to take his police classes and Resolution 08-21-2980, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sight the agreement with Carson Lutterman to set up an agreement with Lutterman on repayment if he leaves the City before the contract expires. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 08-21-2980. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Once a year the City files a Debt Report with the State. Resolution 08-21-2982, Resolution approving the FY 20/21 Debt Report, will approve this report. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Resolution 08-21-2982. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

The City discussed last month the changing of Mayor and Council pay and this month are the Ordinance to change them. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns to approve the first reading of Ordinance 876 to change the Mayor’s pay from \$2,400.00 a year to \$3,600.00 a year. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Kramer to approve the first reading of Ordinance 877, to change the council’s pay from \$20.00 per meeting to \$30.00 per meeting. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Kramer and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy and Jones. Motion carried. The second readings of these ordinances will be held September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The council members gave their communications at this time.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Kramer so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chandra Kyte, City Clerk