

-City of Eldridge City Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open Committee of the Whole session at Eldridge Community Center at 6:05pm on February 5, 2024.

Council Members Present: Adrian Blackwell, Scott Campbell, Dan Collins (in at 6:12pm), Brian Dockery and Ryan Iossi.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Martha Nieto, Mark Ridolfi, Dale Grunwald and Marty O'Boyle

Motion by Blackwell to approve the agenda. Second by Campbell. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – None

Old Business

A. Discussion on City Engineering Proposals

Administrator Lemke briefed the Council on the Engineering Proposals that were submitted and asked Council if they would like to review.

The council was in agreement to remain with Shive Hattery with the option of using a different firm if needed with different projects.

The council asked Administrator Lemke to provide them with information on the proposals for their record.

B. Discussion on allocating ARPA Funds to projects/expenditures in CY2 2024

Administrator Lemke reminded the Council that ARPA fund needed to be committed by the end of this calendar year and recommended scheduling a closed session for Council to discuss possible real estate purchases. At this meeting Lemke will present the Council with a list of options that have been discussed in prior meetings.

Council recommended setting a deadline to make a decision.

C. FY25 Budget & Max Tax Levy

Administrator Lemke asked Council to agree on a date to meet to discuss the FY25 Budget & the Max Tax Levy. A decision was made to meet on Monday February 12th with Department Heads present.

New Business

A. Discussion on implementing a ROW Management Ordinance

Assistant Administrator Martens provided and responded to the Council's questions regarding the ROW Management Ordinance memo he presented.

B. Discussion on renewal of contract for the City's auditing services.

Administrator Lemke informed the Council that this was the last year of the auditing contract with the current Audit Firm Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP. She presented the Council with the names of Audit Firms currently being used by nearby municipalities.

She asked the Council if they would like to pursue another contract with this Bohnsack & Frommelt or if they would like to look at other Auditing Firms.

If this is the direction the Council wants to go Administrator Lemke will start getting some proposals to present to them.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 6:47 pm. Second by lossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Martha Nieto, City Clerk