

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open session at Eldridge City Hall at 5:30 pm on November 28, 2023.

Council Members Present: Dan Collins, Adrian Blackwell, Bruce Cheek, Brian Dockery, and Bernie Peeters.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Joe & Cindy Sisler, Jaidyn Sisler, Skylar Limkemann, Grace Sisson, Sandy Nass, Nancy & Scott Case, David & Cindy Cowlin, Daniel Reese, Steffani Nass, Ashley Atkins, Matt Wadlow, Tim Doty, Stephanie & Swan Eckhardt, Mike Lodge, Fred & Julie Tingle, Scott Campbell, Bonnie & Daniel Wheeler, Dylan Jones, Matt McClean, Marie & Gerald Schadel, Lindsey Fausett, Ryan Iossi, Dustin Henningson, Martha Nieto, Jeff Martens, Jack Schwertman, Michael Skocinski, Garret Jahns, Jacob Costas, & Nevada Lemke. Ann Smisek was present via Zoom.

Motion by Dockery to approve the agenda. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved by a 4-1 voice vote.

Chief Sisler's charges are for multiple police policy violations. Chief Sisler's attorney Skylar Limkemann presented several exhibits, played sections of Officer Lellig's bodycam, and had several members of the public testify on behalf of Chief Sisler. He also called on the following City of Eldridge Officers: Jacob Costas, Garrett Jahns, Jack Schwertman, and Michael Skocinski to speak to the Council regarding Joe Sisler as a department leader.

Motion by Cheek to reinstate Chief Joseph Sisler immediately. Motion died with no second.

Motion by Cheek to reinstate Chief Joseph Sisler and hold a closed session on December 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Motion was amended to not reinstate but to allow Chief Sisler to come in alongside Deputy Chief Lellig to copy any personal records he may need and then hold a closed session on December 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

With no closed session and no action as a result of the Closed Session. Motion by Dockery to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.