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 the Eldridge Community Center at 6:00 pm on March 24, 2025.

Council Members Present: Adiran Blackwell, Scott Campbell, Brian Dockery and Ryan Iossi. Dan Collins was not present.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Letty Goslowsky, Marty O'Boyle, Dale Grunwald and Erin Gentz

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

New Business

Assistant City Administrator Jeff Martens spoke about a recent complaint the City received regarding the continuing and worsening deterioration on S. 25th Street in Fellner's Addition. Jeff provided recent pictures himself & Public Works Director Tony Rupe took as examples. All of Council agreed that something needs to be done, and not just short term such as patching, but something that will fix the roads long term. Council discussed what those options might look light and potential costs. Council requested staff to start looking into some engineering and costs estimates and bring it back to them.

Old Business

On-going discussion continued regarding the FY 2026 Budget for the City of Eldridge. City Administrator Nevada Lemke provided an updated budget draft.

Funding for police vehicles was then had regarding how many and how to purchase, via buy or lease. It was eventually agreed to purchase three and lease one. Another discussion regarding park board funding was held and what that funding would be used for.

The next topic was future funding for infrastructure, particularly roads and sidewalks. Council expressed their continued support.

Throughout the COW meeting the Council asked various financial questions, clarification and answers were provided by both the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator Jeff Martens.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 7:03pm. Second by Campbell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Letty Goslowsky, Finance Manager/City Clerk