

-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 6:00pm on February 12, 2024.

Council Members Present: Adrian Blackwell (in at 6:20 pm), Scott Campbell, Dan Collins, Brian Dockery (left meeting at 6:50 pm) and Ryan Iossi.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Martha Nieto, Brian Wells, Tony Rupe, Andrew Lellig, Ray Nees, Mark Ridolfi, & Marty O'Boyle

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

Public Comment – None

Old Business

A. FY 25 Budget & Tax Levy

The following department heads presented their budget to the Council.

Ray Nees – Council mentioned the possibility of the future hiring of a part time employee in this department. Council was good with Ray's budget.

Andrew Lellig – Chief Lellig pointed out some of the changes in his budget are due to price increases. Council had questions regarding professional development, clothing Allowance. Council's decision was to add \$600 to expense line # 001-5-110-6420. This addition would pay for the new officer's 1st shirt, pants.

and needed patches.

Brian Wells - Street Dept. – Brian informed the Council that he would be losing a part time employee as of March and that he will not be replacing this person.

Tony Rupe The need for a possible new storage building was also discussed. Council had no further questions for Brian on this budget

Street Lighting – No questions from Council on this budget

Traffic Dept. – no questions from Council on this budget

Snow Removal – no questions from Council on this budget

Sanitation – no questions from Council on this budget

Vehicle Maintenance – Council was informed that Keith's pay was split.

by City and Utilities and that line # 001-5-299-6332 should read \$10,000 not \$1,000. Question was raised by Council regarding whether the part time.

wages were also split between the city and the Utility Dept.

General Equip. Replacement – purchases budgeted on this line are: new Pickup truck -\$55k, Plow -\$8k and a mower for \$17k. If Council is not ok These purchases Public Works is ok holding off on the purchase of the Mower.

Road Use – Brian addressed the Council’s questions regarding the purchases of the new equipment. \$374,000 will be pulled from reserves to cover these purchases

Sewer - Tony pointed out the changes made by the administrator and clerk on line. 610-5-815-6360 & line # 610-5-815-6912. Council had no question on this Budget

Budgets for Park Board, Community Center and Utility will need to be presented and approved by their respective Boards

Tax Levy

Administrator Lemke presented and answered questions from the Council on her presentation of several models, samples of valuation and Comparisons on Tax Levies effects based on the different tax levy percentages. Based on the information presented by Administrator Lemke there was a consensus by the Council to go with the 7.98% tax levy.

B. ARPA Funds Project Discussion

Council discussed the ARPA fund project option list provided to by Administrator Lemke. These projects were: Sheridan Meadows/Hickory Creek Pond projects, Fox Ridge Rd/ Lincoln Rd. Bike/Pedestrian Trail. Also discussed were Traffic Light upgrades at 4th St & LeClaire Rd, 11st St & Iowa and LeClaire Rd & 9th, Hwy 61 prior to going into Closed Session.

Motion by Blackwell to adjourn and go into Closed Session 7:52pm. Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) j “To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property.” Second by Collins. Voice vote indicated Collins(aye), Campbell (aye), Blackwell (aye), lossi (aye)

Resume the open session at 8:35 pm

Motion by Collins to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Second by Campbell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Martha Nieto, City Clerk

