

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:02 pm on July 17, 2023.

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

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also present: Jeff Martens, Joe Sisler, Andrew Lellig, Ashley Lacey, Martha Nieto, Nevada Lemke, Marty O'Boyle, Trevor Gimm, Jennie McKenna, Melissa McKenna, Sue Cheek, Ron Iossi, Ray Nees, Ryan Windmiller, Drew Lawrence, Ryan Iossi, Dan Belk, Judi Sarafin, Judith Hildebrand, and Mark Ridolfi.

Motion by Blackwell to Approve the Agenda. Second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Veterans Car Club of the Quad Cities presented a \$2,000 check to the Eldridge Police Department.

Mayor's Agenda

Motion by Peeters to approve City Council Minutes from July 3, 2023. Second by Collins. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$177,587.78, after checking on two bills, one for National Assoc. of Townwatch for \$312.00 which was found to be a duplicate, and EMC for \$222.75, this was owed by the city. Second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

King verified with staff that no comments or concerns had been received after the second reading of Ordinance 2023-14. Motion by Dockery to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2023-14 Amending Title D, Chapter Two, Section 5 – Definitions, of the Eldridge City Code by amending the definition of "Sign". Second by Collins. Roll Call vote indicated Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), and Dockery (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

King verified with staff that no comments or concerns had been received after the second reading of Ordinance 2023-15. Motion by Cheek to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-15 Amending Title D, Chapter One, Section 19.12 – Sidewalks, of the Eldridge City Code, to include public and municipal districts and to address sidewalk assessment waivers for existing industrial parks. Second by Blackwell. Roll Call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Collins (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

New Business

Motion by Dockery to approve the private sump pump mains in Ivy Acres development with requiring and defining how the drainage will go on the north side of the subdivision. Second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Peeters to allow Nevada to proceed with setting up a meeting with the Scott County Library Board of Trustees to discuss the proposed lease renewal with the full council. Second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-16 Adding Title A, Chapter Twenty – Civil Service Employee Residency Requirements to the Eldridge City Code with the amendment that it would be within 30 miles of the center point of the 1st Street and LeClaire intersection. Second by Cheek. Roll Call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), and Blackwell (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Dockery to approve the Resolution 2023-20 Approving the a Public Hearing for the Sale of a parcel of land located in the NE¼ NE¼ of Section 26, T79N, R3E of the 5th P.M. in the City of Eldridge to Bankland LLC. Second by Peeters. Roll Call vote indicated Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), and Cheek (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Blackwell to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-17 Amending Title A, Chapter Three, Section 5.02 – Authority, of the Eldridge City Code to include a spending authorization limit of \$5,000 for Department Heads on general engineering costs for projects directly related to daily operations or public facility improvement planning. Second by Peeters. Roll Call vote indicated Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), and Peeters (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Dockery to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-18 Amending Title A, Chapter Twelve, Section 28.00 – Policy on Serving Alcohol at Events Within City Limits to include a provision requiring event hosts and organizers to assume responsibility for ensuring vendors have the appropriate licensures to sell alcoholic beverages with taking out the line that reads the event organizers and vendors shall be solely liable. Second by Collins. Roll Call vote indicated Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Nay), Peeters (Aye), and Dockery (Aye). Motion passes 4-1.

Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2023-21 in Support of the Proposed Terms to be included in an Agreement for Private Development by and among the City of Eldridge, RILCO, Inc., and GRT Eldridge Property, LLC. Second by Cheek. Roll Call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Nay), and Collins (Aye). Motion passes 4-1.

Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2023-22 Setting Dates of a Consultation and a Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment No. 5 to the Eldridge Unified Urban Renewal Plan in the City of Eldridge, State of Iowa with changing the wording from “this” council to “the” council. Second by Cheek. Roll Call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), and Blackwell (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Peeters to approve Resolution 2023-23 Determining the Necessity and Setting Dates of a Consultation and a Public Hearing on a Proposed Lincoln-LeClaire Urban Renewal Plan for a Proposed Urban Renewal Area in the City of Eldridge, State of Iowa. Second by Blackwell. Roll Call vote indicated Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), and Cheek (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2023-24 Fixing Date for a Public Hearing on the Proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with RILCO, Inc. and GRT Eldridge Property, LLC. and Providing for Publication of Notice Thereof. Second by Cheek. Roll Call vote indicated Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), and Peeters (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Peeters to approve a Street Patching Project for bid letting for FY24 at a cost not to exceed \$473,000 whether it goes out as one bid or two. Second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Blackwell to table the discussion and consideration of the HomeServe Service Line Warranty Program and the available marketing materials for Eldridge residents. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Activity Reports

Public Works-Valley Construction finished the parking lot on the Northeast side of 1st and LeClaire. The guys were extremely busy getting everything ready for Summerfest/Moonlight Chase. The 2nd half of the irrigation project at Hickory Creek Park will be presented to the park board Tuesday night. Brian will be meeting with L.L. Pelling about looking at Lincoln Road to add a seal coat.

Police- Summerfest/Moonlight Chase went very well. August 1st is National Night Out. The department will have testing for a new officer on Saturday, and they have 25-27 applicants.

Inspections – The housing market has not slowed down; we have a lot of buildings that will be happening.

Community Center- The Community Center just fixed the overhang, and unfortunately, a vendor had a larger truck for delivery and hit and damaged it. They have a lot of activities going on and everything seems to be going well.

City Administrator – Nevada introduced our new City Clerk, Martha Nieto. She also thanked all the staff for their help with the Summerfest.

Blackwell made a motion to move into closed session at 8:47 p.m. Second by Dockery. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The City Council of Eldridge, Iowa resumed open session at Eldridge Community Center at 9:20 pm on July 17, 2023.

Councilman Dockery made a motion to approve a wage increase for Assistant City Administrator Jeff Martens to \$77,625, with 2 weeks of vacation, and to make the position a salary position, effective 7/17/2023. Councilman Peeters seconded the motion. Voice vote indicated Cheek (aye), Peeters (aye), Dockery (aye), Collins (aye), and Blackwell (aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Dockery made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 pm. Second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King
Mayor

Ashley Lacey
Billing Clerk

Bills for 7/17/23

5.11 TACTICAL	SUPPLIES	\$192.60
A & A AIR COND & REFRIGERATION INC	SERVICE	\$66.88
ACADEMY ONLINE COURSES PRAETORIA	SERVICE	\$99.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS	SERVICE	\$601.75
ADVANTAGE ADVVERTISING	SERVICE	\$126.00
AHLERS & COOONEY PC	SERVICE	\$1,587.00
ALLIIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$457.28
ALWAYS CLEAN	SERVICE	\$708.75
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	\$76.75
AMERICAN LEGAL	SERVICE	\$5,000.00
AQUA-TECH	SERVICE	\$130.00
AUXIANT	BENEFITS	\$10,313.77
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM	SERVICE	\$958.50
BLAIN'S FARM & FLEET	SUPPLIES	\$105.96
CAT FOOTWEAR	SUPPLIES	\$115.51
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	SERVICE	\$1,124.56
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY	SUPPLIES	\$56.09
DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	\$10.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE	SUPPLIES	\$320.00
ELDRIDGE ELECT UTILITY	UTILITIES	\$3,570.84
EMC INC	BENEFITS	\$222.75
F & W SERVICE COMPANY	SUPPLIES	\$50.83
FARM & FLEET	SUPPLIES	\$112.32
FARM & FLEET	SUPPLIES	\$74.98
FARM & FLEET	SUPPLIES	\$148.69
FENIX	SUPPLIES	\$95.96
FIMCO AGSPRAY	SUPPLIES	\$51.56
GT SPORTS	SUPPLIES	\$103.00
HOLIDAY INN	SERVICE	\$235.20
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IA ASSN MUNICIPAL	SERVICE	\$2,561.42
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	SERVICE	\$230.00
KINGS MATERIAL	SUPPLIES	\$144.34
MANATTS, INC	SUPPLIES	\$576.00

MENARDS	SUPPLIES	\$189.79
MIDWEST WHEEL	SUPPLIES	\$36.62
NAPA	SUPPLIES	\$260.26
NAT'L ASSOC OF TOWN WATCH	SUPPLIES	\$312.00
NEW LOOK CONSTRUCTION	SUPPLIES	\$810.00
NORTH SCOTT PRESS	SERVICE	\$1,072.71
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	SUPPLIES	\$610.02
NORTH SCOTT PRESS	SUPPLIES	\$28.00
OFFICE SPECIALIST	SUPPLIES	\$174.95
PANTHER UNIFORMS	SUPPLIES	\$309.00
PARTNERS OF SCOTT CO WATERSHED	SERVICE	\$2,500.00
PAYROLL	PAYROLL	\$88,380.24
PEAVEY CORP	SUPPLIES	\$222.52
PREMIER PEST MANAGEMENT	SERVICE	\$12.50
REPUBLIC SERVICES	SERVICE	\$32,161.85
RIVER VALLEY TURF	SUPPLIES	\$128.44
SAFARILAND	SUPPLIES	\$103.09
SAM, LLC	SERVICE	\$900.00
SAMS CLUB	SUPPLIES	\$64.42
SHARED IT	SERVICE	\$1,256.25
SHIVE-HATTERY	SERVICE	\$17,402.20
USPS	SERVICE	\$6.25
WASTE COMMISSION	SERVICE	\$147.00
WHITECAP	SUPPLIES	\$36.18
		\$177,587.78