

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open session at Eldridge City Hall at 7:01 p.m. on September 5, 2023.

Council Members Present: Dan Collins, Adrian Blackwell (arrived at 7:30), Bruce Cheek, Brian Dockery, and Bernie Peeters.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Martha Nieto, Marty O'Boyle, Raymond Nees, Drew Lawrence, Mark Ridolfi, Jerry Downs & Dale Grunwald

Motion by Dockery to approve the agenda. Second by Cheek. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor's Agenda

Motion by Cheek to approve City Council Minutes from August 21, 2023. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$177,216.86. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Peeters to approve Reappointing Steve Puls to a 6-year term on the Stormwater Advisory Board, and to appoint new members Ryan Iossi and Jeff Martens to 6-year terms and Jennifer Vittorio to a 2-year term on the Stormwater Advisory Board. Second by Cheek. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motion by Dockery to approve the Third and final Reading of Ordinance 2023-19 amending Title D, Chapter Two, Section 28 I-1 Light Industrial District to Update Principal Permitted Uses. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to approve the Third and final Reading of Ordinance 2023-20 Amending Title D, Chapter Two, Section 29 I-2 General Industrial District updating Principal Permitted Uses. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Peeters to approve the Third and final Reading of Ordinance 2023-21 for the Rezoning of Lots 23,24,25 and 26 of Grunwald Grove 2nd Addition from the R-3 Multiple Family Residential District to Planned Residential Overlay District. Second by Cheek. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Cheek to approve the Third and final Reading of Ordinance 2023-13 Rezoning of Parcels 932703006 and 932701003 from SA-Suburban Agricultural District to I-2 General Industrial District. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-31 determining an area of the City to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Amendment No. 5 to the Eldridge Unified Urban Renewal Plan. Second by Peeters. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

Motion by Peeters to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-22 for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for Amendment No. 5 to the Eldridge Unified Urban Renewal Plan. Second by Dockery. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-32 determining an area of the City to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or a combination thereof, of such area, is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for urban renewal projects; and adopting the Lincoln-LeClaire Urban Renewal Plan. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

Motion by Dockery to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-23 for the division of revenues under Section 403.19, Code of Iowa, for the Lincoln-LeClaire Urban Renewal Plan. Second by Cheek. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

Motion by Cheek to approve Resolution 2023-33 approving and authorizing the execution of a Development Agreement by and among the City of Eldridge, RILCO, Inc., and GRT Eldridge Property, LLC. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

The new handbook is currently being worked on. Dockery stated that the current Employee Handbook needed to be followed as the City had not adopted a new one.

New Business

Motion by Dockery to approve Setting Trick or Treating for October 31st, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Second by Cheek. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Collins to approve painting at City Hall to include main entrance, back entrance, offices, break room, and Council Chambers at a cost of \$3100. Second by Cheek. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Collins to approve the proposal to add Seal Coat of the 4-Plex lot at Sheridan Meadows to the previously approved Sealcoat project proposal, for an additional cost of \$55,901.20 to be paid out of Sales Tax Fund. Second by Dockery. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Collins to approve a Street Closure for the Eldridge Fire Department on Saturday, September 16th, 2023, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. for the North Scott First Responders Ride. The requested closure would include 2nd Street from Wade Street to Franklin Street. Second by Cheek. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Peeters to approve Resolution 2023-34 Vacating a Drainage Easement on Lot 8 of Rustic Green 3rd Addition. Second by Dockery. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye) , Cheek (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-35 Approving the Final Plat of Grunwald Grove 2nd Planned Residential Overlay Addition. Second by Peeters. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye) , Cheek (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

Activity Reports

City Administrator - Nevada Lemke informed the Council that the City switched Insurance Brokers from North Risk Insurance to KLD Insurance Consultants. The City's new agent is Kari DeCasteker. She will handle Employee Benefits Consulting. As per Iowa Code Chapter 23A.3, a City should consider the purchase of goods or services from a locally owned business located within the City area that offers these goods or services if the cost and other considerations are relatively equal.

The Mayor's City Update Breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 19th, at 8 a.m. It will be hosted by the Eldridge North Scott Chamber of Commerce and will take place at Grand Haven.

On Wednesday, October 11th, Department Heads will be working with Milestones on Area Aging to participate in Dementia training as part of the Dementia Friendly Iowa Initiative. We met with Mike Mathews and Councilman Blackwell, and we are doing our part to make Eldridge a Dementia Friendly Community.

Lemke will be out of the office from September 21st – 24th for the Iowa League of Cities Conference in Cedar Rapids and will also be out of the office on October 9th for a TIF Seminar.

Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1) "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Motion by Peeters to move into closed session. Second by Blackwell at 7:51 p.m. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye) , Cheek (Aye) , Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye)

Motion by Dockery to move into open session. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King
Mayor

Martha Nieto
City Clerk

Bills for 9/5/23

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	COPIER LEASE	\$437.84
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	GENERAL REPRESENTATION	\$2,601.50
ALWAYS CLEAN LLC	CLEANING SERVICES	\$708.75
AUXIANT	CLAIM FUNDING	\$2,069.84
BROOKS LAW FIRM P.C.	GEN REPRESENTATION	\$1,710.00
CINTAS	MATS	\$42.69
COBRA HELP	ACTIVE INSURED EMPLOYEES	\$17.50
ELDRIDGE WELDING	ROLLER STROBE LIGHT MOUNT	\$54.00
GREG O'BRIEN	WW1 EXAM	\$124.45
HUMANE SOCIETY OF	TRIP FEES BOARDING FEES	\$100.00
IA DEPT TRANSPORTATION	BLADE GRADER HARDENED	\$1,705.60
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	EVAUL - HUETTMAN	\$150.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MEMBER DUES	\$3,552.00
KARL CHEVROLET	NEW SQUAD - TAHOE	\$40,757.00
MERSCHMAN HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$327.88
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	UTILITIES	\$9,611.77
MUTUAL WHEEL CO.	ROLLER STROBE LIGHT	\$239.94
OFFICE SPECIALISTS	PAPER BAG	\$67.75
PAYROLL	PAYROLL	\$98,049.42
PRECISION AIR	AIR FILTER RACK PRESS ROOM	\$375.00
PRISM COATING INC	LOT POWDER COATING	\$100.00

PROFESSIONAL RESCUE INNOVATIONS	TRENCH RESCUE	\$1,200.00
QUAD CITIES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	GENERATION NEXT LACEY	\$149.00
QUAD CITIES TAS	ANSWERING SERVICE	\$66.83
RIVER CITIES MANAGEMENT	WAREHOUSE SPACE	\$1,849.75
RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$1,077.00
RNJS DISTRIBUTION INC.	WATER	\$52.05
SCOTT COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE	PESTICIDE LICENSE RENEWAL	\$180.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.	BOOKING FEES	\$275.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	HUETTMAN NOTARY	\$30.00
SHARED IT INC	PROJECT	\$1,236.25
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ELD 2022 PROJECTS	\$4,631.05
TWIN-STATE ENG. & CHEM.	LIBERTY 280	\$192.00
UNIFORM DEN INC.	SCHWERTMAN	\$55.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	PIPE TIE	\$360.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PD CELLULAR	\$650.56
VISIT QUAD CITIES	QUARTERLY FUNDING	\$750.00
WASTE COMMISSION OF SCOTT COUNTY	STREET SWEEPING	\$462.24
ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS INC.	SKID LOADER BROOM BRISTLES	\$1,197.20

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