

-Joint City Council & Utility Board Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council & Utility Board met in an open Joint session at the Eldridge Community Center at 6:00 pm on November 4, 2024.

Council Members Present: Adrian Blackwell, Scott Campbell, Dan Collins, and Ryan Iossi. Brian Dockery was absent.

Utility Board Members Present: Mike Bristley, Jeff Hamilton, Mark Goodding, Rachel Padavich, & Abby Petersen

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Martha Nieto, Marty O'Boyle, Craig Gehls, Erin Gentz, Randy Ridgeway, Ray Nees, Nicolette Keppy, Amira Blackwell, Hayden Burmeister, Neal Ketron, Barbara Hanssen

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

Motion by Campbell to approve the appointment of Mark Goodding to the Utility Board of Trustees for a term expiring 02/28/2028. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote

Lemke spoke on the current breakdown for salaries for the City Clerk, currently, it is paid 50% Sewer and 50% Finance, a proposal could be 50% Finance, 20% Water 15% each Electric and Water. The City Administrator is 70% Finance and 30% Sewer, a proposal would be 55% Finance, 15% Sewer, Electric, and Water. Lemke is going to provide the Utility Board with more information on the budget.

Lemke spoke on the breakdown for legal services for City and Utility and what portion each will be responsible for. Billing will change going forward, Utility will be billed on its own and the City will be on its own.

Motion by Hamilton to approve a proposal from ISG Engineering for a facilities needs report in the amount of \$34,000. Second by Padavich. Motion by Campbell to approve a proposal from ISG Engineering for a facility needs report in the amount of \$34,000. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The City Attorney offers one free training course for the Council and Boards, Lemke will look into general training and times and get back to everyone.

Contract Negotiations with the Eldridge Iowa Employee Association will begin on November 14th at 9:00 a.m. In negotiations it will be Lemke, Martens, King, and they would like one Utility Board Member.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Frank King
Mayor

Martha Nieto
City Clerk