

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 pm on November 20, 2023.

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

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Cindy Sisler, Bonnie Wheeler, Cynthia Cowlin, Nanny Case, R. Scott Case, Marty O'Boyle, Bryan Tallyn, Cody Hankey, Jared Haring, Ryan Iossi, Kelly & Megyn Thompson, Randy Schwanz, Nikki Iossi, Maria Peters, Matt Wadlow, Lindsey Fausett, Fred & Julie Tingle, Eric Shepherd, Dustin Henningsen, Greg & Jessica Freeman, Tony Rupe, Jim Doty, Carolyn & Larry Bjustrom, Dylan Jones, Scott Camyden, Steffen Nass, Daniel Reese, & Tisha Bouselot.

Motion by Peeters to approve the agenda by moving item 4 after item 5 and removing 7B from the agenda until more information is obtained. Second by Dockery. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor's Agenda

Motion by Cheek to approve City Council Minutes from November 6, 2023. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Peeters to approve the bills payable for \$539,994.15 Second by Dockery. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment

Cindy Sisler, Dylan Jones, Matt McClain, Randy Schwanz, Tisha Bouselot, Matt Lovewell, Scott Case, Jessica Freeman, Daniel Reese, Greg Freeman, Fred Tingle, Bonnie Wheeler, & Cindy Cowlin all spoke about Chief Joe Sisler and his integrity, and how they would like to see him brought back to work. Many spoke of their disappointment in the slander that has been going around about Sisler.

Bouselot also spoke about a realtor who reached out to each council member asking if they had any reservations about the Vape Shop that is opening in Eldridge, the realtor got no response from any council member. She noted we need more transparency.

Old Business

Motion by Peeters to approve the renewal of the draft lease agreement with the Scott County Library, Dockery noted a few things to look at before presenting this, the delinquent payments in paragraphs 2 and 17, charge 9% per year, but others 18% per year, may need to be changed. Paragraph 3, possession, this is irrelevant because they already are tenants of the building. Paragraph 8E, it should be an additional term of 5 years, not 25. Paragraph 10C, currently the legislature does not charge a personal property tax, but if they were to reactivate them, they would have to pay on their behalf. Paragraph 13-Indemnity, we need to add that the city is additionally insured. Paragraph 14C if the damage is over 50% it is the landlord's discretion to rebuild or not. Paragraph 16A number 3, we need to add without

preapproval. Clarification on number 25 was asked for. Second by Dockery Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Blackwell to approve hiring a new patrol officer to fill a pending full-time vacancy. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

Motion by Dockery to table the first Reading of Ordinance 2023-24 Amending Title D, Chapter 3, Flood Plain Management of the Eldridge City Code to adopt the new FEMA FIRM Map Panels and to amend the requirements for the elevation of equipment as recommended by the DNR Model Ordinance. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the Sidewalk Assessment Waiver for GRT Eldridge Property, LLC (RILCO). Second by Peeters. Motion was approved with a 4-1 voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve Street Assessment Waiver for GRT Eldridge Property, LLC (RILCO) with the road having to be put in by the end of 2026. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Council discussed publishing and sending out a Request for Proposal for Legal Services before we appoint a City Attorney for 2024. They will be due back by December 29, 2023. Then they will do an evaluation of the proposals, followed by interviews, and then make a recommendation to the City Council. Motion by Blackwell to approve issuing an RFQ for Legal Services for calendar year 2024. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Peeters to approve extending the free curbside yard waste collection and yard waste disposal thru December 4th, 2023. Second by Dockery. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King
Mayor

Martha Nieto
City Clerk

AFFORDABLE PARKING LOT SERVICES	CRACK SEALING AT TOWNSEND FARMS	\$33,920.00
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	STREET LIGHTS	\$951.66
ALTORFER INC	400 KW GENERATOR	\$143,460.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	\$140.48
AQUA-TECH CAR WASH	PD FLEET CARWASH	\$80.00
AUXIANT	CLAIM FUNDING	\$597.40
CALIFF & HARPER P.C.	LABOR & EMPLOYMENT - PERSONNEL	\$3,258.50
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE WIFI	\$1,127.80
CINTAS CORPORATION	MATS	\$85.52
CNH CAPITAL	KUNAU PARTS	\$69.53
COMMERCIAL PRINTERS	SHOP APPLIANCE DROPOFF SIGNAGE	\$98.90
DUBUQUE FIRE EQUIPMENT INC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER CERT	\$899.75

EASTERN IOWA EXCAVATING	PAY APP #2 PATHCHING PLAN	\$168,452.21
ELDRIDGE ELECT. UTILITY	STREET LIGHTS	\$3,570.84
ENGELBRECHT BRIAN	SQR REIMBURSEMENT	\$570.00
FEENEY MATTHEW	SQR REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,000.00
IOSSI RON	SQR REIMBURSEMENT	\$540.00
JEFF MARTENS	CONFERENCE/OFFICE BLINDS	\$158.86
KELLEY TRAVIS	SQR REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,000.00
KUNDEL MARGARET	SQR REIMBURSEMENT	\$520.00
MANATTS INC	HMA MIX	\$792.00
MENARDS	HEX KEYS	\$12.68
MICHAEL SKOCINSKI	TRAINING - DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE)	\$781.93
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP INC	PUMP REBUILD	\$19,278.75
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$536.11
NORTH SCOTT PRESS	CITY COUNCIL PUBLISHINGS	\$936.10
O'BRIEN KAREN	SQR REIMBURSEMENT	\$410.00
PATE BRANDON	TRAINING - DRIVER'S TRAINING WITH SCOTT CO	\$16.00
PRECISION AIR	FURNACE REPAIRS	\$64.00
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	ECOLI TESTING	\$188.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES #400	GARBAGE SERVICES	\$32,161.85
RNJS DISTRIBUTION INC.	WATER	\$52.05
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES	\$1,763.50
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$275.39
STATE HYGENIC LABORATORY	LAB TESTING	\$42.00
STOREY KENWORTHY	W-2 & 1099 FORMS	\$147.80
SUTTON STEVE	SQR REIBURSEMENT	\$870.00
THEISEN SUPPLY INC	BAETKE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$154.96
DELTA DENTAL	DENTAL INS PREMIUMS	\$1,406.44
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	LIFE INS PREMIUMS	\$918.68
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	\$17,496.13
PAYROLL 11/11/23	PAYROLL 11/11/23	\$94,003.27
WEX	FUEL BILL	\$4,531.02
TRUPANION	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE FOR K-9	\$122.97
DIGITAL BUYER	LOCK FOR DROP BOX	\$40.03
DESIGNERY - PAYPAL	DESKTOP CALENDARS	\$14.00
J P COOKE CO	PET TAGS	\$89.35
SAMS CLUB	HALLOWEEN CANDY	\$234.45
READY PLUG	PRINTER CABLE FOR SQUAD 103	\$28.79
USPS	POSTAGE FOR CASE 2023-14238	\$6.30
ZERO9 SOLUTIONS LLC	HOLSTER	\$170.97
THE HILLMAN GROUP	WORKING SERVICE DOG TAGS PER CITY CODE	\$17.12
CANVA	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION - CITY AND COM CNT	\$59.70

KEURIG	COFFEE FOR CITY HALL BREAK ROOM	\$177.98
SAFARILAND	HOLSTER	\$9.25
GALLS	FLASHLIGHT	\$180.49
RED WING	BOOTS - CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$71.92
FAIRFIELD HOTEL	FBI LEEDA - TRAINING	\$320.00
FARM & FLEET	SUPPLIES	\$72.33
BITTNER YMCA	Y @ WORK	\$85.07
USPS	IRS DOCUMENT MAILINGS	\$60.27
THEISENS	SHOES - CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$254.65
RIVERSIDE CASINO - 22 & VINE	LUNCH - TIF CON - LEMKE, MARTENS, NIETO	\$638.40
		\$539,994.15