

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open session at Eldridge City Hall at 7:00 pm on August 7, 2023.

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

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Marty O'Boyle, James Weiss, Jim Skadal, Joe Zrostlik, Trevor Grim, Jeffrey McDaniel, Brian Wessel, Joe Sisler, Martha Nieto, Ashley Lacey, Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, and Mark Ridolfi.

Motion by Blackwell to approve the agenda. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment

James Weiss spoke about concerns with the new sidewalk waiver for Eldridge properties. He believes we should look back at properties that have a waiver and reevaluate whether we should have them install a sidewalk. He also feels that we should revisit the tax breaks given to companies coming into Eldridge.

Mayor's Agenda

Motion by Blackwell to approve City Council Minutes from July 17, 2023. Second by Cheek. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Collins to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$547,160.09. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve a Temporary 5-Day Liquor License effective 08/16/2023 – 08/20/2023 for Cabos Cantina & Grill for the "Music in the Park" event. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motion by Peeters to approve the Third and final 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 Collins. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Cheek to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-16 Adding Title A, Chapter Twenty – Civil Service Employee Residency Requirements to the Eldridge City Code. Second by Blackwell. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to Open 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 Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to Close 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 Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-25 Approving 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 with the change of the purchase price from \$1 to \$10. Second by Peeters. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Cheek to approve the Second 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 Blackwell. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to table the Second 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. Second by Peeters. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Nay), Collins (Nay), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

New Business

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

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

Motion by Dockery to Open Public Hearing for 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 Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

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Motion by Peeters to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-21 for 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 Dockery. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-26 Waiving Fees For the 2023-24 Student Built Home. Second by Peeters. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Peeters to approve Resolution 2023-27 Approving the Final Plat of American Acres 2nd Addition. Second by Cheek. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-28 Approving the Final Plat of CRST 1st Addition. Second by Cheek. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to approve the Sidewalk Assessment Waiver for Ethodd Properties LLC subject to being recorded at the County level. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the Sidewalk Assessment Waiver for RKJL, LLC, subject to being recorded at the County level. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Cheek to Open Public Hearing for Awarding a Contract for the 2023 Eldridge Street Patching Plan Project #1. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to Close Public Hearing for Awarding a Contract for the 2023 Eldridge Street Patching Plan Project #1. Second by Peeters. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2023-29 Awarding a Contract for the 2023 Eldridge Street Patching Plan Project #1 to Centennial Contractors Inc. Second by Cheek. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to Open Public Hearing for Awarding a Contract for the 2023 Eldridge Street Patching Plan Project #2. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to Close Public Hearing for Awarding a Contract for the 2023 Eldridge Street Patching Plan Project #2. Second by Cheek. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2023-30 Awarding a Contract for the 2023 Eldridge Street Patching Plan Project #2 to Eastern Iowa Excavating and Concrete LLC. Second by Cheek. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Peeters (Aye).

Motion by Cheek to Authorize the Eldridge Police Department to Purchase and Upfit a New Squad to replace K-9 Squad out of Community Policing Funds at a Cost of \$61,664.12. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Nay), Cheek (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Nay), and Peeters (Nay). After Council discussion motion failed and was tabled.

Motion by Blackwell to Authorize Purchase of Mower for Streets Department at a cost of \$5,820 out of Budgeted Item in Road Use Fund for Dump Truck and move Remaining Funds to General Equipment Replacement for future Dump Truck purchase. Second by Cheek. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to Authorize Martens to research other communities for Permitted Uses in Zoning District Ordinances. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Activity Reports

Public Works – Wessel let the council know that on August 17 & 18th, resurfacing will be redone on W Donahue and N 8th St that was done last year, but the company had a machine malfunction. Public Works will be working on a new list of Capital Improvements for street projects in the future.

City Administrator – ADP went live, and employees are getting into it and putting their time in. The Y @ Work program started on August 1st. A meeting was had with URA taxing agencies and went well.

City Clerk – We are working to send out W-9 to our vendors that we pay \$600+ to send out 1099's at the end of the year, to be in compliance with the IRS. We currently have ACH vendors taking withdrawals out of the account and we apply it to the system with a g/l entry, we will be creating vendors for them and inputting them under the vendor. We have also created a file on Fileshare to save the backups for what and why journal entries are being processed.

Motion by Dockery to go into closed session at 9:35 p.m. Second by Blackwell. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

The City Council of Eldridge, Iowa resumed open session at the Eldridge City Hall at 11:00 p.m.

Dockery made a motion to adjourn at 11:01 p.m., noting no action was taken on either of the closed session items. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King
Mayor

Ashley Lacey
Billing Clerk

Bills for 8/7/23

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	\$	233.77
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	\$	6,758.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$	48.94
BROOKS LAW FIRM P.C.	\$	3,743.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	\$	88.16
CLS MUDJACKING	\$	1,000.00
COBRA	\$	17.50
COMMERCIAL PRINTERS	\$	65.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$	774.00
DARE IOWA	\$	100.00
DMB SALES	\$	126.12
ELDRIDGE LUMBERYARD INC.	\$	23.01
ELDRIDGE VOL. FIRE DEPT.	\$	102,141.84
ENGELBRECHT BROTHERS	\$	71,943.30
GRAINGER	\$	1,370.98
IA DEPT TRANSPORTATION	\$	1,275.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	\$	150.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$	75.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	\$	2,100.20
KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY	\$	1,126.92
KINGS MATERIAL INC	\$	144.34
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	\$	184.64
MENARDS	\$	11.31
MERSCHMAN HARDWARE	\$	247.70
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	\$	10,058.74
MIDWEST WHEEL	\$	7.44
MILLS CHEVROLET	\$	244.54
MRA	\$	375.00
NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	\$	84.81
OFFICE SPECIALISTS	\$	233.27
PLUMB SUPPLY	\$	82.81
QUAD CITIES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$	9,995.16
QUAD CITIES TAS	\$	64.01
QUAD CITIES WINWATER CO	\$	285.33
RIVER CITIES MANAGEMENT	\$	1,886.50
RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE	\$	1,368.96
RIVER VALLEY TURF	\$	73.53
RIVERSTONE GROUP INC	\$	2,764.60
RNJS DISTRIBUTION INC.	\$	26.45
SAFETY KLEEN	\$	230.90
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.	\$	250.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	\$	95,096.49
SISLER, JOE	\$	222.70
THEISEN SUPPLY INC	\$	65.54
TWIN-STATE ENG. & CHEM.	\$	154.48
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$	1,144.15
WEX BANK	\$	5,266.85

AUXIANT	\$	3,245.24
DELTA DENTAL	\$	1,381.56
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE	\$	583.32
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	\$	18,279.51
PAYROLL 7/22/2023	\$	95,722.99
PAYROLL 8/5/2023	\$	104,216.48
TOTAL	\$	547,160.09