

# City of Eldridge City Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open Committee of the Whole session at the Eldridge Community Center at 6:00 pm on January 27, 2025.

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

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Letty Goslowsky Marty O'Boyle, Dale Grunwald, Dave Belk, Joy Sherwood, Jim Perkins, Scott LaPlant, and Erin Gentz.

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

## **New Business**

FY26 Tax Levy and Introductory Budget Discussions were had. City Administrator Nevada Lemke passed out budget packets with initial numbers, stressing these numbers are only initial and during the budget period will change based on council recommendations and decisions.

The Tax Levy worksheet was presented, showing non-TIF taxable growth valuation grew by 4.1% which makes Eldridge a Tier 3 city resulting in a 2% reduction of revenue and the recommended tax base of 8.01%

The Council asked various financial questions in relation to the budget.

Police Chief Andrew Lellig and the Council next discussed the Police Department's budget, identifying some upcoming needs regarding vehicles and cameras.

Funding for the volunteer fire department was also discussed.

Throughout the COW meeting the Council asked various financial questions, clarification and answers provided by both the City Administrator and Police Chief.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Letty Goslowsky, Finance Manager/Billing Clerk