

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:03 P.M. on May 21, 2024, at Eldridge City Hall.

Board members present were Craig Gehrls, Jeff Hamilton, Rachael Padavich, Abby Petersen, and Mike Bristley. Also, present: Frank King, Scott Campbell, Marty O'Boyle, Mary Gehrls, Jacob Rowe, Jody Coffman, Brock Kroeger, Jason Foust, Sarah Watson, Nevada Lemke, Ryan Iossi, Jeff Martens, Allison Wright, Jacob Costas, Mark Ridolfi, and Sadie Wagner.

Public Comment – Brock Kroeger stated that he was present and would abstain from voting. He stated he would also like to implore that the board hire a third-party investigator for the utility employees.

Motion by Hamilton to approve Agenda. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Motion by Petersen to approve Utility Board Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2024. Second by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Motion by Padavich to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 P.M., to go into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)c “To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation” and Iowa Code 21.5(1)g “To avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection” Second by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board resumed open session at 5:52 P.M.

Administrative –

- A. Appointment of Board Officers - Motion made by Hamilton for Craig Gehrls for Chairman. Second by Bristley. Motion made by Padavich for Abby Petersen for Vice Chairman. Second by Hamilton. Motion made by Petersen for Rachel Padavich for Secretary. Second by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion Carries.
- B. Bristley confirmed there was no additional benefit, and they can always readdress in the future. Padavich stated there was no clear clarification as to why it was ever brought to the board. Gehrls stated rescinding authorization would ensure current utility employees will keep their current insurance. Petersen motioned to rescind authorization for Dickinson, Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagen, P.C. to apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) for the Eldridge Electric & Water Utility. Second by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion Carries.
- C. Padavich stated that anything further that requires a third-party investigation would go through the county, the Scott County Sheriff's Department, and the State Auditors. Motion made by Padavich to rescind authorization for Dickinson, Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagan, P.C. to obtain quotes or engage any third-party investigation of City allegations, including rescinding of any

authorization for JL Consulting to conduct any investigation. Second by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

D. Padavich stated since the seat has been vacated, that the board needs to terminate the lawsuit.

Bristley asked if there were any benefits other than the investigation of the seat and if there were any other items that they were considering. Padavich responded there is not and there has been a ruling by the judge that the prior board member is no longer a part of the board, and our community's fees are currently being paid towards the lawsuit. Motion made by Hamilton to authorize and direct Dickinson, Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagan, P.C. to file a dismissal with prejudice on behalf of the Eldridge Electric & Water Utility Board as Plaintiff in the lawsuit against the City of Eldridge. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

E. Bristley confirmed they would need to file for dismissal before terminating legal services. The board agreed. Motion made by Padavich to terminate the legal services engagement with Dickinson, Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagan, P.C. Second by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

F. Department Update – no update.

#### Financial-

Motion made by Hamilton to Approve Bills Payable in the amount of \$56,218.77. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

#### Electric Department-

A. Department Update – no update.

#### Water Department-

A. Verizon Lease Update – Lemke shared Verizon came back with a new proposal. She stated she told Verizon the last proposal was not considered by the board. Verizon's new proposal was to finish the current lease with the same terms as their last proposal. \$950 a month with a 10% escalator every five years. Bristley stated he conducted some research, and the new proposal was a little light, and that they are probably right on track to bill upwards of \$2,000 a month rather than go backward. Doing his research, he found there are multiple organizations that would evaluate the value of the space on the water tower and further advise what a fair price would be. Motion by Padavich to table until next meeting. Second by Petersen. All Ayes.

B. Department Update – Lemke shared the Bac-T samples were completed that day so the results will be on the board's next agenda. The water department is currently preparing for water main valve exercising.

Motion by Bristley to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 P.M. Second by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Sadie Wagner  
Billing Clerk

BILLS PAYABLE					
CHECK #	DEPT	FUND	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
225993	WATER	600 5-810-6371	ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	STREET LIGHTS & TRAFFIC SIGNALS MONTHLY	\$ 229.45
225994	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6310	ALWAYS CLEAN LLC	CLEANING SERVICES MONTHLY	\$ 300.00
225995	WATER	600 5-810-63711	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LUBE - WATER DEPT	\$ 76.68
225996	WATER	600 5-810-6373	BOHNSACK & FROMMELT LLP	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	\$ 597.66
225996	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6401	BOHNSACK & FROMMELT LLP	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	\$ 1,792.96
225997	WATER	600 5-810-6373	CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	UTILITY TELEPHONE & WIFI MONTHLY	\$ 278.60
225997	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6373	CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	UTILITY TELEPHONE & WIFI MONTHLY	\$ 474.90
225998	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6310	CINTAS CORPORATION	CITY SHOP MATS MONTHLY	\$ 67.88
225998	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6310	CINTAS CORPORATION	CITY HALL MATS MONTHLY	\$ 45.11
226000	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6560	FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO.	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	\$ 6,150.28
226000	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6560	FLETCHER-REINHARDT CO.	ELECTRIC SUPPLIES	\$ 239.03
226001	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6416	IOWA UTILITIES BOARD	3RD QTR DIRECT ASSESMENT CHARG QTRLY	\$ 1,982.69
226002	WATER	600 5-810-6407	ISG I&S GROUP INC.	DESIGN TECH SPEC AND PERMITT	\$ 1,000.00
226002	WATER	600 5-810-6407	ISG I&S GROUP INC.	DESIGN TECH SPECS PERMITS	\$ 1,408.75
226003	WATER	600 5-810-63711	METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	METERS	\$ 4,273.34
226004	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6450	MIDWEST SPRAY TEAM & SALES INC	TOTAL VEG CONTROL - CITY SHOP	\$ 1,494.25
226005	WATER	600 5-810-6332	NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 95	\$ 37.97
226005	WATER	600 5-810-6332	NAPA AUTO PARTS	WTR DEPT-GENERATOR SPARK PLUG	\$ 4.49
226006	WATER	600 5-810-6181	POWELL JACOB	BOOTBARN REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 83.43
226007	WATER	600 5-810-63711	QUAD CITIES WINWATER CO	VALVE BOX RISERS	\$ 449.47
226008	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-67811	RESCO	HANGER BRACKETS	\$ 3,825.00
226009	WATER	600 5-810-6010	ROBERT HALF	N. OVERSTREET - TEMP STAFF - CLERK'S OFFICE WKLY	\$ 577.60
226009	WATER	600 5-810-6010	ROBERT HALF	N. OVERSTREET - TEMP STAFF - CLERK'S OFFICE WKLY	\$ 114.97
226009	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6010	ROBERT HALF	N. OVERSTREET - TEMP STAFF - CLERK'S OFFICE WKLY	\$ 459.93
226010	WATER	600 5-810-6373	SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES MONTHLY	\$ 143.00
226010	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6373	SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES MONTHLY	\$ 143.00
226011	WATER	600 5-810-6331	WEX BANK	UTILITY FUEL MONTHLY	\$ 479.91
226011	ELECTRIC	630 5-820-6331	WEX BANK	UTILITY FUEL MONTHLY	\$ 475.38
ACH	SPLIT	SPLIT	PAYROLL 5/11/2024	PAYROLL 5/11/2024 BI-WEEKLY	\$ 28,081.16
<b>TOTAL:</b>					<b>\$ 55,286.89</b>

CREDIT CARDS					
DEPT	EMPLOYEE	FUND	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
WATER	BRYSON STYMIEST	600-5-810-6230	COD - PASSPORT PARKING	PARKING FOR TRAINING CLASS	\$1.50
WATER	BRYSON STYMIEST	600-5-810-6230	IOWA DNR FEES & PAYMENT	TESTING FEES WATER TREATMENT CERTIFICATION LEVEL 1	\$63.04
WATER	BRYSON STYMIEST	600-5-820-6240	HILTON ADV PURCH	HOTEL STAY FOR IAMU TRAINING	\$205.05
WATER	BRYSON STYMIEST	600-5-810-6240	IAMU	WATER DIST & LEAK DETECTION/LINE LOCATING WKSP	\$210.00
WATER	NEVADA LEMKE	600-5-810-6230	IOWA DNR FEES & PAYMENT	WATER DISTRIBUTION TEST FEES - J Powell	\$32.29
ELECTRIC	TATE OLSON	630-5-820-6240	IAMU	BASIC ELECTRIC DIST WKSHR FOR DALTON EAGLE	\$420.00
<b>BILLS PAYABLE</b>					<b>\$ 55,286.89</b>
<b>CREDIT CARDS</b>					<b>\$ 931.88</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 56,218.77</b>