

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 August 4, 2025.

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

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Andrew Lellig, Zach Howell, Erin Gentz, Dale Grunwald, Marty O'Boyle, Keith Schneckloth.

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

New Business

Discussions on E-Scooters. Officers have been giving verbal warnings and educating riders on safe riding. Eldridge PD has received numerous calls for the unsafe riding of scooters by juveniles in regards to high speeds (and/or) in the roadway. The PD would recommend an ordinance to include scooters 200 to 750 watts and limit operation to sidewalks or multi use paths. Speed restrictions, age requirements, and safety helmets can be discussed. It is believed to be a general problem not restricted to a certain few riders. Discussed possible addition of stop signs on sidewalk/bikepath intersections and limiting one rider to one scooter. Also requested the Ordinance differentiate e-bikes from e-scooters. Chief Lellig and Assistant Administrator Martens will work on drafting an Ordinance for consideration.

Discussion on adding a stop sign to the intersection of 2nd and Davenport. Poor visibility at the intersection during lunch hours when 2nd parking is full. A study was conducted in 2015 that is still relevant and confirmed a sight/distance issue that would support creating a 4-way stop. Assistant Administrator Martens was directed to draft an Ordinance amendment to this effect for the next City Council meeting for consideration.

Damann Drive - Shive Study. Damann Drive residents have had some complaints regarding speeding. Enforcement has increased in the area and there has been a drop in speeding, but it is still prominent. The use of speed cameras was used to record data on vehicles speeding on the Damann Drive. The camera on the north side of Damann Drive recorded 85% of vehicles speeds at 27 mph. Further down the road at Damann and Donahue 85% of vehicles are traveling at 31 mph with one vehicle speed being recorded at 41 mph. Vehicle volume, and pedestrian volume was not met to establish a 4 way stop. Recommendation from Shive would be the implementation of speed bumps on Damann, along with a traffic calming policy that would put in place a baseline threshold for scoring resident complaints that would need to be met in order to justify installing speed humps. Councilman Dockery requested that the Public Works Department place their temporary speed hump in accordance with Shive's recommended placement on Dammann Drive to

determine its efficacy and to assist with determining how many speed humps are actually needed, along with placing the temporary speed radar sign that was on Valley Drive to see the impact of these recommendations before proceeding with placing the permanent concrete speed humps; but that Administrator Lemke should prepare the next steps in proceeding with a permanent speed hump for the Council to consider at a future Council meeting.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 6:27pm. Second by lossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.