

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:04 pm on January 12, 2026.

Council Members Present: Jeff Ashcraft, Adrian Blackwell, Brian Dockery, and Ryan Iossi. Quorum was met. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Tracy Northcutt, Ryan Gale, Police Sergeant, Erin Getz, Kayla Allers, Louie Allers, Ashley Burress, Nathan Burress, Beth Campbell, Melissa Camry, R. Scott Case, Dick Cole, Johnnie del Fabro, Paula delFabro, Rene delFabro, Robert Dunn, Becky Esbaum, Stephanie Fischer, Larry Frazee, Mike Frazee, Jason Garnica, Erin Genz, Judith Gilbert, Trevor Gimm, Dale Grunwald, Alisa Haedt, Janet Haycraft, Josh Haycraft, Jill Hipskind, Cim Hoerner, Danielle Huber, Bill Hyde, Nikki Iossi, Ron Iossi, Jillyn Kaufman, Ken Kerker, Nathan Kessler, Judith Kirby, Gage Lane, Scott LaPlante, Lisa Marquez, Bobby Martin, Dave McCammant, Lillian McDermott, Marty O'Boyle, Peggy Ohl, Jason Rain, James Retterer, Laura Shoemaker, Rachel Smith, Jamie Stecker, Elizabeth Swanson, Garrett Taflinger, Jean Ulloa, Ashley Verstein, Eva Wyatt, Karen Wyatt, Darryl Zingre.

Motion by Ashcraft to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentation:

David McCammant, MidAmerican Energy, presented a check for \$500.00 to the City of Eldridge for beautification and landscaping in the City.

Proclamation:

Mayor Campbell proclaimed January 2026 as "National Mentoring Month"

Public Comment:

Mayor Campbell opened public comment by asking for name, city of residence, respectful comments and gave a reminder of the three-minute limit for presenting.

Darryl Zingre, Eldridge, expressed appreciation to the Police Chief for addressing traffic issues on Dammann Dr. and encouraged further attention for increased safety.

Eldridge Community Center & Skate Park Comments:

Rachel Smith, Hoopple, IL, QC Rollers President, requested use of the facility for QC Roller practices.

The following individuals expressed support to keep the Eldridge Community Center and Skate Park open:

Paula delFabro, Eldridge, Richard Cole, Eldridge, Judith Gilbert, Eldridge, Jill Hipskind, Donohue, Alisa Haedt, Eldridge, Nathan Burress, Eldridge, Ashley Verstein, East Moline, Bill Hyde, Parkview, Bob Martin, Clinton, Peggy Ohl, Eldridge

Scott Case, Eldridge, encouraged the Council to make a decision that was best for Eldridge.

Eva Wyatt & Stephanie Fischer, Eldridge, expressed appreciation to the staff for their hard work over the last month.

James Retterer, Wilton, has a proposal to lease the business and wants to present it for consideration.

Jamie Stecker, Long Grove, Manager of Community Center, requested to extend the closing date.

Mayor Campbell thanked those who spoke.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Dockery to approve City Council Minutes from December 15, 2025. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft to approve the bills payable by amending the amount to \$586,248.59 which removed \$251.61 in Park Expenses and added \$209,914.85 for the December 18 & 31, 2025 payroll. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery to approve the 2026 City Appointments as presented on the agenda. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motioned by Iossi to approve Resolution 2026-02 Approving Closing Procedures for the Eldridge Community Center as presented on the agenda. Seconded by Ashcraft. Council Members and Staff discussed the reasons for recommending the closure, keeping it open and extending the date of closure. Council Member Dockery made a motion to amend Resolution 2026-02 by allowing Dog Training, QC Roller Derby Practice and the three North Scott School District School Skates to continue through May 28, 2025. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion to amend carried on the following roll call vote: Aye –Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi, Ashcraft. Nay – None. Motion to approve the amendment carried on the following roll call vote: Aye –Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi, Ashcraft. Nay – None.

Council Member Iossi requested that further discussion be held on what to do with the building. Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, suggested that a Request for Proposal be brought forth at the next meeting. Council has no objection to that plan.

New Business

Motioned by Ashcraft to approve a 10-year contract proposal with Axon for Eldridge Police Department body cameras, squad cameras and TASER systems as presented on the agenda. Seconded by Blackwell. Ryan Gale, Police Sergeant, gave an overview of the contract. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft to approve naming the City Depositories as presented on the agenda. Seconded by Blackwell. Councilmember Ashcraft, seconded by Councilmember Dockery, made a motion to amend the list of depositories by removing Wells Fargo and renaming Northwest Bank to Time Bank. Amended motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye –Dockery, Iossi, Ashcraft, Blackwell. Nay – None.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor's Report – A productive meeting was held with the Davenport Fire Department and the next step will be meeting with the Eldridge Fire Department. Mayor is encouraged by the progress made. Mayor Campbell expressed appreciation to Jeff Marten, Assistant City Administrator, and Tracy Northcutt, City Clerk, for stepping in while the City Administrator was on vacation. Additionally, he thanked Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, for coming in on Sunday to get caught up before the meeting. Mayor Campbell encouraged the City Council Members to become more engaged with staff throughout the weeks to be able to get questions answered in advance of Council Meetings. Lastly, he shared his list of goals for 2026 that include finalizing the acquisition of the Fire Department into a City-Operated entity, expedite the move of the Public Works Department to the acquired property on S 1st St, review sidewalk ordinance to address scooters and electric bicycles, industrial business attraction, Lincoln Road bike trail, encourage the Council and Staff to create their own list of goals.

City Administrator – Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, thanked Jeff Martens and Tracy Northcutt for covering while she was on vacation. The Joint Transit Study Committee wants an elected official to join. Council Member Brian Dockery volunteered. Lemke indicated that the Deputy City Clerk position will be on the next agenda for the approval. City offices will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. City Budget processes have begun and will be presented in the coming weeks. 4th & LeClaire traffic signal will be operational by the end of the month. Tri-City Electric will install message boards in advance alerting drivers of the coming signal. The City will also post on its website and social media.

Council Member Dockery questioned whether the vacated position should be filled rather than hiring a Deputy City Clerk. Mayor Campbell indicated that a better talent pool could be attracted with a Deputy rather than a Billing Clerk. He also requested a separate identifier for "wish list" items in the budget. Verified that the next Council Meeting will be held at the Community Center.

Assistant City Administrator – Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, reiterated contacting City Staff with any questions about the affairs of the City so no one feels surprised by items on the agenda. Martens thanked everyone for their participation in a difficult meeting and stated he is proud to work for the City of Eldridge.

City Clerk – Tracy Northcutt, City Clerk/Finance Manager, stated the auditors will be at the next meeting to present the FY25 Audit Report. Additionally, she expressed appreciation to Council Member Dockery for following the meeting procedures.

Police – Ryan Gale, Police Sergeant stated the newest officer has completed the first week of the academy.

Council Member Blackwell thanked everyone for the difficult meeting and wants to move the meetings back to City Hall.

Council Member Ashcraft thanked City Staff for their help acclimating him to the City Council.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 9:09 pm. Second by Ashcraft. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell
Mayor

Tracy A. Northcutt
City Clerk

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
200 EAST 90TH STREET	WAREHOUSE SPACE RENT	2,029.42
ACCESS SYSTMS LEASING	COPIER LEASES	500.50
ALLIED SVCS/REPUBLIC	GARBAGE/RECYCLE SVCS	34,856.64
ALTORFER INC	CUTTING EDGES	1,839.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS	VARIOUS DEPT SUPPLIES	1,409.08
ASHCRAFT, JEFF	PARK BOARD ATTENDANCE	150.00
BI-STATE REG COMM	MEMBER DUES	987.25
BURT ACQ/AQUATECH	PD FLEET WASHES	60.00
CENTRAL SCOTT TELE	PHONE/WIFI SVCS	1,190.94
CINTAS CORP	MAT CLEANING SVCS	67.33
CITY OF DAVENPORT	TRANSIT STUDY	5,526.63
CNH CAPITAL	BRK CONTRLLR & ELEC RPRS	4,295.15
COMMERCIAL PRINTERS	BUS CARDS-NORTHCUTT	45.00
CREATIVE PROD SOURCING	DARE SUPPLIES	222.03
DE WULF, JILL	PARK BOARD ATTENDANCE	150.00
DONAUBAUER, KARL	P&Z BOARD ATTENDANCE	90.00
DSI MEDICAL SVCS	RANDOM TESTING	194.00
DULTMEIER SALES	CAR WASH SOAP	130.00
EA IA PUBL/NSP	CITY PUBLISHING	1,156.96
ELECTRIC PUMP	RMV & RPL PUMP @ BTRMLK LS	369.00
FERGUSON, DEAN	P&Z BOARD ATTENDANCE	90.00
FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA	ANNUAL POSTAGE MACHINE	227.70
GRAINGER	BACK SHOP HEATER	3.34
GUARDIAN MACHINERY	PLOW EQUIP	1,208.00
ILLOWA	MEMBERSHIP-MARTENS	245.00
INTERSTATE BTTRY CNTR	CASE TRACTOR	221.94
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	HVAC BLOWER MOTOR	467.99
LAPLANTE, SCOTT	P&Z BOARD ATTENDANCE	60.00
MARTIN EQUIPMENT	324P END LOADER	124,794.69
MARTIN, MICHAEL	P&Z BOARD ATTENDANCE	30.00
MENARDS	PW SUPPLIES	450.10
MERRICK, BRAD	P&Z BOARD ATTENDANCE	60.00
MERSCHMAN HARDWARE	VELCRO	7.98
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	UTILITIES	9,618.30
MOLO QUINT, LLC	HYDRAULIC FLUID	868.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE SUPPLIES	1,618.51
PRECISION CONCEPTS	SAFTEY & SECURITY FILM	1,331.70
QC COUNCIL PD CHIEFS	2026 ANNUAL FEE	50.00
QUAD CITIES TAS	AFTER HRS ANSWR SVCS	194.70

RHINO INDUSTRIES	SLUDGE POLYMER	4,899.00
RIVER VALLEY COOP	DIESEL	7,067.88
SAMANTHA NICHOLS	PARK BOARD ATTENDANCE	90.00
SC CO ANIMAL HOSPITAL	TRUPANION	76.51
SC CO SHERIFFS DEPT.	BOOKING FEES	125.00
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES	2,661.20
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	ENGINEERING	26,955.30
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	131.34
THEISEN SUPPLY, INC	CLOTH ALLOW - KRUSE	238.47
TITAN MACHINERY	SNOW PUSHER SHOES	750.00
TRICIA CAMPBELL	PARK BOARD ATTENDANCE	120.00
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO	BLWR MOTOR TROUBLE SHOOT	1,440.85
TRUCK COUNTRY OF IA	DUMP TRUCK CAB & CHASIS	111,805.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	TRAIN & TRANSACTION FEES	1,362.50
UMB BANK NA	GO2015 UMB BOND BANK FEE	250.00
UNIFORM DEN INC.	PD UNIFORMS	709.40
VALLEY CONST CO.	1ST & LECL PROJECT	10,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CITY CELL SVCS	390.55
VITTORIO, JENNIFER	P&Z BOARD ATTENDANCE	60.00
WASTE COMM SCOTT CO	SHERIDAN MEADOWS MAINT	6.00
WEX BANK	FUEL	4,328.11
FIRST CENTRAL VISA	DEPT SUPPLIES & SERVICES	6,048.85
Z-PAYROLL	PAYROLL 12/18 & 12/31/25	209,914.85
AP/PR CLAIMS TOTAL		586,248.59
GENERAL		72,127.33
GENERAL EQUIP		111,805.00
PARKS		1,377.96
SALES TAX		42,481.93
DEBT SERVICE		250.00
SEWER		23,496.83
SEWER EQUIP		124,794.69
PAYROLL 12/18 & 12/31		209,914.85
FUND SUMMARY TOTAL		586,248.59