

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 pm on January 26, 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, Andrew Lellig, Erin Getz, Scott LaPlante, Josh Haycraft, Janet Haycraft, Ron Iossi, Marty O'Boyle, Bridget Kramer, Keith Kramer, Robert Dunn, Morgan Dunn, Joe Stutting, Ashley Vertein, Jillyn Kaufman & James Retter.

Motion by Dockery approving the agenda delaying the vote to February 2, 2026, for item 7A to approve the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025, Annual Financial Audit Report. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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.

Ron Iossi, Eldridge, requested the Council use "zero based budgeting" for the next year. He expressed appreciation to the Park Board for the accomplishments but questioned why more of the capital improvement funds have not been spent as an explanation was not reflected in the minutes of the last board meeting. The board did not elect a president or approve a budget at that meeting either.

James Retter, Wilton, expressed appreciation for the open request for proposals and transparency regarding the Eldridge Community Center.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Blackwell approving City Council Minutes from January 12, 2026. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving Committee of the Whole Minutes from January 12, 2026. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Campbell made the recommendation to appoint Scott LaPlante to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term to expire January 3, 2028, to the City Council. Discussion was held regarding the candidates who submitted applications. Motioned by Ashcraft approving the appointment of Scott LaPlante. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Motioned by Blackwell approving the bills payable in the amount of \$404,509.16. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Iossi approving the Liquor License Renewal for The Fun Station. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery approving the change of ownership for Casey's Marketing Company Liquor License. Seconded by Ashcraft. Dockery questioned the criminal background on one of the owners. Police Chief Lellig indicated he would review the State's requirements. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

Sarah Bohnsack, Bohnsack & Frommelt, gave a brief overview of the audit report. The Council will vote to approve the report on February 2, 2026.

Discussion was held regarding the Request for Proposals for the Eldridge Community Center. The following direction was provided to staff: Advertise RFP for 45 days; a committee will be formed to review the RFPs and a Committee of the Whole meeting will be held before each Council meeting during the process with updates provided; RFP will be made to include the entire building; no capital improvement decisions would be made in advance of the RFP; formal approval for the RFP will appear on the February 2, 2026 Council Agenda.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving the posting the Deputy City Clerk position to fill the vacant Billing Clerk/Payroll & Permits position at an annual salary of \$62,335 (\$29.97/hr). Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery to postpone the proposed 5-Year Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Maintenance and Repair of Primary Roads. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Iossi approving Resolution 2026-03 Dissolving the Eldridge Community Center Board. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Motioned by Dockery approving Resolution 2026-04 approving Muhs Tracts LC Replat. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Motioned by Blackwell, seconded by Dockery, to Open a Public Hearing at 7:59 pm for the purpose of rezoning of replat of Muhs Tracts LC parcel numbers 93140530211 and 9314213031 from split zoning R-1 Single Family Residential/R-3 Multiple Family Residential/C-3 General Commercial to R-1 Single Family Residential. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None. Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, gave an overview of the rezoning. No written or verbal comments were submitted by the public. Motioned by Dockery, seconded by Iossi, to close the public hearing at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Motioned by Dockery approving the first reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-01 Rezoning Replat of Muhs Tracts LC parcel numbers 93140530211 and 9314213031 from split zoning R-1 Single Family Residential/R-3 Multiple Family Residential/C-3 General Commercial to R-1 Single Family Residential. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving Resolution 2026-05 vacating a portion of the Muhs Tracts LC Right of Way and Utility Easement. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Motioned by Iossi approving Resolution 2026-06 approving Baustian Farms Replat. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Motioned by Dockery, seconded by Ashcraft to Open a Public Hearing at 8:03 pm for the purpose of rezoning of the replat of Baustian Farms parcels 932505003 & 932521001 from split zoning R-1 Single Family Residential/R-3 Multiple Family Residential/SA-Suburban Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None. Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, gave an overview of the rezoning. No written or verbal comments were submitted by the public. Motioned by Dockery, seconded by Iossi, to close the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Motioned by Dockery approving the first reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-02 Rezoning the replat of Baustian Farms parcels 932505003 & 932521001 from split zoning R-1 Single Family Residential/R-3 Multiple Family Residential/SA-Suburban Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi. Nay – None.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor's Report – Mayor Campbell gave an overview of meetings about the Eldridge Fire Department and that included capital assets, staffing, timing of any changes and the possibility of remaining independent but using other support services from the City. Further discussion was had among the Council.

City Administrator – Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, stated that 4th & LeClaire traffic signal will be operational on February 5, 2026, and Tri-City Electric will install message boards in advance alerting drivers of the coming signal. Department budget meetings are being held and Lemke is analyzing amounts for the Max Levy. Ongoing presentations will be held at Committee of the Whole meetings that will be held before each of the Council Meetings. Sheridan Meadows Steering Committee meeting will be held January 29, 2026, for the basin. A Council Contact document has been created to be posted on the website and available to the public. FYE25 audit findings are being addressed with some that will require further investigation to determine the scope.

Assistant City Administrator – Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, thanked Mr. LaPlante for his service on the Planning & Zoning Commission and looks forward to working with him on the Council.

City Clerk – Tracy Northcutt, City Clerk/Finance Manager, thanked Council for approving the job description for Deputy City Clerk and encouraged sharing the job posting. Additionally, Northcutt requested any questions about the audit to be submitted as soon as possible.

Police – Andrew Lellig, Police Chief, stated the newest recruit has finished the third week of academy, two officers at training for the new nonlethal weapons who will train the other officers, a department in-service will be held mid-February and Citizens Police Academy will be held later this year.

Council Member Dockery proposed moving Council Meetings back to City Hall. Council had no objections. All following Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be held at City Hall, 305 N. 3rd Street.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell
Mayor

Tracy A. Northcutt
City Clerk

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
200 EAST 90TH ST	WAREHOUSE STORAGE RENT	2,029.42
A&A AC & REFRIG, INC	SHOP ICE MACHINE LEASE	62.50
ACCESS SYSTMS LEASING	COPIER AGREEMENTS	822.68
AIRGAS USA, LLC	WELDING GAS	71.20
ALLIED SVCS/REPUBLIC	GARBAGE/RECYCL SVCS	34,856.64
AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS	SPLITTER	18.04
AMERICAN LEGAL	ONLINE CODE RENEWAL	495.00
BOHNSACK & FROMMELT LLP	ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT	6,500.00
BURT ACQ, LLC/AQUATECH	PD - FLEET WASHES	102.00
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	PHONE/WIFI SVCS	1,190.64
CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP - MAT CLEANING SVCS	103.90
CINTAS 1ST AID & SAFETY	SHOP - 1ST AID REFILL	48.04
DE NOVO MARKETING	WEBSITE MAINT FEE	162.50
ELDRIDGE WELDING	F550 TOOLBOX BRACKET/CHURCH SIGN POST	48.00
ELECTRIC PUMP	RMV & RPLC FAILED LIFT STATION PUMP	1,260.00
HY-VEE CATERING	CATERING - LAW ENF ACADEMY	2,865.00
ILLOWA	MEMBERSHIP/MEETINGS-NEES	245.00
IOWA DARE ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	100.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	PD UNIFORM & STREET SIGNS	229.38
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	REPLACE LAWSON PARTS RACKS	212.62
MENARDS	SHOP SUPPLIES	254.19
MERSCHMAN HARDWARE	SHOP SUPPLIES	15.63
MID-STATES ORG CRIME INFO. CNTR	MOCIC MEMBERSHIP	100.00
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL CO., LLC	SAN. SWR SLIP LINING - FRANKLIN & S 5TH	42,275.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE SUPPLIES	747.87
NORTH CENTRAL LABS	QTRLY LAB TESTING	86.49
QC ANALYTICAL SVCS LLC	COPPER & AMMONIA TESTING	57.00
RNJS DISTRIBUTION, INC.	PD/CITY HALL WATER	59.00
RTS TACTICAL	SHIELDS	3,383.93
SCOTT CO ANIMAL HOSPITAL	K-9 MARTY FEES	31.58
SCOTT CO SHERIFFS DEPT.	BOOKING FEES	175.00
STAPLES	PD - COPIER PAPER	42.49
S. HANSEN DODGE CITY	2025 DURANGO SQUADS (3)	184,251.00
THEISEN SUPPLY, INC	STUTT - CLOTH ALLOW	116.97
TRAVIS ROUNTREE	MILEAGE-POLICE ACADEMY	498.80
UNIFORM DEN INC.	PD UNIFORM ROUNTREE	793.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	CITY CELL SVCS	1,148.18
VISA FIRST CENTRAL	VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS	9,131.11

PAYROLL 1/15	PAYROLL 1/15	109,918.41
AP/PR CLAIMS TOTAL		404,509.16
GENERAL		149,048.55
GENERAL EQUIP		184,372.42
COMMUNITY POLICING		4,094.84
SEWER		66,993.35
FUND SUMMARY TOTAL		404,509.16