

City of Eldridge Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open Special Committee of the Whole session at 6:00 pm on February 16, 2026.

Council Members Present: Jeff Ashcraft, Adrian Blackwell, Brian Dockery, Ryan Iossi and Scott La Plante.

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Tracy Northcutt, Andrew Lellig, Tony Rupe, Erin Gentz, Dale Grunwald, and Marty O'Boyle

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027, Maximum Levy & Budget

A. Maximum Levy Property Tax

Consensus of 8.13 for the Maximum Property Tax Levy was obtained with Council member Dockery in support of the rate to remain at 8.11. This amount will be published in the North Scott Press as part of the public hearing notice for the public hearing to be held on April 6, 2026, and provided to Scott County for its mailing.

B. Police Department Budget

Andrew Lellig, Police Chief, gave an overview of the Police Department Budget. Increases in the budget are for contractually obligated wage & step increases and clothing allowances in addition to vest replacement. Body camera hardware & software as well as requested vehicle replacement have added to the Police Department increases.

C. Public Works & Parks Budget

Tony Rupe, Public Works Director gave an overview of the Public Works & Parks Department Budgets. The Parks Department expenses and revenues will be differentiated from the Streets Department where they had been added several years prior. The Public Works Department Budget changes primarily include requested vehicle purchases along with sliplining for storm sewers.

Policies to be Considered for Adoption

Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, gave an overview of the policies that were attached to the agenda. Staff has been continuously updating documented policies to ensure compliance, transparency, safety and efficiency within the City. Lemke requested Council review and submit questions or comments for further discussion. A formal vote will take place at a later date.

- A. Traffic Calming Policy
- B. Road Closure Policy
- C. Digital Communications Policy
- D. Surveillance Video Monitoring Policy
- E. Surplus Property Disposal Policy
- F. Elected Officials Code of Conduct

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 6:59 pm. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy A. Northcutt

City Clerk