

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in open session at Eldridge City Hall at 7:00 pm on March 16, 2026.

Council Members Present: Jeff Ashcraft, Ryan Iossi & Scott La Plante. Absent: Adrian Blackwell & Brian Dockery. Quorum was met. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

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

Motion by Ashcraft approving the agenda. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment:

Mayor Campbell opened public comment. No one from the public presented to speak.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Iossi approving City Council Minutes from March 2, 2026. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by La Plante approving Committee of the Whole Minutes from March 2, 2026. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving the bills payable in the amount of \$354,068.87. Mayor Campbell announced that the payable to Wellmark in the amount of \$2,590.41 for COBRA was inadvertently left off of the report. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by La Plante approving the appointment of Tom Bauer to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring September 12, 2028. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Iossi approving a Liquor License for a Class "C" Liquor License for Brickstone Kitchen-Bar, 350 E LeClaire Rd. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motioned by Ashcraft approving the third and final reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-03 amending Stop Sign Intersections, Community Center Board, Airport Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Parks and Recreation Board of the Eldridge City Code, making changes outlined, repealing all ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance and providing for an effective date. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Iossi approving the third and final reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-04 repealing Sections of Title C, Chapter Two of the Eldridge City Code, and adopting new Sections 3.00 and 3.01 establishing new sewer rates, repealing all ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance and providing for an effective date. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by La Plante approving the second reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-05 amending Title C, Chapter One of the Eldridge City Code establishing fees for contract hauler wastewater disposal, repealing all ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance and providing for an effective date. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Iossi approving the second reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-06 amending animal fees in City Code making changes to fees outlined, repealing all ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance and providing for an effective date. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

New Business

Motioned by Ashcraft to open a Public Hearing for the proposed FY26 Amended City Budget at 7:04 pm. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None. No one from the public presented to speak. Motioned by Iossi, seconded by La Plante, to close the public hearing at 7:05 pm. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving Resolution 2026-10 Adopting the FY26 Amended City Budget. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor's Report – None

City Administrator – Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, gave a reminder that the deadline for submitting proposals for the Eldridge Community Center is Friday, March 20, 2026. The appraisal of the property is expected to be completed by that date as well. Reminder of the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Max Levy is April 6, 2026, at 5:45 p.m. Staff met with insurance representatives who provided an estimated increase of 2-3% for general, property and casualty, with a maximum of 3.5%.

Assistant City Administrator – None

City Clerk – None

Police – Police Chief Andrew Lellig stated that EPD recruit is in his eleventh week at the academy and is reportedly doing well. The newest squad will be getting graphics applied this week.

Motion by Iossi to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Second by La Plante. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell
Mayor

Tracy A. Northcutt
City Clerk