

City of Eldridge Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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

Council Members Present: Jeff Ashcraft, Adrian Blackwell (6:13 pm), Brian Dockery, Ryan Iossi and Scott La Plante.

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Tracy Northcutt, Erin Gentz, and Dale Grunwald

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027 - Budget

Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, gave an overview of budget highlights. Sidewalk infill projects, supplemental budget items for a squad for Police and a dump truck for Public Works, allocating capital project funds for public facilities and Fire Department improvements and Sheridan Meadows Pond.

Council Member Dockery questioned allocating funds for Sheridan Meadows Pond when it hasn't been voted on by Council. Lemke indicated that a steering committee has been meeting and gathering information that will be used to determine the more specific project for Council to vote on that would include funding sources such as grants.

Dockery also asked about the Fire Department capital funds. Mayor Campbell indicated that the Fire Department meetings have indicated that they are leaning toward remaining independent. Once more information becomes available, a formal presentation will be brought before Council but Staff is anticipating the need for funding regardless of the decision that is made.

Dockery asked about the allocation of gas franchise revenue. Lemke stated that it is split between police and fire.

Dockery asked about setting aside Local Option Sales Tax for future projects. Lemke indicated that setting up a Capital Improvement Plan to allocate funds would be the recommendation as it gives a favorable view for bond ratings.

Dockery requested that instead of having miscellaneous expenses, Community Center expenses could be allocated specifically for expenses such as utilities and insurance.

Dockery questioned replacing the entire K9 unit rather than replace the motor for the Police Department. Lemke will discuss with the Chief the cost difference. The budget will remain the same and if there are changes, a budget amendment could be made if necessary.

Council Members Ashcraft and La Plante expressed appreciation to staff for the budget process.

Motion by Ashcraft to adjourn at 6:36 pm. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy A. Northcutt
City Clerk