

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 April 6, 2026.

Council Members Present: Jeff Ashcraft, Adrian Blackwell, Brian Dockery, Ryan Iossi & Scott La Plante. Absent: None. Quorum was met. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Tracy Northcutt, Erin Gentz, Dale Grunwald, Phil & Mollie Hart, Carter Womack, Luke Welsh, and Akira Vanlandschoot.

Motion by Blackwell approving the agenda. Seconded by Ashcraft. 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. Mollie & Phil Hart, 418 W Davenport, indicated there are issues with water drainage and the gravel alley adjacent to their property and requested direction from the City. Mayor Campbell stated that Staff will be consulted and report back.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Iossi approving City Council Minutes from March 16, 2026. Seconded by La Plante. Council Member Dockery indicated a correction that needs to be made in the 5th paragraph that listed him as making the motion, because he was not in attendance. Motion with correction carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving the bills payable in the amount of \$466,516.19. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by La Plante approving the renewal of a retail tobacco license for Eldridge Mart. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery approving renewal of a Class "E" Liquor License for Hy-Vee. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motioned by Blackwell approving the third and final 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, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving the third and final 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 La Plante. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

New Business

Motioned by Dockery to approve setting a public hearing for proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027, at 7:00 pm, Monday, April 20, 2026, in Eldridge City Council Chambers. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery approving Resolution 2026-11 Approving and Authorizing Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026 Interfund Transfers, as presented. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving Resolution 2026-12 supporting application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Workforce Housing Tax Credits for the Eldridge Fields, LLC housing development with local match funding in the amount of \$100,000.00. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Ashcraft to approve an agreement with Municipal Collections of America for collections of delinquent utility debt to include delinquent sewer and garbage debt, as presented. Seconded by Iossi. Council Member Dockery requested clarification on indemnification. Allison Wright, City Attorney, provided an explanation. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery approving the first reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-07, amending Planning & Zoning Commission creation and membership, by reducing the membership from seven to five, repealing all ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance and providing for an effective date, as presented. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by La Plante approving Resolution 2026-13 approving Final Acceptance of Public Improvements for the LeClaire Road & 4th Avenue Traffic Signal Project. Dockery noted the project was completed several months later. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving Resolution 2026-14 approving Final Acceptance of Infrastructure Improvements for the Fairway Circle Storm Sewer Extension Project. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Blackwell to approve a Disclosure Counsel & Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor's Report – Mayor Campbell indicated that in addition to the Fire Department's wish to remain independent with a yet determined budget, the Fire Department requested a three-year contract with substantial escalators built in. The committee made it clear that only a year-to-year contract would be considered.

City Administrator – Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, gave a reminder that the public hearing for the adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027, will be 7:00 pm on April 20, 2026. Policies previously discussed will be reviewed with recommendations for approval at the April 20, 2026, Council Meeting. The Eldridge Community Center Requests for Proposals Evaluation Committee is meeting this week on Wednesday to review individual evaluations and schedule next steps. Fellner's Addition Plans for S 25th & S 26th Avenue went out to bid on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Bid Opening is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026. Approval of Plans & Specs and Award Bid at the May 4, 2026, Council meeting. Construction will begin after July 1st and to be completed by end of October. The new Public Works Laborer employee begins April 20, 2026. Staff is preparing for the second round of Deputy City Clerk interviews. Community Center Manager has been reclassified as a part-time employee to finish out three events at a maximum of 20 hours per week along with the part-time employee who does custodial work.

Assistant City Administrator – Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, stated that code enforcement letters are on the rise due to spring weather. Free yard waste pick up started this week.

City Clerk – None

Police – None

Council Iossi expressed appreciation for the work done on the beautification and cleanup of the community.

Motion by Dockery to go into Closed Session at 7:34 pm, per Iowa Code 21.5(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council reconvened in open session at 8:06 pm. Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 8:07 pm, noting that no action was taken during closed session. 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 STREET	STORAGE LEASE PYMNT	\$ 2,029.42
ACCESS SYSTMS LEASING	CH COPIER LEASE	\$ 316.90
ALWAYS CLEAN LLC	JANITORIAL SVCS CH	\$ 900.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS	COMPUTER SUPPLIES	\$ 479.07
AMERICAN LEGAL PUB	CITY CODE UPDATES	\$ 358.24
ASCENDANCE TRUCKS EA IA	UNIT #28 SUPPLIES	\$ 2,271.38
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM	MTHLY ADMIN LUNCH - LEMKE	\$ 23.25
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE/WIFI SVCS	\$ 1,377.43
CINCINNATI INSURANCE CO	EQUIP INSURANCE	\$ 4,303.20
CINTAS CORPORATION	MAT CLEANING SVC	\$ 362.19
COMMERCIAL PRINTERS	BUSINESS CARDS-CAMPBELL	\$ 38.00
CONTINENTAL WESTERN GRP	PEP/LAW ENF GEN INS	\$ 191.28
DE NOVO MARKETING	MTHLY WEB MAINT	\$ 162.50
DELTA DENTAL	APRIL COBRA PREM	\$ 71.36
DOORS INC	DOOR LOCK-CITY SHOP	\$ 182.50
EASTERN IA PUBL/NSP	CITY PUBLISHING	\$ 1,183.91
ELDRIDGE WELDING	BUILD HYRO TANK UNIT 50	\$ 235.00
FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC.	CH POSTAGE MACHINE	\$ 250.00
IA ASSN. MUNICIPAL UTIL.	SAFETY TRAINING QTR 3	\$ 3,470.32
IOWA DEPT. OF JUSTICE	SEIZURE/FORFEITURE FUNDS	\$ 57.00
JC CROSS CO.	BLOWER OIL & FILTERS	\$ 1,101.07
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	SHOP BOLTS & SUPPLIES	\$ 169.40
LMT DEFENSE	TIF REBATE	\$ 76,929.60
LTL RED BARN GREENHOUSES	FLOWER BASKETS LCLR RD	\$ 646.80
MENARDS	SHOP SUPPLIES	\$ 517.03
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	UTILITIES	\$ 25,190.14
MIDWEST WHEEL	AXLE SERVICE UNIT #51	\$ 14.41
MSTS RECIEVABLES LLC	SHOP TOOL CHEST & CABINETS	\$ 884.99
NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE SUPPLIES	\$ 2,400.77
NELSON VALUATIONS, INC	COMM CENTER APPRAISAL	\$ 3,750.00
NORTH CENTRAL LABS	LAB TESTING SUPPLIES	\$ 1,182.09
P & K MIDWEST, INC	SERVICE KIT CHAINSAW	\$ 42.87
PORTER INSURANCE	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$ 19,458.34
PREMIER PEST MGMT	MTHLY PEST MGMT FEE	\$ 25.00
QC ANALYTICAL SVCS	COPPER TESTING	\$ 31.00
QUAD CITIES TAS	AFTER HRS ANSWERING SVC	\$ 63.34
REPUBLIC/ALLIED SVCS	WASTE CONTAINER	\$ 412.32
RIVERSTONE GROUP INC	COLD PATCH-POTHoles	\$ 503.75
RNJS DISTRIBUTION, INC.	CH/PD WATER	\$ 66.00
SAMPSON FENCE CO	GATE OPENER SENSOR	\$ 815.00
SCOTT CO ATTY'S OFFICE	PROPERTY SEIZED	\$ 142.50
SCOTT CO LIBRARY SYSTM	SEMI ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 144,013.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	PROJECT ENGINEERING	\$ 41,842.54
TITAN MACHINERY	VEHICLE PAINT	\$ 106.71
UNIFORM DEN INC.	CLOTH ALLOW POLICE	\$ 441.10
VALENTINE CONSTR CO	LCLR RD & 4TH AVE TRFC LGHT	\$ 19,685.44
VEOLIA WATER TECH	UV BALLASTS	\$ 1,267.02
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELLULAR SVCS	\$ 1,555.17
VISA - FIRST CENTRAL	DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,497.82
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	APRIL COBRA PREM	\$ 863.47
WODA COOPER COMPANIES	BOA REFUND	\$ 200.00

Z-PAYROLL 3/26	PAYROLL GENERAL, SEWER, ECC	\$ 99,434.55
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	\$ 466,516.19
	GENERAL FUND	\$ 275,453.51
	ROAD USE TAX	\$ 503.75
	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$ 49,643.52
	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX	\$ 646.80
	TAX INCREMENT FINANCE	\$ 76,929.60
	SEWER	\$ 52,963.56
	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 9,440.62
	SELF INSURED FUND	\$ 934.83
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	\$ 466,516.19