

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 20, 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, Andrew Lellig, Erin Gentz, Dale Grunwald, Marty O'Boyle, Barry Accountius, Karen & Dan Bernick, Trevor Gimm, Bella Surry, Madi Hillmann, Emma Rief, Madelynne Kindig, Gabriel Ulloa, Judi Sarafin, Addison Fuller, Gage Beeth, Bridget Kramer & Dan Belk

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

Public Comment:

Mayor Campbell opened public comment. No members of the public presented to speak.

Presentation:

Barry Accountius, Vice President of Development, Woda Cooper Companies, gave an overview of the status of the proposed project and the application on Housing Development to the State of Iowa for tax credits. Karen & Dan Bernick, Long Grove, expressed support for the project. A decision on tax credits will be made in June 2026.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Dockery approving Special City Council Minutes from April 6, 2026. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Iossi approving Committee of the Whole Minutes from April 6, 2026. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Blackwell approving City Council Minutes from April 6, 2026. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Blackwell approving the bills payable in the amount of \$356,571.76. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Iossi approving retail tobacco license renewal for Dollar General. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motioned by Dockery approving the second 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 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 open a Public Hearing for Consideration to Adopt Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027, City Budget at 7:25 pm. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None. No one from the public presented to speak. Motioned by Blackwell, seconded by Ashcraft, to close the public hearing at 7:26 pm. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving Resolution 2026-16 Approving the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027, City Budget, as presented. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Dockery approving Resolution 2026-15 approving the Final Plat of Grunwald Grove 3rd Addition. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Dockery to approve a Street Closure Request for Franklin Street from 2nd Street to the Alley on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for a side-by-side event, as presented. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery to approve a Community Survey Proposal from Community Perceptions in an amount not to exceed \$10,400.00 to survey residents to explore a bond referendum to build new public facilities, including public works and a joint city hall-police station. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft to decline all three proposals submitted in response to the Eldridge Community Center & Skatepark requests for proposals as recommended by the evaluation committee and to discuss the next steps for the property. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The consensus of Council was to liquidate the property. Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, stated that staff would put the next steps together for Council approval.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Campbell gave an update on the Fire Department discussions. City Administrator Lemke provided a memo on April 10, 2026, outlining those discussions. The Fire Department declared it’s intent to vote on whether to continue as an independent organization with terms outlined by the City or have the department become a municipal department. Mayor Campbell stated that power outage questions have recently been made by the public following inclement weather incidents. City Administrator Lemke stated that staff is working with the Utility Board to obtain software that will be used in incident notification policies and procedures. Lastly, Mayor Campbell expressed appreciation to Zach Howell, City Engineer, for the rapid response to issues with the 4th Avenue traffic signal timing and adjustment for smoother traffic flow.

City Administrator – Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, stated the Fellner’s Addition bid opening is Thursday, April 23, 2026. Approval of Plans, Specs, and Bid Award will come to the May 4, 2026, Council Meeting. An offer is pending for the Deputy City Clerk/Billing Clerk. The GPS Vehicle Gateways with Maintenance Package have been ordered following the free trial period. The dash cameras will be ordered in the fall, closer to the winter plow season. Lemke distributed a document from the Iowa League of Cities outlining issues on pending property tax bills and priority items the League is addressing on to help protect the interests of municipalities. Lastly, staff is looking to schedule a joint Committee of the Whole meeting with the Utility Board for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm ahead of the Council Meeting, to continue discussions on the industrial development area and potential utility partnership.

Assistant City Administrator – Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, verified the bid opening for the Fellner’s Addition project is at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

City Clerk – None

Police – Police Chief Andrew Lellig stated that the recruit is graduating academy and will be sworn in at a Council meeting. Additionally, the new tasers have been distributed and are in use.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Second by lossi. 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 LEASE	\$ 2,029.42
A&A AC & REFRIG	ICE MACHINE RENT	\$ 62.50
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CH COPIER LEASE	\$ 219.79
AIRGAS USA, LLC	WELDING GAS NITROGEN/CO BOTTLE FEE	\$ 71.20
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	UTLITIES	\$ 210.99
ALLIED SRVCS/REPUBLIC	GARB/RECYCLE SVCS	\$ 36,254.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	OFFICER UNIFORM SUPPLIES	\$ 24.74
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM	ANNUAL MEMBER DUES	\$ 987.25
BURT ACQ/AQUATECH	POLICE FLEET WASH	\$ 132.00
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE/WIFI SVCS	\$ 186.71
CINCINNATI INS CO	EQUIP BREAKDOWN INS ENDORS	\$ 107.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	FLOOR MAT CLEANING SVCS	\$ 190.96

CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY D89	FIRST AID KIT REFILL	\$ 45.01
CNH CAPITAL	MUFFLER REPLACE- KUBOTA	\$ 6,690.14
COMMERCIAL PRINTERS	TRESPASS NOTICE	\$ 33.60
CONTINENTAL WSTRN GRP	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$ 25,125.43
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	GEN LOAD BANK & INSP	\$ 1,166.58
DE NOVO MARKETING	MTHLY WEB MAINT FEE	\$ 162.50
DSI MEDICAL SVCS	RANDOM SELECTION TESTING	\$ 101.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE	TRAILER TIRES UNIT #49	\$ 420.08
ELECTRIC PUMP	GOLF COURSE LS PUMP REPAIR	\$ 5,013.50
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTMS	ADMIN FEES	\$ 15.67
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTMS	PSF CLAIM FUNDING	\$ 11.28
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GRAINGER	BAND SAW	\$ 515.85
IA ASSN. MUNICIPAL UTIL.	APRIL-JUNE SAFETY TRAINING	\$ 1,470.16
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	STREET SIGNS	\$ 1,393.50
KIRBY WATER CONDITIONING	DRINKING WATER	\$ 16.00
MENARDS	CLEANER/SHIMS/DOOR STRIKES	\$ 18.53
MOLO PETROLEUM, LLC	FLEET OIL	\$ 469.05
NS COMM SCHOOL DISTRICT	COST-SHARE - DIGITAL SIGN REPAIR	\$ 1,470.73
P & K MIDWEST, INC	SERVICE KITS	\$ 215.86
PLEASANT VALLEY REDI-MIX INC	BENCH PAD/MANHOLE BOXOUT/HCP SIGN	\$ 132.00
PORTER INSURANCE	CYBER INS	\$ 1,498.49
PRECISION CONCEPTS	SHOP SECURE ENTRY - FENCE	\$ 11,811.09
RC SPORTS	SKATING SUPPLIES	\$ 338.28
REPUBLIC ELECTRIC	SIGN POSTS & RIVETS	\$ 913.43
RIVER CITY TURF & ORNAMENTAL	GRASS SEED MATTING	\$ 147.00
RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	\$ 2,361.43
RNJS DISTRIBUTION, INC.	LATE FEE	\$ 0.93
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES	\$ 54.85
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 53.34
STORM WATER SUPPLY LLC	GRASS SEED BLANKET STAPLES	\$ 200.06
STRYKER SALES LLC	AED BATTERIES	\$ 750.00
VISA FIRST CENTRAL	VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS	\$ 3,636.18
WASTE COMM OF SCOTT CO	TIRE DISPOSAL	\$ 138.05
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 775.74
Z - PAYROLL 4/9	PAYROLL 4/9	\$ 94,497.18
TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL		\$ 356,571.76
	GENERAL FUND	\$ 283,439.85
	ROAD USE TAX	\$ 1,402.06
	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$ 13,281.82
	SEWER	\$ 53,812.79
	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 3,262.50
	SELF INSURED FUND	\$ 1,372.74
TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL		\$ 356,571.76