

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in open session at Eldridge City Hall at 7:07 pm on May 18, 2026.

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

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Tracy Northcutt, Jack Schwertman, Tabitha Kramer, Erin Gentz, Dale Grunwald, Marty O'Boyle, Nikhill Wagle, Austin Harford, Vianka Herrera, Lydia Petefish, Chris Porter, Trevor Gimm & Jordan Schwerden.

Motion by Dockery approving the agenda. Seconded by Blackwell. 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. No members of the public presented to speak.

Presentation:

Vianka Herrera, Scott County Health Department, provided information on the merits of a City-Wide Tobacco-free/Nicotine-free community. Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, will send a sample ordinance to the City Council for review.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Dockery approving City Council Minutes from May 4, 2026. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Iossi approving the bills payable in the amount of \$423,800.72. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery approving retail tobacco permit renewal for Casey's General Store #2531. Seconded by La Plante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motioned by Iossi approving Resolution 2026-24, Adopting the City of Eldridge Elected & Appointed Officials Code of Conduct Policy. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Dockery approving the second reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-08, amending permitted uses in General Commercial in City Code by removing the following language: (X) Multiple family housing intended for senior citizens. The lot area per dwelling unit will follow the provisions of the "R-3" Multiple Family District. Deed restrictions will be required during the site plan review process documenting the terms of eligibility for persons inhabiting the housing development. Such deed restrictions are considered a provision of the zoning ordinance of the city, and may only be amended by following the procedure found in §18.00 of this chapter; 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 – Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Blackwell approving the second reading in title only of Ordinance 2026-09, amending Title C, Chapter Two of the Eldridge City Code, and Adding new Section 3.04 Establishing Water Leak Adjustment, repealing all ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance and providing for an effective date, as presented. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

New Business

Motioned by Blackwell to open a Public Hearing for Consideration of the proposed sale of City-owned property located at 400 S 16th Ave in Eldridge at 7:19 pm. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None. Dale Grunwald, Long Grove, IA, asked what the building would be used for. Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, stated that the City is obtaining market analysis reports. Mayor Campbell indicated Council will review the market analysis at a meeting in June. Nevada

Lemke, City Administrator, explained that the Council will decide if the sale will be handled by an agent or done on its own. Motioned by Dockery, seconded by Blackwell, to close the public hearing at 7:22 pm. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Campbell indicated that there has been no further response from the Fire Department. Conversations have been had with Donahue Mayor Ken Schoenthaler regarding Senate File 357J sponsored by Scott Webster that would allow for the establishment of emergency response districts. The committee working on this is planning to make a recommendation to the State Legislature to allow four or more government entities to create a regional fire district. It would have its own publicly elected three-member commission that would oversee the operations and have tax levying authority. The Community Survey for input on a possible bond referendum for public facilities is being mailed to residential properties the last week in May. Staff is planning open houses and media releases to help educate the public.

City Administrator – Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, stated MidAmerican Energy began utility relocates on the Fellner’s Project. The last event at the Eldridge Community Center is a preschool graduation on May 28, 2026, and the two regular part-time employees’ last day will be May 29, 2026. The Eldridge Police Department will conduct the Safe at Home event on June 11, 2026, that will be set up by full-time staff. City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day. Public Works Appreciation week is May 17-23, 2026. Eldridge Public Works Department provides outstanding service and works cooperatively with other departments and the community. The K-9 Unit, a 2026 Dodge Durango, was ordered at the end of April, in the amount of \$67,882 for the unit and the equipment. It will not be received until the next fiscal year. The 2018 Explorer and 2013 Tahoe will be disposed of through auction.

City Clerk – Council Member Dockery inquired about the Liquor License for Cabos Cantina & Grill. Tracy Northcutt, City Clerk, indicated that ongoing calls to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division have been made with no response. Dockery indicated that the Council could call a special meeting to approve the license when it is ready.

Assistant City Administrator – Council Member Blackwell inquired about maintaining the retention pond at 5th & Pinehurst. Jeff Martens, Assistant City Administrator, stated that the process for nuisance abatement is being conducted including taking pictures, sending notification and allowing time for remediation of the issues.

Police – None

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 7:32 pm. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell
Mayor

Tracy A. Northcutt
City Clerk

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	COPIER LEASE	320.62
AIRGAS USA, LLC	GAS BOTTLE RENT	69.75
ALLIED SERVICES LLC	GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES	36,254.40
ALWAYS CLEAN LLC	CLEANING SVCS	900.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	DARE GRADUATION SUPPLIES	75.79
AMERICAN ELECTRIC INC.	CITY SHOP GATE OPENER	358.00
BOHNSACK & FROMMELT LLP	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	2,156.26
BURT ACQUISITIONS, LLC	UNIT 821 & 314	108.00
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE/WIFI SVCS	1,376.98
CG AUTO GLASS	WINSHIELD REPLACEMENT UNIT 701	495.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	FLOOR MATS	190.96
CNH CAPITAL	HARDWARE FORM UNIT 7 & 52	245.36
DSI MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.	PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING	101.00

EASTERN IOWA PUBLICATION LLC	PUBLISHING	1,421.44
EASTERN IOWA TIRE	REPLACE TIRES UNIT 210	770.00
EBS	SELF INSURED PMT	2,597.86
ELDRIDGE ELECT. UTILITY	STREET LIGHTS	4,053.77
ELDRIDGE VOL. FIRE DEPT.	GAS FRANCHISE FEES	135,113.15
HUMANE SOCIETY OF	BOARDING FEES	200.00
INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT SOL	EVIDENCE DATABASE LICENSE	200.00
JK INDUSTRIES	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE-BENSON	62.00
KUSTOM SIGNALS INC	CERTIFICATION	2,839.96
LA CROSSE MAIL & PRINT SOL	COMMUNITY INPUT SERVEY PRINTING	3,526.39
LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS	IOWA POLICE CITATION	125.00
LEXIPOL	LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANUAL TRAINING	7,095.02
LITTLE RED BARN GREENHOUSES LLC	HANGING BASKETS LECLAIRE RD	646.80
MENARDS	WWTP CLEANER & TISSUE PAPER	25.25
MERSCHMAN HARDWARE	FASTENERS	2.28
MTI DISTRIBUTING INC.	TORO LAWNMOWER	46,783.41
NAPA AUTO PARTS	HYDRO FITTING UNIT 71	16.24
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	STRAPS UNIT 261	222.06
NORTH SCOTT OPTIMIST CLUB	FLAGS FOR BIKE PATH	260.00
PRECISION CONCEPTS	WWTP GATE & DOOR CONTROL	26,351.70
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	COPPER TEST	0.00
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	E COLI & COPPER TESTING	258.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER CO	S 1ST ST STORM SEWER INTAKE	937.57
QUAD CITY SAFETY INC.	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE-O'BRIEN	124.95
REXCO EQUIPMENT INC.	AIR FILTER REPLACED UNIT 2	35.06
RIVER CITY TURF & ORNAMENTAL	GRASS SEED	177.50
RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	3,715.72
RIVERSTONE GROUP INC	GRAVEL-CITY STREETS	10,163.76
SAFETY KLEEN	SHOP OIL FILTER RECYCLE	380.50
SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS LLC	COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY	2,300.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY-ROUNTREE	30.00
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES	6,722.72
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	REPAIR UNIT 98	55.00
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	814.98
THE ARC OF THE QUAD CITIES AREA	SHRED DOCUMENTS	65.00
THEISEN SUPPLY, INC	LEAF BLOWER	503.89
TIPTON ELECTRIC MOTORS INC.	SHOP PRESSURE WASHER	545.82
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE	WOOD CHIPPER FEED DRUM UNIT 51	168.46
VISA - FIRST CENTRAL	DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	5,057.17
WEX BANK	FUEL	6,240.04
WRIGHT LAW OFFICE, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES	7,668.28
Z-PAYROLL 5/7	PAYROLL 5/7	102,871.85
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	423,800.72
	GENERAL FUND	322,046.82
	COMMUNITY POLICING	1,490.05
	ROAD USE TAX	1,240.02

	HOTEL/MOTEL TAX	906.80
	SEWER	46,519.94
	SEWER EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	46,783.41
	COMMUNITY CENTER	2,215.82
	SELF INSURED FUND	2,597.86
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	423,800.72