

# City of Eldridge Special City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in open session at Eldridge City Hall at 3:00 pm on May 23, 2026.

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

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke & Erin Gentz.

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

Mayor Scott Campbell made the following opening statements regarding the Special City Council Meeting:

The Council finds good cause exists under Iowa Code Section 21.4(2)(a) for providing less than 24 hours' notice to approve the liquor license for a long-standing business partner in our community.

Due to an administrative issue relating to the prior liquor license application, Cabos was required to submit a new application to the State of Iowa.

The City could not consider the application for action until the State completed its review and submitted the application to the local authority for review and consideration for approval. The City received notice that the State had submitted the application for local authority review on late Friday afternoon – just as the Memorial Day holiday weekend was beginning.

Because the approval was received less than 24 hours before the holiday weekend, delaying consideration until a later meeting would unnecessarily extend the applicant's inability to operate under the requested license and would result in additional economic harm. The establishment's sales & operations had been restricted since May 1, 2026 due to the licensing issue.

Accordingly, the Council provided as much notice as was reasonably possible under the circumstances as soon as it received notice from the State and was able to coordinate a Special City Council meeting.

Motioned by Iossi to approve a Class "C" Retail Liquor License Application for Cabos Cantina & Grill, Inc. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 3:02 pm. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell  
Mayor

Nevada Lemke  
City Administrator