

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 pm on July 6, 2026.

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

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Tabbitha Kramer, Chief Andrew Lellig, Cpl. Jack Schwertman, Ofr. Travis Rountree, Mike Martin, Kris Elmshaeuser, Beth Campbell, Jim and Kathy Clasen, Erin Gentz, Sam Samara, Marty O'Boyle, Judith Gilbert, Dave and Peggy Wakeland, Michael Bristley, Deanna Jensen-Valliere, Jill DeWulf, Cheryl Meyer, Karen Martin, Lindsey Doyle, Darlys Dickman, Ginny Zink, Judy Korby, Angela Reese, Brad Nielsen, Janelle Dickman, Scott Dickman, Jim Smith, Andrew Doyle, Justin Walker, Jacob Harkey, John Zogg, Chris Meyer, Keith Schneckloth, Mary Egger, Scott Haycraft, Dale Grunwalkd, Larry Schroeder, Chris Schwener, Pat Howell, Brenda Sehmman, Missy Schnorrenberg, Drew Lawrence, Suzy Gainer, Justin Hios, Dave Erch, Scott Case, Charlie Armstrong, Adam Spainhonn, Theresa Stock, Andrew Norris, Tristan, Chris Lawrence, Kelly Engler, Lisa Engler, Ashley Atkins, Crista Ashcraft, Dewayn, Pat Gainer, Megan Housenga, Meg Knight

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

Presentation of Life Saving Award for Officer Erik Johnson

Chief Lellig reported that Officer Johnson responded to a medical call and performed life saving measures. Lellig and Mayor Campbell presented Johnson with the Life Saving Award for his heroic actions.

Public Comment:

Mayor Campbell announced that the public was welcome to address the council, with a 3-minute time limit. Campbell reported that, after a positive email exchange with the Eldridge Volunteer Fire Department Secretary Brian Yanke, a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 13 at 7pm at the Eldridge Community Center to further discuss the Fire Department's future. He then opened the floor to public comment.

Davenport resident Patricia Howell inquired about where the taxes she pays to Fire District No. 3 have gone. City Administrator Lemke responded that the tax dollars are paid to the county, that they do not actually go through the City at all, and from the County, they are distributed directly to the EVFD.

Eldridge resident Chris Meyer made a public comment about the issue of pole barns being allowed within the City. He reported that a pole barn was built in his neighborhood and several neighbors were unhappy. He requested that the City re-evaluate the building codes and not allow any more pole buildings to be built in the City.

Eldridge resident Judith Gilbert made a public comment in support of the Fire Department and expressed her opinion that tax dollars should go toward the Fire Department instead of the City Hall expansion.

Eldridge resident Chris Elmsheuser spoke about the growth of Eldridge and the need for a full-time fire chief. She continued to say that if the Fire Department expects a larger budget and to be taken over by the City, the Fire Department needs to be kept to the same oversight, transparency, and accountability standards as other City departments.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Iossi approving City Council Minutes from June 15th, 2026. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Blackwell approving the Special Committee of the Whole Minutes from June 15th, 2026. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Ashcraft approving the bills payable in the amount of \$302,267.57. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by LaPlante approving a Class “C” Liquor License Renewal for Double Barrel Drinkery. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Presentation from Scott Girard with Community Perceptions: Results from the Community Input Survey

Girard presented the results from the community survey. Girard reported a 30% response rate; the largest response group was 65+ years. 95% of all respondents are homeowners and 5% are renters. Fifty percent of responders prefer a mailed newsletter as the City’s primary communication with the North Scott Press as the second means of communication. In response to the question, “should the City explore building new facilities at this time?”, 58% said yes, which is within the margin of error of that 60% threshold to get a bond referendum approved. 26% said no; the remaining 16% were not sure.

To the more specific question around the tax implications of a \$32.9 million bond referendum for the public works facility, the new police station and the City Hall, 45% of respondents said they definitely would or probably would support that plan. 41% indicated that they definitely or probably would not support the plan and 14% are undecided. The final report is that there are more supporters than opposed, but the number is not near the 60% threshold yet.

Respondents also prioritized services in the following order: fire, police, street maintenance, snow removal, garbage and recycling pick-up, and finally park maintenance.

The survey revealed that between 55 and 59% of respondents believe the City should continue to operate each utility. Between 8% and 12% said no.

Overall satisfaction with the City had a score of 8.19 out of 10. The results of the survey will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Old Business

City Administrator explained a word had been left out of the original Resolution, so this was a simple amendment. Motioned by Dockery to approve the Amended Resolution 2026-11 Authorizing FY26 Interfund Transfers. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – LaPlante, Dockery, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft. Nay – None.

New Business

Motioned by Dockery approving Request for Extension of Street Assessment Waiver from GRT Eldridge Property, LLC (RILCO) for one year. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft to approve Resolution 2026-27 approving hearing for Property Sale to Delbert Shaw. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None. Assistant City Administrator reported that the hearing will be on July 20, 2026.

Motioned by Dockery to approve Resolution 2026-28 Approving Lemke Farm 2nd Addition Replat. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Dockery to approve Resolution 2026-29 Approving Eldridge Industrial Park 6th Addition Final Plat. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

City Administrator expanded on the financial consulting services from Martha Nieto at a rate of \$50/hr for a maximum of 15 hours per week on an as needed basis as a stop gap until the city clerk position is filled. Dockery recommended a sunset timeframe. Motioned by Ashcraft to approve the financial consulting services from Martha Nieto at a rate of \$50/hr for a maximum of 15 hours per week on an as needed basis. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor's Report – none.

City Administrator – Nevada Lemke, City Administrator, reported that the Eldridge Summer Festival is July 11 and that some City staff and councilmen will be participating in the parade. Lemke also reminded the Council that there will be a Special Committee of the Whole meeting on July 13 at the Community Center.

Assistant City Administrator Report -- none.

Police Report--Police Chief Andrew Lellig reported that the National Night Out is August 4 from 5-8pm at Sheridan Meadows and that the K9 Golf Outing is August 1.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Second by Ashcraft. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell
Mayor

Tabbitha Kramer
Deputy City Clerk

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
UMB BANK NA	602015 UMB BOND BANK FEE	\$ 250.00
200 EAST 90TH STREET LLC	RENT, ADDL RENT	\$ 2,156.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	COPIER	\$ 293.70
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	COPIER	\$ 297.52
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BELT HOLSTER, STICKER PAPER, PAPER, ENGINE HTER	\$ 92.15
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BELT HOLSTER, STICKER PAPER, PAPER, ENGINE HTER	\$ 7.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BELT HOLSTER, STICKER PAPER, PAPER, ENGINE HTER	\$ 143.42
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BELT HOLSTER, STICKER PAPER, PAPER, ENGINE HTER	\$ 62.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BELT HOLSTER, STICKER PAPER, PAPER, ENGINE HTER	\$ 106.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BELT HOLSTER, STICKER PAPER, PAPER, ENGINE HTER	\$ 73.25
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BELT HOLSTER, STICKER PAPER, PAPER, ENGINE HTER	\$ 18.59
AMERICAN ELECTRIC INC.	ELCTRIC:NEW GATE OPRTR AT STHSLOPE 230V-110V	\$ 498.00
ARSAL SHAREEF	PARKS SALARY	\$ 90.00
ARSAL SHAREEF	COMM CENTER SALARY	\$ 30.00
ASHCRAFT, JEFF	PARKS SALARY	\$ 30.00
BAUER, TOM	P&Z SALARY	\$ 30.00
BAUER, TOM	COMM CENTER SALARY	\$ 30.00
BRENDA KIEL	POSTAGE TO DCI LAB	\$ 11.65
CCP INDUSTRIES INC.	SHOP TOWELS	\$ 256.59

CNH CAPITAL	UNIT 3 LARGE AREA MOWER BLADES	\$ 327.38
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	MANHOLE RISE RINGS	\$ 2,713.20
DE NOVO MARKETING	MONTHLY WEBSITE MAINTENTANCE, SUPPORT COOKIES	\$ 162.50
DE WULF, JILL	PARKS SALARY	\$ 180.00
DONAUBAUER, KARL	BOA SALARY	\$ 30.00
DONAUBAUER, KARL	P&Z SALARY	\$ 90.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE	NEW TIRES FOR UNITS 104/101	\$ 1,129.36
ENGELBRECHT BROS TILING, INC.	STRM PIPE OUTLT RPLCMT STNEBRK S. 20TH AVE CT	\$ 1,250.38
FERGUSON, DEAN	BOA SALARY	\$ 30.00
FERGUSON, DEAN	P&Z SALARY	\$ 90.00
GEE ASPHALT SYSTEMS INC	FOGSEAL PERMEABLE ALLEYS	\$ 15,235.98
GEE ASPHALT SYSTEMS INC	GSB N. 7TH ST AND N. 8TH ST	\$ 15,371.08
GEE ASPHALT SYSTEMS INC	GSB S 2ND ST TO S 4TH ST	\$ 4,766.51
JK INDUSTRIES	CITY LOGO ON SHIRTS	\$ 24.00
LA PLANTE, SCOTT	P&Z SALARY	\$ 30.00
LA PLANTE, SCOTT	PARKS SALARY	\$ 150.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	HARDWARE FOR STREETSIGNS	\$ 61.64
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC.	HARDWARE FOR STREET SIGN	\$ 22.55
MARTIN, MICHAEL	P&Z SALARY	\$ 60.00
MENARDS	CITY HALL FRONT DOOR REPAIR	\$ 62.97
MERRICK, BRAD	P&Z SALARY	\$ 90.00
MOBOTREX	CAP/COVER FOR CROSSWALK POLE HIT BY SEMI	\$ 322.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PUBLIC WORKS KATOLIGHT GENERATOR-SERVICE	\$ 93.22
NAPA AUTO PARTS	PUBLIC WORKS GENERAC GEN SERVICE	\$ 179.92
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 110 OIL FILTER FOR SERVICE	\$ 5.09
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 110 REPLACED LF CV AXLE SHAFT	\$ 177.51
NAPA AUTO PARTS	REPLACED RADIATOR-UNIT 102	\$ 139.59
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 REPLACEMENT OF THERMOSTAT HOUSING	\$ 24.01
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 101 REPLACED ALL BRAKEPADS AND ROTORS	\$ 332.47
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 101 REPLACED REAR BRAKE PADS	\$ 33.39
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 107 OIL FILTER FOR SERVICE	\$ 5.09
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 25 SERVICE	\$ 182.84
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 87 REPLACED WIPER BLADES	\$ 42.92
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 32 REPLACED RADIATOR/OIL FILTER	\$ 223.81
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 93 REPLACED BATTERY	\$ 144.57
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 36 HYD FITTING REPLACEMENT	\$ 103.74
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP TOOL 45 DEGREE AIR CHUCK	\$ 11.08
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 253 FILTERS FOR MAINTENANCE	\$ 94.64
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	WHITE MINI PLASTIC HOOK	\$ 4.59
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	CHAIN SAW FUEL OIL AND BAR OIL	\$ 71.93
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	UNIT 107-FOR INTERIOR	\$ 0.99
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	UNIT 86 PRDCTS: REMVAL OF RETIRED FRTRCK LOGO	\$ 25.98
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	UNIT 36 TOOLING TO COMPLETE ENGINE REPAIR	\$ 89.98
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	UNIT 36 DRILL BIT FOR ENGINE BLOCK REPAIR	\$ 9.99
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	SHOP TOOL - HOLE SAW FOR WASH, BAY PROJECT	\$ 17.99
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	FRONT DOOR REPAIR	\$ 7.99
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	SPRAY ADHSVE	\$ 14.99
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	CITY GRILL PROPANE	\$ 59.98
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	TOILET SEAL	\$ 3.99
NORTH CENTRAL LABS	LAB TESTING SUPPLIES	\$ 1,145.66
PAUL HAYUNGS	BOA SALARY	\$ 30.00

PETERSEN, PAUL	COMM CENTER SALARY	\$ 30.00
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	COPPER TEST	\$ 31.00
QUAD CITIES TAS	ANSWERING SERVICE	\$ 32.04
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RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE	PREM DYED DIESEL	\$ 1,712.45
RIVERSTONE GROUP INC	ASPHALT COLD PATCH	\$ 458.80
RIVERSTONE GROUP INC	ROAD ROCK GRAVEL ROADS	\$ 651.74
ROBERT KUEHL	BOA SALARY	\$ 30.00
RUSSO	UNIT 10 SPARE MOWER BLADES	\$ 110.97
RUSSO	UNIT 10 SPARE MOWER BLADES	\$ 36.99
SAMANTHA NICHOLS	PARKS SALARY	\$ 120.00
SCHOOL PERCEPTIONS LLC	COMMUNITY SURVEY	\$ 3,110.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT.	CENTRALIZED BOOKING	\$ 325.00
SEIBEL, GIGI	COMM CENTER SALARY	\$ 30.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	LANCER RUN SUBDIVISION	\$ 1,993.36
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	CIP AND BI STATE LRTP UPDATES	\$ 2,992.00
SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERS	SHRDN MDWS POND CNCPTS, CTY HLL, PW, PD BLD	\$ 10,004.82
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	UNIT 98 IGNITION REPAIR	\$ 110.00
SPENSLEY, CHRISTOPHER	PARKS SALARY	\$ 120.00
STORM WATER SUPPLY LLC	GRSS SD, STRM SEWER REPRS BLCKHWK HLS	\$ 576.72
STORM WATER SUPPLY LLC	MATTING, STORM SEWER RPR,BLCKHWK HILLS	\$ 157.82
THE ARC OF THE QUAD CITIES	SECURE DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION 168 LBS	\$ 65.00
THEISEN SUPPLY, INC	OSCILLATING TOOL	\$ 218.99
TRICIA CAMPBELL	PARKS SALARY	\$ 150.00
TWIN-STATE ENG. & CHEM.	ROUNDUP	\$ 260.25
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	PROJECT MNGMNT	\$ 250.00
U.S. POST OFFICE	US POST OFFICE FY27	\$ 3,600.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$ 743.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$ 38.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$ 230.82
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$ 38.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$ 135.43
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	\$ 38.47
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE	UNIT 51 CLEVIS REPLACED	\$ 38.56
VITTORIO, JENNIFER	P&Z SALARY	\$ 30.00
PAYROLL 6.18.26 AND 7.2.26	PAYROLL 6.18.26 AND 7.2.26	\$ 218,329.75
MARRIOTT HARBOR BEACH	MEALS DURING TRAINING	\$ 33.02
TST COCONUTS	MEALS DURING TRAINING	\$ 46.88
MARRIOT HARBOR BEACH	MEALS DURING TRAINING	\$ 34.29
TST TACO VIBEZ	MEALS DURING TRAINING	\$ 16.89
TRUPANION	K9 INSURANCE	\$ 140.80
MARRIOT HARBOR BEACH	HOTEL DURING TRAINING	\$ 1,596.76
MARRIOT HARBOR BEACH	LATE CHECK OUT FEE	\$ 169.50
ZAZZLE, INC	FREE SHIPPING FOR ONE YEAR	\$ 19.95
ZERO9HOLSTERS	TONY CAVANAUGH CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 64.99
SAM'S CLUB	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 34.32
IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE	NOTARY RENEWAL	\$ 30.00
OAKLEY STANDARD ISSUE	TONY CAVANAUGH CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 147.66
X GRAIN HERO	BRENDA KIEL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 128.40
X GRAIN HERO	TONY CAVANAUGH CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 187.25
ZERO9HOLSTERS	TONY CAVANAUGH CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 57.99

5.11, INC	MAHLAN SHARF CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 90.20
FARM AND FLEET	RUBBER AIR HOSE FOR CITY SHOP	\$ 76.98
X GRAIN HERO	CHAD HUETTMAN CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 123.05
X GRAIN HERO	ERIK JOHNSON CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 187.25
X GRAIN HERO	GARRETT JAHNS CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 165.85
REMOTEPC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE	\$ 42.53
X GRAIN HERO	MAHLAN SHARF CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 422.65
DIESEL LAPTOPS	FLEET-HEAVY TRUCK DIAGNOSTICS SOFTWARE	\$ 250.02
DIESEL LAPTOPS	FLEET-HEAVY TRUCK DIAGNOSTICS SOFTWARE	\$ 249.99
SAM'S CLUB	BOTTLED WATER	\$ 3.98
KEURIG	COFFEE	\$ 47.47
APPLE	MONTHLY FEE FOR EXTRA CELL STORAGE	\$ 1.06
ADOBE, INC	ANNL ADOBE ACROBAT PRO SBSCRPTN-T KRAMER	\$ 254.27
YMCA IA MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	Y@WORK, 7 PD	\$ 140.00
YMCA IA MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	Y@WORK, 1 PW	\$ 20.00
YMCA IA MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	Y@WORK, 2 ADMIN	\$ 40.00
X GRAIN HERO	RYAN GALE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	\$ 240.75
FARM AND FLEET	ROUND UP	\$ 159.99
ADOBE, INC	ANNUAL ADOBE SUBSCRIPTION (SOFTWARE)	\$ 254.27
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	\$ 302,267.57
	GENERAL FUND	\$ 205,298.60
	COMMUNITY POLICING	\$ 18.59
	ROAD USE TAX	\$ 36,806.11
	SALES TAX	\$ 12,996.82
	HOTEL TAX	\$ 59.98
	DEBT SVC	\$ 250.00
	SEWER	\$ 45,446.51
	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 1,390.96
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	\$ 302,267.57