

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:30 pm on July 20, 2026.

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

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, City Attorney Allison Wright, Chief Andrew Lellig, Cpl. Jack Schwertman, Ofr. Travis Rountree, Ofr. Tony Cavanaugh, City Engineer Zach Howell, Kelly Engler, Lisa Engler, R. Scott Case, Janelle Dickman, Jaime Iossi, Patrick Gainer, Mark Herrington, Crista Ashcraft, Marcene Johnson, Tim Martinek, Dewayne L. Scott, Justin Walker, Andrew Doyle, Ben Leka, Judith Gilbert, Scott Haycraft, Jan Sebastian, John Bain, Dan Belk, Peggy Ohl, Marty O'Boyle, Roy Leonard, Ron Sebastian, Riley Webster, Ken Kerker, Melanie Schneckloth, Keith Schneckloth, Erin Gentz, Adam Spainhower, Theresa Stock, Darlys Dickman, Matt Eickert, Scott Dickman, Mike Martin, James Henderkott, Judy Kirby, Larry Howell, Pat Howell, Beth Campbell, Bryan Yanke, Jacob Harkey, Nancy Case

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

Public Comment:

Eldridge resident Judith Gilbert urged support of EVFC's proposed independent model and associated funding. She stated that the cost of absorbing the department as a City department would result in higher costs in the future and we would suffer a loss of members if the City votes to absorb the department. She also stated that the City website lists the City Hall phone number for all but one of the Council members/Mayor and noted that the elected officials should provide individual contact information for their constituents to reach out to them.

Eldridge resident Scott Case stated that he was asked to provide an announcement on behalf of his Pastor at United Methodist Church, Jim Shrimplin. The United Methodist Church invites all first responders, Fire & Police, to the church on August 2nd at 9:00 am. He further invites all of the public to come to the church to thank the first responders and honor the sacrifices that they, and their families make, in serving their community.

Eldridge resident Jan Sebastian asked the Council to support the firefighters. She shared 2 stories of personal interactions with EVFC when they responded to calls at her home.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Blackwell approving City Council Minutes from July 6th, 2026. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by LaPlante approving the Special Committee of the Whole Minutes from July 13th, 2026. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Ashcraft approving the bills payable in the amount of \$268,254.39. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving Class "E" Liquor License Renewals for Big 10 Marts #25 & #27. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Mayor Campbell addressed the Council and attendees and provided a recap of the July 13th, 2026 discussion with the EVFC at the Special COW meeting. He acknowledged that he heard several times from the EVFC

representatives that they just wanted the City to make a decision. He went on to state that an agenda item was included on this agenda to do that and read the item: Discussion and possible action to determine the City's preferred organizational model for the provision of fire protection and EMS services, including either: (1) support of the proposed independent volunteer fire company model and associated 3-year funding requirement starting at \$766,516 for FY27; or (2) directing staff to proceed with the transition of fire services to a City-operated fire department. He stated that before opening the discussion up to Council members there were 2 staff members that wanted to share statements as well as a clarification about information stated at the July 13th meeting related to Park expenditures.

Councilman Ashcraft provided clarification about the Park Board's operating and capital project budgets, including amounts spent in the prior FY26 as well as the various revenue sources that contributed to those projects and the Park Board's strategic approach to planning, saving for, and executing those projects.

Police Chief Andrew Lellig provided a statement regarding the EPD's annual budget and included comparable budgets and operations of other police departments in Iowa communities of similar populations. He stated that both the police departments and volunteer fire departments have very important roles in the community but that the operations and responsibilities are significantly different and as such any comparisons between annual budgets for the 2 departments would be fundamentally flawed.

Assistant City Administrator Jeff Martens provided a timeline dating back to early 2023 related to discussions with the EVFC and their proposal to transition to a City department.

The City Council discussed the options proposed by the EVFC and expressed that the City is not able to fully fund and sustain a full-time fire department and agreed that a hybrid model that includes a combination of a City established department and a Volunteer base is the most effective, sustainable, and beneficial option for the residents of Eldridge. They agreed that the City needs to have some management and oversight of the funds and Capital Improvements and assets.

The City Attorney answered questions about the legalities and challenges associated with different hybrid organizational models.

Motioned by Ashcraft to create a City Fire Department and begin the transition to include a Chief to be hired by the City and a volunteer base that would be managed by the new Chief and to include the buildout of the sleeping quarters at the EVFC in the motion. Seconded by lossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, lossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

New Business

Motioned by Dockery to approve Resolution 2026-30 Approving property sale to Delbert Shaw. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, lossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by LaPlante to approve a street closure request from the North Scott Lancer Football Committee for the alley behind Al & Gerry's on August 22nd, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm for their annual tailgating fundraiser event. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by lossi to approve Resolution 2026-31 Approval Final Acceptance of Public Improvements for the South 1st Street Cold-In-Place project. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, lossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Motioned by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2026-32 Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding among the Cities of Eldridge, Bettendorf, LeClaire, & Princeton for contractual services related to public transit

funding including submission of an application for FY27 STA Special Project grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the Iowa DOT. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye – Ashcraft, Blackwell, Dockery, Iossi and La Plante. Nay – None.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor's Report – none.

City Administrator – Nevada Lemke reported that the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference is in Bettendorf this year from September 23-25 and if any Council members or the Mayor want to attend any of the sessions she can register them. She also stated that the Utility Board would like to schedule a joint meeting to discuss the utilities growth and expansion plan with the City Council both for the wastewater treatment system and the water treatment and distribution system to provide them with some guidance in their next step for the water utility discussions.

Assistant City Administrator Report -- none.

Police Report--Police Chief Andrew Lellig reported that the EPD is working through the accreditation process and is about ½ way through. The process includes gathering and providing of data related to polices, procedures, and operations of the EPD to be used for determination of accreditation status.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 9:16 pm. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell
Mayor

Nevada Lemke
City Administrator

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CAVANAUGH - CLOTH ALLOW	\$ 119.99
IA LAW ENFORC ACAD	FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR RENEWAL	\$ 175.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	UPGRADE TASER SKILLS TO FULL VR PLAN	\$ 499.96
CIVICPLUS LLC	SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVING SBSCRPTN	\$ 1,186.73
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES, BACKUP, ANTIVIRUS	\$ 755.79
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 4,100.34
HUMANE SOCIETY SCOTT CO	BOARDING & TRIP FEES	\$ 480.00
RNJS DISTRIBUTION, INC.	WATER COOLER - CH/PD	\$ 28.24
STAPLES	COPY PAPER AND CARDSTOCK	\$ 58.57
ALWAYS CLEAN LLC	PD JANITORIAL SVCS	\$ 300.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	STICKER PAPER FOR GOLF OUTING GIFT BAGS	\$ 18.59
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$ 38.48
THEISEN SUPPLY, INC	WHITE - CLOTH ALLOW	\$ 54.99
THEISEN SUPPLY, INC	MORRIS - CLOTH ALLOW	\$ 135.94
THEISEN SUPPLY, INC	MORRIS - CLOTH ALLOW	\$ 19.99
IA ASSN. MUNICIPAL UTIL.	2027 Q1 SAFETY TRAINING	\$ 1,514.27
ALWAYS CLEAN LLC	SHOP JANITORIAL SVCS	\$ 300.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	SHOP MAT CLEANING SVCS	\$ 103.90
MARKMAN PEAT CORP	BROWN MULCH	\$ 288.00
MENARDS	ICE BAG TOTE	\$ 9.88
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	EDGER BLADE	\$ 37.98

NIEMANN FOODS INC.	CARWASH SOAP	\$ 8.99
STAPLES	SHOP- GARBAGE BAGS	\$ 41.43
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 1,632.93
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	105 E LECLAIRE OFFICE	\$ 36.37
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	105 E LECLAIRE SIGN SHOP	\$ 36.37
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	105 E LECLAIRE RD	\$ 14.66
CIVICPLUS LLC	SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVING SBSCRPTN	\$ 593.37
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES, BACKUP, ANTIVIRUS	\$ 317.34
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$ 230.88
200 EAST 90TH STREET LLC	WAREHOUSE STORAGE RENT	\$ 2,156.00
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	NEW LEAF BLOWER	\$ 239.99
PRTNRS SCOTT CO WATERSHEDS	PROGRAM FUNDING	\$ 2,500.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER CO	SUMP PUMP MAIN DSCHG 1019 W PINEHURST	\$ 115.54
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	ELEC - S 16TH AVE SIREN	\$ 29.31
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	ELEC - ST LIGHTS	\$ 395.17
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	2951 S 9TH AVE SIREN	\$ 526.85
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	305 N 3RD ST ST LIGHT	\$ 10.98
GRAINGER	PAINT CLEAN OUT BAG	\$ 23.56
ALLIED SVCS LLC/REPUBLIC	GARBAGE/RECYCLING SVCS	\$ 36,254.40
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 103 RECHARGE A/C UNIT	\$ 62.97
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 103-IGNITION COIL REPLACEMENT	\$ 67.43
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 COOLANT TEMP SENSOR & RTRN	\$ 23.23
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 WATER PUMP	\$ 99.34
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 OIL FILTER	\$ 5.45
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 PARTS FOR COOLING SYSTEM	\$ 88.09
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 103 REPLACEMENT OF HEATER HOSES	\$ 129.49
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 101 OIL FILTER SERVICE	\$ 5.45
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 104 OIL FILTER FOR SERVICE	\$ 5.09
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 105 OIL FILTER SERVICE	\$ 5.09
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 106 SERVICE/OIL FILTER	\$ 5.09
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 BRAKE SERVICE	\$ 247.64
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 NEW FRONT BRAKE ROTORS	\$ 148.10
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	UNIT 106 NEW CHARGING CABLE TO PRINTER	\$ 11.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MOWER HANDLE BUCKET HOLDER ACCESSORY	\$ 23.89
ELDRIDGE LUMBERYARD CO.	UNIT 61 REPLACED BOARD ON TRAILER	\$ 17.53
FREEDOM HYDRAULICS, INC	UNIT 50 MAIN HYDRAULIC PUMP REBUILT	\$ 1,735.50
GERARDY OUTDOOR POWER	UNIT 11 SERVICE PARTS	\$ 319.07
KUNAU IMPLEMENT CO.	FITTING FOR HARDWEED SPRAYER	\$ 25.60
MIDWEST WHEEL	UNIT 61 TRAILER FLOOR SCREWS	\$ 7.73
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 96 REPLACE BATTERY	\$ 77.85
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 32 HVAC REPAIR	\$ 32.58
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 19 REBUILD FRONT END	\$ 313.95
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 19 FRONT END REBUILD	\$ 235.29
NAPA AUTO PARTS	WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID	\$ 59.16
ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS INC.	UNIT 62 STREET SWEEPER WIRE BROOMS	\$ 988.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	WELDING CUTTING BOTTLE FEE	\$ 75.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BENCH GRINDER EYESHIELD REPLACEMENT	\$ 21.59
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERATOR MAINT KIT	\$ 127.07
BLAINS FARM AND FLEET	OFFICE FAN	\$ 17.99
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES FLAT WASHERS	\$ 31.39

NIEMANN FOODS INC.	BATTERY FOR DIGITAL PRESSURE GAUGE	\$ 6.99
JEFF MARTENS	FEMA/IDNR TRAINING-MILEAGE REIMB	\$ 264.40
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MAYORS ASSOC DUES	\$ 35.00
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMM	MEMBER DUES JUL-SEPT 26	\$ 987.25
ALWAYS CLEAN LLC	CH JANITORIAL SVCS	\$ 300.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LATCH GUARD PLATE COVER - CH	\$ 17.98
CINTAS CORPORATION	CH MAT CLEANING SVCS	\$ 67.33
MENARDS	MARKING PAINT, RTRN DOOR LATCH COVERS	\$ 19.48
STAPLES	PENS, PLATES, POST ITS, CLEANING SPPLS	\$ 221.59
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WIRELESS KYBRD & MOUSE	\$ 89.99
DSI MEDICAL SVCS, INC.	QTRLY RANDOM TESTING FEES	\$ 51.50
JK INDUSTRIES	LINDLE - CLOTH ALLOW	\$ 229.00
MARTHA NIETO	FINANCIAL CONSULTING SVCS	\$ 2,012.50
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	BANK ACCT CONSOLIDATION PROJ	\$ 250.00
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	SPECIAL PAYROLL PROJ	\$ 290.00
STAPLES	PRINTER INK	\$ 605.97
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	PROF SERVICES, BANK REC	\$ 240.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CH COPIER	\$ 200.99
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	CH COPIER	\$ 188.01
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	301 N 3RD ST	\$ 14.66
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	313 N 3RD ST	\$ 19.39
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	309 N 3RD ST	\$ 14.66
CIVICPLUS LLC	SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVING SBSCRPTN	\$ 791.15
DE NOVO MARKETING	MONTHLY WEBSITE MIANTENANCE	\$ 162.50
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES, BACKUP, ANTIVIRUS	\$ 414.96
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$ 76.96
BOHNSACK & FROMMELT	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	\$ 262.50
AMERICAN LEGAL	CITY CODE EDITING - JUNE 2026	\$ 134.34
EASTERN IA PUBL/NSP	CITY PUBLISHING	\$ 1,336.82
RNJS DISTRIBUTION, INC.	WATER COOLER - CH/PD	\$ 28.25
STAPLES	HOT SPLS MENU POUCH	\$ 33.65
STAPLES	MAILSTATION, TAB DIVIDERS	\$ 63.38
WRIGHT LAW OFFICE, P.C.	MARCH 2026 LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 10,400.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BAGS FOR GOLF OUTING	\$ 16.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AWARDS/TROPHYS FOR GOLF OUTING	\$ 96.16
N.J. MILLER, INC	PAVEMENT REMOVAL, TRAFFIC CONTROL	\$ 11,500.00
MANATTS, INC	S. 1ST STREET PROJECT - FINAL PAY APP	\$ 39,802.08
MCCARTY CREEK CONSTR CO	ENIGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 100.70
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PLASTIC DRAWSTRING ICE BAGS	\$ 30.99
JK INDUSTRIES	O'BRIEN - CLOTH ALLOW	\$ 50.00
JK INDUSTRIES	KRUSE - CLOTH ALLOW	\$ 72.00
IA ASSN. MUNICIPAL UTIL.	2027 Q1 SAFETY TRAINING	\$ 1,514.26
KIRBY WATER CONDITIONING	SPRING WATER/PICKED UP	\$ 16.00
GRAINGER	FAN MOTOR	\$ 299.26
MIDWEST WHEEL	FAN DISCONNECT	\$ 22.56
NAPA AUTO PARTS	FAN BOLTS	\$ 37.92
WEX BANK	FUEL	\$ 500.59
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TRAILER 5 GAL BUCKET BRACKET	\$ 38.99
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	ELEC - IND PARK LIFT STATION	\$ 278.58
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	601 TRAILS RD	\$ 85.18

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	601 TRAILS RD	\$ 7,967.82
CIVICPLUS LLC	SOCIAL MEDIA ARCHIVING SBSCRPTN	\$ 593.37
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES, BACKUP, ANTIVIRUS	\$ 219.73
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	\$ 135.46
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	ELEC - COMM CTR UTILITIES	\$ 1,256.64
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	COMM CTR UTILITIES	\$ 33.66
DUBUQUE FIRE EQUIP INC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER, HZRD MTRLS, INSPECTION	\$ 259.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SYSTEMS	PSF CLAIM FUNDING	\$ 9,577.85
PAYROLL 7/16/2026	PAYROLL 7/16/2026	\$ 113,512.03
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	\$ 268,254.39
	GENERAL FUND	\$ 174,668.85
	COMMUNITY POLICING	\$ 113.15
	ROAD USE TAX	\$ 51,302.08
	SALES TAX	\$ 100.70
	HOTEL TAX	\$ 30.99
	SEWER	\$ 30,911.47
	COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 1,549.30
	SELF-INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 9,577.85
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	\$ 268,254.39