

ELDRIDGE ELECTRIC AND WATER UTILITY BOARD

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on August 4th, 2026, at Eldridge City Hall.

Board members present were Jeff Hedrington, Jeff Hamilton, Mark Goodding, Michael Bristley, and Abby Petersen. Also present were Gage Lane, Collin Wilson, Nevada Lemke, and Ryan Iossi.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Agenda

Petersen made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Hedrington. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Utility Board Minutes from July 21st, 2026

Hedrington made motion to approve the minutes from July 21st, 2026. Second by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Financial & Administrative

Hedrington made motion to Approve Bills Payable in the amount of \$411,565.45. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Department Update

Lemke addressed the Board regarding the August 3rd City Council meeting. A recommendation was made to the City Council to fill the Finance Manager/City Clerk position internally. It was recommended that Sadie Wagner fill the position, which was approved by the City Council.

Wagner will continue in her current role as Utility Administrative Manager, overseeing those duties and continuing to attend Utility Board meetings. In addition, she will take on the bank reconciliation and daily financial operations duties currently overseen by the Finance Manager.

Wagner will also be appointed as City Clerk, which will be placed on the next City Council agenda for formal appointment. Wagner's current salary, which is currently split between the Electric and Water Departments, will be adjusted to a 50% allocation to the city.

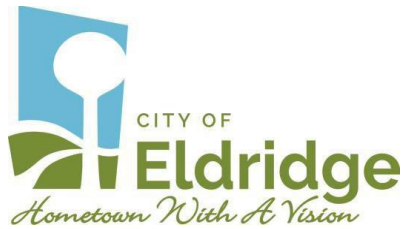
Electric Department

Outages- There was one electric outage on July 25, 2026, at approximately 9:10 a.m. The outage occurred after hours, and the Electric Superintendent was contacted. Gabe Stricker was dispatched to investigate and oversee the issue. Upon arrival, Stricker determined that a bird had flown into the three-phase transformer bank, causing two fuses to blow. Power was restored by approximately 9:50 a.m.

Discussion and consideration to promote Gabe Stricker from Journeyman Lineman to Line Foreman.

Hamilton made motion to promote Gabe Stricker from Journeyman Lineman to Line Foreman. Second by Goodding. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Department Update – Collin Wilson



Power installation has been completed at Ivy Acres 3rd. The crew installed the final streetlight pole on Monday, August 3, 2026. Wilson also had a conversation with Grunwald regarding the timeline for installing electric service for his third subdivision. The installation is expected to take place in approximately three weeks. The smaller service bucket truck has not been functioning properly. Wilson contacted Altec Service to come out and inspect the truck. They performed a pump test and found that the truck should be operating at a little over 3,000 PSI, but it is currently only reaching approximately 2,000 PSI. Altec will be contacting Wilson regarding a replacement. Otherwise, the electric crew has been continuing with service change-outs and regular work.

Water Department

Water Main Breaks- On Friday, July 31, 2026, a water main break occurred at the corner of N. 3rd Street and W. Donahue Street in Eldridge. Eldridge Police Officer Jacob Costas initially reported the water main break at approximately 1:53 AM. Officer Hailey Sanders also reported the break at approximately 2:16 AM when the shift change occurred. Officers left cones in the area to identify the location of the break. At approximately 4:54 AM, the water plant alarms began calling out after the water tower levels dropped below the designated alarm levels. The emergency answering service then called at approximately 5:31 AM to report the water main break. Cegan Long arrived onsite at approximately 6:15 AM and began turning the two valves necessary to slow the water flow from the break. Emergency utility locates were called in at approximately 6:31 AM. Eldridge Water & Electric staff began mobilizing the necessary equipment and materials to repair the water main. Eldridge Public Works staff assisted by providing trucks to remove trenching spoils and setting up road closure signs around the work area. The rain occurring during the excavation made it extremely difficult to locate the water main and other utilities within the trench. The 3-inch trash pumps would not hold a prime, while the smaller sump pumps were unable to keep up with the amount of water coming from the main break and the rain. The generators powering the sump pumps also continued to shut off. Due to the challenging conditions, Northwest Mechanical was brought in with a vacuum truck to assist with the repair. Eldridge Water & Electric staff provided excavation, trucking, ground crew, and materials needed to complete the repair. The break consisted of two large blowouts on the bottom of the cast iron water main. Approximately 46 inches of water main was removed, and a new section of ductile iron pipe was spliced into place using Romac couplings. The repair was completed and water service was restored at approximately 1:30 PM. Sadie Wagner was notified that a boil order would need to be issued and remain in effect until Sunday, August 2, 2026, in the afternoon. Two consecutive passing bacteria samples needed to be collected and tested by QC Metallurgical before the boil order could be lifted.

Water Test Results

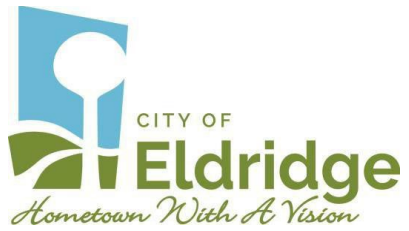
July Test results Passed.

Discussion on water system options

Hedrington discussed water system options involving Iowa American Water. No motion was made.

Discussion on starting the process of drilling a new well

Discussion was held regarding starting the process of drilling a new well. Due to Long's absence, more information will be provided at the next meeting. Lemke provided some basic information regarding the failure of Well #3 from the previous week. Well #2 is currently not producing, and the City has already reached its peak days several times this year.



Department Update – Cegan Long
None, Updates will be given at next meeting.

Adjournment

Hedrington made a motion to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Second by Hamilton. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Gage Lane
Utility Billing Clerk