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 November 16, 2026.

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

Presiding: Mayor Scott Campbell

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Tabbitha Kramer, Allison Wright, Jamie Hudson, Marty O'Boyle, Erin Gentz, Dale Grunwald, Rick Schaefer, Judith Gilbert, Ginny Zinc, Matt Hughes, Jen Hughes, Geoff McClellan, Deb McClellan, Grant McLellan, Lynne Long, Ed Long, Chris Fillmore, Dick Cole, Roy Leonard, Conrad Miller, Scott Haycraft, Justin Mattoon, Amy Mattoon, Bill McDonald, Darlys Dickman, Suzanne Gainer, TJ Long, Chris Kendall, Dave Belk, Pat Gainer, Trevor Matthaidess, Cody Harkey, Jacob Harkey, Kelly Engler, Lisa Engler, Kristin Peterson, Lindsey Doyle, Dave Wakeland, Janelle Dickman, Ashley Atkins, Deanne Jensen-Valliere, Crista Ashcraft, Judi Sarafin, Terry Jurisic, Kelly Dean, Adam Gulon, Mindy Martinek, Bryan Yanke, DeWayne Scott, and Lindsey Doyle.

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

Chief Andrew Lellig introduced the new K-9, Esco. He thanked the Mayor, Council, and community for their support and recognized Corporal Costas for completing the 5-week intensive training with the canine.

Mayor Campbell conducted the swearing in of Eldridge Fire Chief Jamie Hudson. Chief Hudson thanked the Mayor, Council, community, the Eldridge Volunteer Fire Company, and his family for their support. He expressed his commitment to lead and to serving the citizens, protecting lives, and growing the department.

Public Comment:

Resident Judith Gilbert expressed concern about the city-run fire department, the budget, and volunteers.

Resident Ginny Zink expressed concern about the potential audit of the fire department, the discussion about the EVFC's third quarter payment, and the city's legal fees.

Resident Suzy Gainer continued Zink's statement regarding the legal fees, where the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator reside, and FOIA requests.

Resident Lindsey Doyle questioned what the city's plan and budget are for the city fire department.

Resident Deanna Jensen-Valliere spoke on behalf of the chamber regarding the upcoming street closure request for Hometown Holiday. She thanked the city, fire department, and community for their support in community and chamber events.

Mayor's Agenda

Motioned by Blackwell approving the City Council Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2026. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving the Committee of the Whole Minutes from November 2, 2026. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Dockery approving the bills payable in the amount of $193,041.83. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motioned by Ashcraft approving Hy-Vee Liquor License Ownership Amendment. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Motion by Dockery to Open Public Hearing for the consideration to adopt Ordinance 2026-14 rezoning 400 S. 16th Avenue from P/M Public and Municipal District to C-3 General Commercial District. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: LaPlante, Dockery, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft.

Motion by Dockery to Close Public Hearing for the consideration to adopt Ordinance 2026-14 rezoning 400 S. 16th Avenue from P/M Public and Municipal District to C-3 General Commercial District. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: LaPlante, Dockery, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft.

Motion by Iossi to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-14 rezoning 400 S. 16th Avenue from P/M Public and Municipal District to C-3 General Commercial District. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: LaPlante, Dockery, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft.

Motion by Dockery to approve Addendum #One to KGRD Green Bay LLC Agreement to Purchase Real Estate at 400 S. 16th Avenue. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Iossi to approve Resolution 2026-45 Comprehensive Land Use Map amendment for 400 S 16th Avenue. Seconded by Dockery. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: LaPlante, Dockery, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft.

Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution 2026-46 Approving the Grunwald Grove 2nd Addition Drainage Easement Vacation. LaPlante seconded. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: LaPlante, Dockery, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft.

Motion by Ashcraft to approve Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of Commerce-Hometown Holiday Road closure request. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve a Request for Waiver of up to 50% of the Permit Fees for the NSCSD High School Orchestra Addition project. Seconded by Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve Option 1 from a proposal for the replacement/installation of 3 HVAC units at the Wastewater Treatment Plant which were included in the FYE27 budget for the Sewer fund, using Trane and Tri-City Electric. Seconded by Blackwell. Public Works Director Tony Rupe briefly explained the proposal. Motion carried by voice vote. Ashcraft abstained.

Motion by Iossi to approve Resolution 2026-48 Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Street Finance Report. Seconded by Ashcraft. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: LaPlante, Dockery, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft.

At 7:41pm, motion by Ashcraft to go to Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)c “To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.”

Seconded by LaPlante. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: LaPlante, Dockery, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft.

Council reconvened in an open session at 8:18pm. Mayor Campbell noted that no binding action was taken in closed session.

Attorney Allison Wright explained that the EVFC was requesting the City issue a quarterly payment to the EVFC as the City transitions to a City Department. Attorney Allison Wright also explained that the City has an obligation to ensure the expenditure of public funds is for a proper public purpose. The City has requested financial information regarding the use of City funds by the EVFC, including what public funds remain in the EVFC's possession and what the quarterly payment will be spent on. The EVFC refused to provide that information despite multiple requests. The EVFC has also refused to transition the publicly-funded assets for continued use by the City Department. Therefore, the City needs further information from the EVFC to substantiate the basis of the payment and how the City's funds will be spent. Dockery motioned to approve the quarterly payment of property taxes and franchise fees to the EVFC for fire protection services for the period of October thru December 2026, with the stipulation that the EVFC submits the requested financial information and any itemized invoices to be paid which will be reimbursed to the EVFC if public purpose can be substantiated. Ashcraft Seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Ashcraft to authorize the Iowa State Auditor to Conduct a Special Investigation of the Eldridge Volunteer Fire Company. Seconded by Iossi. Motion carried on the following roll call vote: Aye - LaPlante, Iossi, Blackwell, and Ashcraft. Nay – Dockery.

Board/Staff Activities

Mayor's Report-none.

City Administrator Report-Lemke reported that the new Utility Billing Clerk, Katee Stanlee, started on November 16. She also reported that Lemke, Finance Manager Sadie Wagner, and Deputy City Clerk Tabbitha Kramer would be attending the Iowa League of Cities Budget workshop.

Assistant City Administrator Report- none.

Police Report- Chief Lellig reported that the new K-9 squad car would be ready for pickup by the end of the week and that "Shop with a Cop" would take place on Dec. 12 at 9am at the West Kimberly Wal-Mart and that it is something the officers look forward to each year.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 8:43pm. Seconded by LaPlante. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Campbell
Mayor

Tabbitha Kramer
Deputy City Clerk

BILLS PAYABLE - 11/16/2026		
VENDOR	**DESCRIPTION**	**AMOUNT**
EBS	PSF CLAIM FUNDING	$ 11,439.52
DELTA DENTAL	NOV COBRA PREM-DENTAL SCHNECKLOTH	$ 71.36
ADP, INC	ADP ADMIN FEES OCTOBER	$ 106.18

WELLMARK BLUE CROSS	NOV COBRA PREMIUMS SCHNECKLOTH	$ 863.47
WEX BANK	FUEL	$ 5,342.49
WEX BANK	FUEL	$ 62.29
WEX BANK	FUEL	$ 1,237.88
WEX BANK	FUEL	$ 417.31
EBS	COBRA	$ 127.36
EBS	COBRA	$ 11.18
EBS	COBRA	$ 57.01
EBS	COBRA	$ 5.59
EBS	COBRA	$ 15.56
EBS	COBRA	$ 10.89
EBS	COBRA	$ 13.38
EBS	COBRA	$ 43.24
EBS	COBRA	$ 11.18
EBS	PSF CLAIM FUNDING	$ 1,837.09
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	COPIER LEASE	$ 200.99
AIRGAS USA, LLC	SHOP EQPT TORCH CUTTING GAS	$ 77.49
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	ELECTRIC-CITY	$ 27.12
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	ELECTRIC-CITY	$ 403.32
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	ELECTRIC-CITY	$ 314.96
ALLIANT ENERGY CO.	ELECTRIC-COMM CENTER	$ 1,772.90
ALLIED SERVICES LLC	RECYCLING AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICE	$ 36,254.40
ALLIED SERVICES LLC	CREDIT FOR TAX ON WASTE STICKERS	$ (5.62)
ALWAYS CLEAN LLC	OFFICE AND COMMONS CLEANING	$ 300.00
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AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	KEYFOB CVR, PEPPERBALL BLAST SFTY SOL	$ 60.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	KEYFOB CVR, PEPPERBALL BLAST SFTY SOL	$ 7.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AIR COMPRESSOR, SLACK CABLE ROLLER	$ 102.42
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AIR COMPRESSOR, SLACK CABLE ROLLER	$ 65.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	HP LAPTOP	$ 1,562.39
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CARBURETOR W/SELONOID REPLACEMENT	$ 16.88
AMERICAN LEGAL	OCTOBER 2026 S-3 EDITING	$ 2,059.88
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	PHONE AND INTERNET	$ 1,043.32
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	PHONE AND INTERNET	$ 150.00
CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE	PHONE AND INTERNET	$ 187.32
CINTAS CORPORATION	GRAY MATS	$ 133.99
CINTAS CORPORATION	GRAY MATS	$ 86.33
CINTAS FIRST AID & SAFETY D89	FIRST AID REFILL	$ 64.05
CONTINENTAL WESTERN GROUP	NEW PW DUMP TRUCK	$ 731.00
EASTERN IOWA PUB. LLC	PUBLICATIONS	$ 1,366.61
IA STRMWTR EDUCTN PTNRSHP	26-27 ISWEP CITY MEMBERSHIP	$ 3,995.00
JK INDUSTRIES	CITY LOGO	$ 24.00
MANATTS, INC	ASPHALT CITY SHOP ENTRANCE	$ 1,047.84
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 110 OIL CHANGE, FRONT PADS, ROTORS	$ 282.07
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 SRVCE, OIL FLTR, ANTIFRZE ADDITIVE	$ 14.44
NAPA AUTO PARTS	FLEET BRK CLNR	$ 9.57
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 102 THERMOSTAT AND HOUSING	$ 35.73
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 105 OIL FILTER FOR SERVICE	$ 5.14
NAPA AUTO PARTS	UNIT 101 OIL FILTER FOR SERVICE	$ 5.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	FLEET BRK CLNR	$ 9.57
NAPA AUTO PARTS	GENERAC GENRTR AIR FILTER/RUST PROOFING	$ 48.58
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP TOOLS, SHOP CREEPER, CREEPER SEAT	$ 448.69

NAPA AUTO PARTS	RETURN OF WRONG PARTS UNIT 227	$ (11.87)
NAPA AUTO PARTS	FLEET BRK CLNR	$ 9.57
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	PAINT FOR HNDICP SPT AT CITY HALL PRKNG LOT	$ 53.76
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	TANK PVC FITTINGS	$ 45.95
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	UNIT 34 AIR BRAKE FITTINGS	$ 33.96
NIEMANN FOODS INC.	DROP CORD END	$ 5.99
P & K MIDWEST, INC	TRACTOR CHAIN	$ 22.65
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	COPPER AND ECOLI TESTING	$ 171.00
QUAD CITIES WINWATER CO	MANHOLE ADHESIVE	$ 403.44
QUAD CITIES WINWATER CO	MANHOLE CASTINGS DONAHUE STREET	$ 1,113.30
RIVER VALLEY COOPERATIVE	DIESEL	$ 2,705.76
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RIVERSTONE GROUP INC	LINCOLN RD BRIDGE ASPHALT APPROACHES	$ 1,800.18
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES, OFFICE 365 G3, BACKUP, KNOWB4	$ 630.10
SHARED IT INC	SIT OVERAGE	$ 1,061.45
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES, OFFICE 365 G3, BACKUP, KNOWB4	$ 253.64
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES, OFFICE 365 G3, BACKUP, KNOWB4	$ 331.29
SHARED IT INC	SIT OVERAGE	$ 433.55
SHARED IT INC	IT SERVICES, OFFICE 365 G3, BACKUP, KNOWB4	$ 175.99
STAPLES	HOT/COLD CUPS	$ 62.87
STAPLES	PRINTER PAPER AND BANKER BOXES	$ 100.08
STAPLES	FILES	$ 49.14
THE ARC OF THE QC AREA	SHRED DOCS	$ 65.00
WASTE COMM. OF SCOTT CO.	STREET SWEEPINGS DISPOSAL	$ 407.96
PAYROLL 11/5	PAYROLL 11/5	$ 105,815.41
	TOTAL PAYABLES AND PAYROLL:	**$ 193,041.83**
	GENERAL FUND	$ 149,270.86
	ROAD USE TAX	$ 2,848.02
	PARK BOARD	$ 4,318.21
	SEWER	$ 20,421.90
	COMMUNITY CENTER	$ 1,960.22
	SELF-INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	$ 14,222.62
	TOTAL PAYABLES & PAYROLL	**$ 193,041.83**