

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 12, 2021 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call or Zoom in the council chambers due to the Governor's State of Public Health Disaster, eliminating groups of more than 50% capacity and social distancing.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Aaron Budweg, Greg Priske, and Cindy Johns were present at the council meeting along with and Chandra Kyte. Blake Jones and City Attorney Erika Allen were present by Zoom. Also, present were Mike Ludwigs, Kelly Haskin, Sarah Carson, Matt Rezab, Gary Kofoid and 763-458-4323 by Zoom or in the council chamber.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayor David Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Budweg to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the December 8<sup>th</sup> minutes, monthly claims and financials, claims for Community Garden, Veteran Memorial and Memorial Park, Brandon Jones as Eldora Firefighter, approval of Fire Department officers, approval of Michael Pearce as a reserve police officer and Resolution 01-21-2918 authorizing transfers. The council asked Mike Ludwigs about how many hours Michael Pearce would have, and Mike thought between 20-30 hours in a two week period. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Budweg and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Jones and Hoy. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Gary Kofoid spoke on the fireworks. He has heard some in town over New Year's Eve and thought they were not allowed in town. He thought he saw on What's Up Eldora Facebook page that you could shoot them off. The Mayor informed him that fireworks were not allowed in town unless you got a permit and there were no permits given over New Year's Eve. The City cannot control what is posted on different Facebook. A post was put on the City's website stating you would need a permit to set off fireworks. Enforcement of the fireworks code has been an issue as to locating the person setting them off.

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 871, Ordinance amending Chapter 69 on Parking Regulations. This ordinance will reserve parking for the EMS on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It will be the north side of the street from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to the EMS building. There will also be the four parking spot north of the EMS building in the parking lot reserved for the EMS. Those who park in the reserved parking area would receive a parking ticket. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Priske to hold the first reading of Ordinance 871. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Priske and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: Jones and Hoy. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 872, Ordinance amending Chapter 70 on Traffic Code Enforcement. This ordinance will make all snow parking in Eldora \$50.00 and there will not be a difference between a street parking or snow route parking. Council member Johns motioned to change the working to make it clearer, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Budweg and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Jones and Hoy. Motion carried. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Priske to hold the first reading of the amended Ordinance 871. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Priske and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: Jones and Hoy. Motion carried. The wording that would be removed is "and improper use of a

handicap parking permit” from the regular parking fine section since it is listed later as a separate parking fine.

Resolution 01-21-2919, Resolution to approve Throssel Foundation Grant application. Deb Crosser has applied for a grant to place a picnic table and signage at the Waterworks Park. The funds from this grant will be deposited in the City’s Park Trust account and will pay bills up to the grant amount. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Budweg to approve Resolution 01-21-2919. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Budweg and Priske; “nays”: none; “absent”; Jones and Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 01-21-2920, Resolution approving the agreements for reimbursement of training expense. The City has entered into agreements with EMS and police employees. The City would pay for the training in exchange for years of service set in the agreements. If the employee leaves before the terms are up, they would reimburse the City for the training expense on a pro-rated basis set in the contract. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 01-21-2920. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; “absent”; Hoy. Motion carried.

The clinic has a two boiler system and one of the boilers stopped working. The City was told that the one boiler could keep up if the temperature was not below zero for too long. At the time of the council meeting, Kelly has only received one bid to replace the boiler. The boiler system could be as old as 20 years, not for sure on the age. Kelly said a two boiler system where they take turns running is better than one larger boiler running the whole system. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Budweg to give the Mayor and Kelly Haskin authority to approve the bid to replace the boiler up to \$9,000.00. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Budweg, Jones and Johns; “nays”: none; Hoy: none. Motion carried.

The City currently adds fluoride to the water system. The DNR has set new rules for testing the fluoride in the water where it will be every day testing instead of twice a week. Citizen can get fluoride from toothpaste and drinks now, so it is not required to be added to the water. One other city beside Eldora in Hardin County still adds fluoride to the water and about half of Iowa cities still add it. Kelly would like to stop the fluoride treatment in the water. The council thought it would be an administrator decision and the council took no vote on it. Kelly will inform the DNR that the City of Eldora will not be adding fluoride to the water system.

Blake Jones was on Zoom for the whole meeting, but the council could not hear him for the first part of the meeting. Now that the council can hear him, they are going back to Ordinance 871 and 872 to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and have the final passage. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns to suspend the rule requiring that Ordinance 871 be voted on for passage at two council meeting after this meeting. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; “absent”; Hoyt. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns for final passage and adoption of Ordinance 871. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns Budweg and Priske; “nays”: none; “absent”; Hoy. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns to suspend the rule requiring that Ordinance 872 be voted on for passage at two council meeting after this meeting. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; “absent”; Hoy. Motion carried. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Jones for final passage and adoption of

Ordinance 872. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Johns and Johns; “nays”: none; “absent”; Hoy. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Cindy was asking about the ambulance loan and the Mayor would like to talk to Maile first before submitting the paperwork. She also asked about the blight property on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She thought the City could put them out for bid and the City would have a grant or forgivable loan for the buyer to help remove the houses. Blake thought the property owner to the east would be interested in the one next to him. Aaron thought the finance committee could develop a plan for the properties. Cindy asked if the theater has started to find a theater manager for when they reopen, and no one knew if they have yet. She inquired about the pool and if the process of finding lifeguards have started. Greg encouraged her to reach out to Dee the week to check the progress. Aaron was seeing what the progress of the estate bequest was and the Mayor thought it could be 6 months to a year before the City receives any money. There will be a committee to recommend a use for this bequest and Cindy thought pools lights might be a good option. Blake would like to see the City get a retirement plan set for some employees who will be retiring soon. He mentioned the snowmobile route through town and this year there has been an issue with a property owner not wanting them to cross the property this year. The route is set by the snowmobile club and they get permission from the landowners. The City does not set the route.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Budweg so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chandra Kyte, City Clerk