

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
February 14, 2023 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call, Zoom or at the Council Chamber.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Kramer presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Mike May Jr, Cindy Drake, Jerry Kramer, and Carey Morton were present along with City Administrator Aaron Budweg, City Attorney Erika Allen and Chandra Kyte. Also, present were, Shawn Dicity, Colin Chinery, Rebekah Cullinan, Emily Crosley, Jacob Travis, Jamie Velasco, Jose Velasco, Maile Carter, Aaron Clemons, Ann Clemons and two on zoom.

The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to open the public hearing on vacating the property at 2413 Edgington Avenue and Council member Morton so moved, seconded by Drake. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, Jones, May Jr, and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:03pm. There were no comments. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Morton so moved, seconded by Drake. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, Kramer, May Jr, and Jones; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:05 pm.

The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of minutes of January 10 & 25, plumber permit for Williams Underground, Whinks Service Inc, Roto-Rooter, Curt Crosser, Mort’s Water Co and Carstens Plumbing & Heating, liquor license for Dollar General #6690, Resolution 02-23-3196, approving the hiring and setting wages for EMS employee, Resolution 2-23-3188 to vacate and sell real estate, support for Eldora Fire Trust application to the Hardin County Community Endowment, approval of Economic Development payment to Budweg Enterprise LLC, Resolution 02-23-3197 approving the merit increase and Resolution 02-23-3198, Authorizing Transfers. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, May Jr, Kramer, and Drake; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor Pro-Tem opened the citizen comment period and there were none.

EMS Director Maile Carter, Fire Chief Aaron Clemons and Police Chief Nick Hassebrock presented Colin Chinery and Jose Velasco with a Life Safety Award for their service in the fire on Nov. 2, 2022, where they located and escorting the homeowner out of the house fire.

The council reviewed the claims and council member Morton motioned, seconded by Drake, to approve Resolution 02-23-3199, to approve the monthly claims. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, May Jr, Kramer and Jones; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 02-23-3187, to approve the monthly financials for December 2022 and January 2023. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, Kramer, Drake, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 02-23-3200, setting the guidelines for the disposal of real property. The council decided on a minimum bid of \$100,000 and will have bids for 2413 Edgington Avenue (hospital/clinic) in by April 7<sup>th</sup> and will be revied April 11<sup>th</sup> at the regular council meeting. Aaron

has checked with eight realtors and one had responded to show the property. The council thought with Aaron schedule it would be better to have a realtor handle the property for a fee. Council member Morton motioned to set the minimum bid at \$100,000 and have an open discussion with the bid winner about property improvement, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, May Jr, Drake, and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the update Resolution 02-23-3200. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, May Jr, Drake, and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Next was Resolution 02-23-3201, setting hearing on vacating and disposal of alleys, Eldora Iowa. There are three alley the council will be vacating. They are the alley south of NAPA, the east end of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the east end of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 02-23-3201. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, Kramer, and Drake; “nays”: none; “absent”: none; “abstain”: May Jr. Motion carried. May Jr abstained since his property is next to one of the alleys.

The Mayor Pro-Tem introduced Resolution was 02-23-3190, approval the hiring and setting wages for Blake Jones as a full-time police department employee. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Drake to approve Resolution 02-23-3190. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, Kramer, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none; “abstain”: Jones. Motion carried.

Next was Resolution was 02-23-3202, authorizing the Mayor Pro-Tem to sign forms RD 1910-11 applicate certification federal collection policies for consumer or commercial debts with US Department of Agriculture. This is for the EMS ambulance loan/grant. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 02-23-3202. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, Drake, Kramer, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent” none. Motion carried.

Well 6, at the north end of town is in need of some repairs and the council had two bids to review. A Boreline flexible casing for 44K with a life span of 50 year and a pipe casing for 34K with a life span of 20-22 years. Kelly had recommend the Boreline flexible casing. Council member Morton motioned, seconded by Drake to award the bid to Hose Solutions Inc and use the Boreline flexible casing. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, Jones, Kramer, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent” none. Motion carried.

The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 892, amending Chapter 137 of the Eldora Municipal Code relating to Vacation and Disposal of Street. This is the alley between 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Block 19 of the Original Plat. Each property owner will receive half of the alley behind their property. Council member Jones moved and seconded by Morton to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 892. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Morton, Kramer, May Jr, and Drake; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Kramer asked for a motion to suspend the rules requiring an ordinance be voted on for passage at a second and third council meeting after this meeting with respect to Ord. 892. Council member Morton moved and seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, Drake, Kramer, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion for final passage and adoption with respect to Ordinance 892. Council member Morton moved, seconded by Drake. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, May Jr, Jones, and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carry.

The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 893, amending Chapter 137 of the Eldora Municipal Code relating to Vacation and Disposal of Street. This is the alley between 15<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Block 5 of the Edgington Addition. Each property owner will receive half of the alley behind their property. Council member Morton moved and seconded by Drake to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 893. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, Kramer, May Jr, and Jones; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Kramer asked for a motion to suspend the rules requiring an ordinance be voted on for passage at a second and third council meeting after this meeting with respect to Ord. 893. Council member Morton moved and seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, Drake, Kramer, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion for final passage and adoption with respect to Ordinance 893. Council member Morton moved, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Jones, Drake, May Jr, and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carry.

Ordinance 894, vacating alleys will be on the March council meeting.

The council had received the 2023-2024 budget and Carey said it was not an easy budget year. The State may change the rollback, which means the budget would need to be redone. There were no big line item this year. The committee work around 20 hours on the budget this year. Higher inflation has a big impact on the budget.

Carey reported back from the EMS merger subcommittee. The merger will take place as planned on July 1, 2023 but will be a few changes with phases being added. They will not housing of EMS personal in Ackley during phase 1 and will not be splitting revenue/losses during phase 1. In phase 2, they will be housing EMS employees in Ackley and splitting the revenue/losses. The phases were added because from billing to collecting from the insurance companies could be 154 days on average. They will still review the financial quarterly and yearly. There will no fees paid from or to the other City and each City will keep their account receivable prior to 7-1-2023. Council member Jones moved, seconded by Drake to move forward with legal preparation of documents with the time and phase schedule. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Drake, May Jr, Kramer, and Morton; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carry.

Blake Jones will resign from the council to become a full time City police officer and if this closed session would need more meetings he thought it best he is not involved since will not be able to attend after today. Blake resigned from the council and left the meeting. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c) and council member Drake so moved, seconded by May Jr. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Drake, May Jr, Kramer, and Morton; “nays”: none; “absent”: open. Motion carried. Closed session started at 7:05pm. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the closed session and council member Morton so moved, seconded by Drake. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Morton, Drake, and May Jr; “nays”: none; “absent”: open. Motion carried. Closed session closed and went in open session at 7:10pm. When back into open session Council member Morton moved, seconded by Drake to accept the City Attorney advice, and give the Mayor Pro-Tem authorization to sign the form. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Morton, Drake, May Jr, and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: open. Motion carry.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Aaron said a public notice to appoint a council member to serve the remainder of Blake term will be on the February 21 agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Kramer asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Morton so moved; meeting adjourned at 7.15pm.

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Jerry Kramer, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Chandra Kyte, City Clerk