

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
March 9, 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 Melody Hoy, Cindy Johns and Greg Priske were present at the council meeting along with and City Administrator Aaron Budweg and Chandra Kyte. City Attorney Erika Allen was present by Zoom. Also, present were Bob & Tina John, Jerry Kramer, Kelly Haskin, Troy & Tammy McDonald, Denise Martin, Maile Carter, Colin Chinery, Bruce Haskin, Sarah Carson, and Pauline Lloyd in the council chamber. By zoom were Matt Rezab, Aaron Clemons, Gary Koifoid, Julie Duhn and BJ Hoffman.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayor David Dunn opened the public notice informing those present that the City received several applications to fill the vacant City Council position. The City will appoint Jerry Kramer to fill the remaining seat ending December 31, 2021. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Resolution 03-21-2926, Resolution to appoint Jerry Kramer to the vacated City Council position. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Johns and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. Jerry sat at the council table.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on the City selling property. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns, to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Johns, Priske and Kramer; "nays": none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing opened at 6:11pm. There was only one bid, and it was for 1607 15th Avenue for \$10.00. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Hoy, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Hoy, Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed at 6:13pm. The Mayor than asked for a motion to approve Resolution 03-21-2427, Resolution to sell real estate. Priske motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 03-21-2427. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Johns, Kramer, and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on the Max Levy. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Kramer, to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Kramer, Johns and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing opened at 6:17pm. There were no comments. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Johns, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Johns, Hoy and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed at 6:18pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on the EMS Ambulance Loan. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske, to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: "ayes": Kramer, Priske, Johns and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing opened at 6:19pm. There were no comments on the loan. Troy McDonald

asked if the EMS and Fire thought about sharing a building. Maile said it was discussed in the beginning and could save on heating and cooling. There would need some remodeling at the Fire station to add offices and sleeping rooms and now the EMS is remodeling their current building. The Mayor asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Kramer, to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Kramer, Priske and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed at 6:21pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the February 9th & 23rd minutes, monthly claims and financials, approval of plumbing license for Carstens Plumbing & Heating, Roto-Rooter and Reliable 1 all from Iowa Falls, Whinks Services Inc from Hubbard, Lon’s Plumbing & Heating from Reinbeck and Gehrke Inc and Crosser LLC, both from Eldora. The approval of appointing Dennis Barnard to the Personnel Committee and the newly appointed council member to the Personnel Committee as the chair and to the Finance Committee. The approval of Resolution 03-21-2925 authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Robert John inquired about the City flag that the students designed and what was the status of the flag. He also inquired on the cost of the hanging plants and the cost to water them. The Mayor said the City is looking at a group to help with the plants and having the summer part-time help with the watering. Julie Duhn wanted to give her support to Mike Ludwigs and thought there could be some issues with letting him go. She asked if a severance agreement signed yet and the Mayor said not yet. Pauline Lloyd said the City had Mike see an occupation therapist and they are not a doctor. She also would like to see the City put a mask mandate in effect for Eldora. She said the mask helps with droplets and a lot of stores in town have narrow aisles.

Maile Carter presented the council with a breakdown of what was spent so far from the foundation and the City. She presented a list of what is left to finish, and the cost associated with it. They have also received donated materials and time to help with the project. The council was wondering if some of the items left to do could be post ponded to a later date. The painting could be done later, and Maile was going to get another bid on the restroom remodel. She also mentioned, that with the Texas issues they have been having, some plumbing supplies may be hard to get. The council would like to give the EMS \$15,000 from LOST for the EMS project and Denise Martin thought they could make that work and just postpone some projects. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Kramer, approve Resolution 03-21-2931, Resolution to update Resolution 11-20-2911, Resolution regarding Local Option Sales Tax Excess Money and give the EMS department \$15,000.00 for the remodeling project. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Resolution 03-21-2928 Resolution approving of FY 2021/2022 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Melody Hoy thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work on the budget and said the City levy will be 21.48613 for the coming year. There were no other comments and the Mayor asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Council

member Hoy motioned, seconded by Kramer to approve Resolution 03-21-2928. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Kramer, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Resolution 03-21-2929 Resolution to apply for finance with USDA. It will be for a 2021 F450 Lifeline Ambulance. It will be only for the ambulance; they do not allow you to consolidate loans and the total amount will be \$225,000 before any grant money the City would receive. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 03-21-2929. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Johns and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Resolution 03-21-2930 Resolution approving signatures for checks, drafts, notes, or orders on City of Eldora accounts. The City will be adding Aaron Budweg to the signature cards and remove David Dunn. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 03-21-2930. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Priske, and Hoy; “nays”: none; abstain: Johns; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Aaron Budweg has an Economic Development Loan statement for the council. The old school building is in a history district so could be an issue with tearing down. The GEMT 20/21 payment for the past bills have now been all billed out. He gave out a H.C. Emergency flyer and the City could use this for an emergency. He has posted jobs for the police chief, pool, and water waste position. Someone will be looking at the clinic for space to rent. He is getting bids for the pool paint job and the Park & Rec Foundation has about 18-20 members. Greg Priske has a Park & Rec meeting, and they discussed the hanging flower pots and pool. Cindy Johns asked if letters are sent to the past due Economic Development loan accounts. The Mayor has sent letters in the past. She also was wondering if the school can still remove the old building since it is a historical building. Aaron said the school does want to tear it down, but it is not a City building so do not know their plan. Melody Hoy said the House passed EMS as an essential service and will move on to the Senate.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Priske so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk