

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
March 12, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Greg Priske, Robert John and Melody Hoy were present. Also, present were City Attorney Marty Petersen, City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Matt Rezab, Rick Patrie, Jerry Kramer, Ryan Sutcliffe and Carson Lutterman.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by John to open the public hearing. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Hoy, Priske and John; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:01pm. David Mitchell went through the timeline process on the budget. He reviewed the revenue and expenses for the funds and answered questions. The total tax rate for YE 2020 will be \$20.46632 per \$1,000.00 value. Previous rates have been YE 2019 \$20.35, YE 2018 \$21.55 and YE 2017 \$23.67. David thanked the finance committee, department heads, staff, council and mayor for their time and input into this years budget. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member John motioned, seconded by Jones to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: "ayes": John, Hoy, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:19pm

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by John to approve. The consent agenda consisted of the February 12th and 26th minutes, the monthly claims and the financials and the plumber licenses for Reliable 1 and Roto-Rooter both of Iowa Falls. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Jones, Hoy and John; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and there were none.

Resolution 03-19-2790, Resolution of intent regarding the proposed use of the revenue from Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) for fiscal year 2019-2020. The LOST revenue is split 70% for capital improvements and 30% for community services. This year the LOST 70% will be used for loan repayments, blight, street construction and a new boiler for the pool. The LOST 30% will be used for general, economic development, parks, library and cemetery. Council member Hoy motioned to approve Resolution 03-19-2790, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": John, Hoy, Priske and Jones; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn introduced Resolution 03-19-2791, Resolution adopting the budget and certification of city taxes for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The report is sent to the courthouse and uploaded to the State and is due March 15, 2019. Council member Hoy

motioned to approve Resolution 03-19-2791, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, John and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Resolution 03-19-2792, Resolution regarding Local Option Sales Tax excess money. Some of the excess LOST revenue this year will be used for the library, blight and for a blight control vehicle. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 03-19-2792. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, John and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Resolution 03-19-2793, Resolution establishing City investment policy. The last update was done in 2004. David Mitchell and David Dunn worked on the policy and update the banks, authorized personnel, and limits. The finance committee also reviewed the investment policy. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 03-19-2793. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, John, Hoy and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

There were two businesses in town that sold cigarettes to under age customers. The State gives the option for the City to pursue hearings and fine assessments. The City is opting to pursue this themselves and will set a hearing date for April 9th and the proper forms and notices will be sent to HyVee Inc and Kum & Go. If there would be a public hearing on April 9th, Marty would handle the procedure. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske for City to pursue the tobacco violations. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Ordinance 853 – amending chapter 70 – parking late fee. The late fee for a parking ticket was at \$10.00 per month and this ordinance would lower it to \$5.00 per month. One \$5.00 refund will need to be made. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by John to approve and hold the first reading of ordinance 853. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, John and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. Council member Jones motion to wave the 2nd and 3rd reading and approved them now seconded by, John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Ryan Sutcliffe gave an update on the EMS handling the billing in house. He said the cost is .39 cents per claim and the turnaround time for payments have improved. They also have quicker response to claims that are kicked back for errors. They went from 30 days for Medicaid claims to 5 days; Medicare went from 60 to 15 days and commercial insurance went from 90 to 30 days. They also discussed the reimbursement rates from Medicaid and David Dunn had sent a letter to Annette Sweeny about this also. Ryan stated the rates are about 15% of the cost is reimbursed from Medicaid, 48% from Medicare and 78% from commercial insurances.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report and the Council members gave their concerns at this time. Blake Jones stated the EMS has paramedics, EMTs and RN exceptions to fill in on their roster and that Shawn Davis will graduate Paramedic in May. There are also a few that will be testing for EMT's soon. He would like to see the Fire Department and EMS share the Tri-Rinse building; it is the council's job to keep a watch on the budget. Greg Priske would like to thank the finance committee on their great teamwork on getting the budget and other projects done. Bob John has some citizens with concerns on the Alliant rate increase. He thought the City could look into solar or wind power to off set the increasing cost of electricity. He would like to see a secure snow route in Eldora for emergency vehicles. Melody Hoy would like to see an update nuisance spreadsheet and thinks the City needs to get tougher on some of the blight area in Eldora. Some of them have gone on for years.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk