

Eldora City Council
Special Meeting
March 30, 2020 – 6:00pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call due to the Governor's State of Public Health Disaster, eliminating groups of 10 or more to meet until April 7th, 2020.

Eldora City Council met with Mayor David W. Dunn presiding. Council members Aaron Budweg, Cindy Johns, Blake Jones, and Melody Hoy were present by phone conference. On the phone also was David W. Dunn, Kelly Haskin, and Matt Rezab. Chandra Kyte, Mike Ludwigs, and council member Greg Priske, who arrived later in the meeting, also joined the phone conference from the council chambers.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:03pm on adopting the budget and certification of City taxes for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Council member Hoy motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes" Hoy, Johns, Jones and Budweg; "nays" none; absent: Priske. Motion carried. There was no comment and the public hearing was closed at 6:05pm. Council member Johns motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes" Budweg, Johns, Jones and Hoy; "nays" none; absent: Priske. Motion carried.

Resolution 03-20-2868, Resolution adopting the budget and certification of City taxes for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 was introduced. Melody Hoy reported that there were 3 finance committee meeting and 4 council workshop and finance committee meetings in this process. They had to work with a 100K decrease in the general budget, increased health care cost, liability insurance cost and lower property values. The council will be increasing the franchise fee, adding a storm water fee, EMS applied for the GEMT grant, increase cemetery plot rates, raise the pool party rates, make sure the townships are at the max levy and review the fire charges for the department. They also reviewed the employee level in the departments and will be repurposing the old police car for the blight department and the old police truck to the street department. They plan on refinancing the sewer loan at a lower interest rate and the new 5th officer should reduce the OT in that department. Council member Jones motioned to approve Resolution 03-20-2868, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes" Jones, Hoy, Budweg and Johns; "nays" none; absent: Priske. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:12pm on increasing the franchise fee with Interstate Power & Light Company for electric and gas. Council member Johns motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes" Johns, Jones, Hoy and Budweg; "nays" none; absent: Priske. Motion carried. There was no comment and the public hearing was closed at 6:15pm. Council member Hoy motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: "ayes" Hoy, Budweg, Jones and Johns; "nays" none; absent: Priske. Motion carried.

Resolution 03-20-2874, Resolution approving the allocation of Interstate Light & Power Company franchise fees. Chandra read the current split of 9% economic development, 65% public safety and 26% street department. The new split to take effect January 1, 2021 will be 7% economic development, 72.5% public safety and 20.5% street department. Even though economic development and the street department have a lower percentage, they will be getting more money starting January 1, 2021. Council member Johns motioned to approve

Resolution 03-20-2874, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: “ayes” Johns, Hoy, Jones and Budweg; “nays” none; absent: Priske. Motion carried

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:20pm on adding a new chapter to the City of Ordinance: Chapter 101 Storm Water Drainage Utility. Council member Jones motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes” Jones, Johns, Budweg and Hoy; “nays” none; absent: Priske. Motion carried. There was no comment and the public hearing was closed at 6:23pm. Council member Hoy motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: “ayes” Hoy, Budweg, Jones and Johns; “nays” none; absent: Priske. Motion carried.

Citizen comment period was open and there were no comments.

The Planning & Zoning and the Board of Adjustment committees recommend approving the rezoning part of 1813 7th Street to be agricultural and approved a special use permit to have horses and a cow/calf on the property. Council member Hoy motioned to approve the rezoning per the map and approved the special use permit for horses and cow/calf, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes” Hoy, Jones, Budweg and Johns; “nays” none; absent: Priske. Motion carried.

The council has approved Wendy Bradley for contract HR service for the City of Eldora and a contract has been presented to the council. Council member Hoy motioned to give the Mayor permission to sign the contract with Wendy Bradley, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes” Hoy, Johns, Jones and Budweg; “nays” none; absent: Priske. Motion carried. It was asked where in the budget was this money going to taken out of. The council told them it would be out of the general expenses and will be using part of the city administrator wages.

The EMS has applied for the GEMT grant and the GEMT invoice would need to be paid by April 31. Council member Budweg motioned to pay this invoice and send the money by ACH, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes” Budweg, Johns, Hoy and Jones; “nays” none; absent: Priske. Motion carried.

Greg Priske join the council meeting and ordinance 864 was introduced. Ordinance amending chapter 110 Natural Gas Franchise. This would take effect on January 1, 2021 and would change the fee from 2% to 3%. The revenue would be split as listed in Resol. 03-20-28/4. Council member Jones motioned to approve the first reading of ordinance 864, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes” Jones, Johns, Hoy, Budweg and Priske; “nays” none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 865 was introduced. Ordinance amending chapter 111 Electric Franchise. This would take effect on January 1, 2021 and would change the fee from 2% to 3%. The revenue would be split as listed in Resol. 03-20-2874. The increase revenue from the gas and electric could be around 47K a year and 24K for this coming year Jan-June 2021. Council member Hoy motioned to approve the first reading of ordinance 865, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes” Hoy, Priske, Budweg, Johns and Jones; “nays” none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 866 was introduced. Ordinance adding chapter 101 Storm Water Drainage Utility. This would take effect on July 1, 2020 and would add a \$1.00 fee to residential and \$3.00 fee to non-residential, which would be added to the water bill and collected the same. Council member Jones motioned to approve the first reading of ordinance 866, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes” Jones, Priske, Johns, Budweg and Hoy; “nays” none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Melody suggested that for closed session the council would move upstairs so the people in the hallway would not hear the closed session and they could remain seated and not have to stand. She was also checking on the trailer park one-meter project. The department heads could come back to the council meeting to give their reports. The EMS has a new paramedic, EMT and driver add to the roster and the April slots are all filled except for 3. Melody was also checking on the evaluation if they were done yet. Cindy was also checking on the trailer park meter project and the Mayor will check with Erika, since she has to change some ordinance to make this work. Cindy was also checking on the Union negotiation set in April and the Mayor would be checking with the Union to see if this would be face to face or by phone.

Mayor David W. Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Johns so moved; meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk