

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
May 13, 2021 -- 5:30 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call, Zoom or in the council chambers.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Cindy Johns, Jerry Kramer, Melody Hoy, and Greg Priske were present at the council meeting along with and City Administrator Aaron Budweg, City Attorney Erika Allen, and Chandra Kyte. Also, present were Anthony Schrad, Matthew Rezab, Kelly Haskin, Sarah Carson, Julie Duhn and 641-869-3302 either by Zoom or in the council chamber.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to go into Closed Session under Iowa Code 20.17(3) negotiations strategy. Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes” Jones, Priske, Kramer, Hoy, and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Closed Session opened at 5:33 pm.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Closed Session. Council member Kramer so moved, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes” Kramer, Jones, Hoy, Johns and Priske; “nays” none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Closed Session closed at 6:23 pm and went into Open Session.

The council wanted to make some adjustment to the consent items. Resolution 05-21-2939, 05-21-2940, 05-21-2941, 05-21-2948, 05-21-2949, and 05-21-2942 were asked to be pulled from the consent items. Mayor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Kramer to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the April 13th minutes, monthly claims, approval of cigarette permits for Casey’s General Store and Kum & Go, liquor license for Kum & Go, Eldora Bowl, Hy-Vee Food Store and Casey’s General Store, appointments to Personnel Committee Sue Kramer, Anthony Schrad to Public Safety and Mike May Jr to Finance Committee, Resolution 05-21-2942, Resolution authorizing the City Administrator/Mayor to sign Satuci leasing contract and Resolution 05-21-2943, Resolution authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Kramer, Priske, Jones and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21-2947, Resolution authorizing the mayor to sign EMT agreement with Shawn Weatherly. Some minor wording adjustment that Erica Allen made to the contract where Shawn Weatherly agrees to a one year working contract with the Eldora EMS in exchange for training expenses and changed from a set hour of 12 per work to at least 12 hours per week. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns, to approve Resolution 05-21-2947. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Jones, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21-2939, Resolution promoting and adjusting wage for Anthony Schrad. The Mayor and committee had an interview process and the Mayor appointed Anthony Schrad as Police Chief. The council was going to vote on the wage for the Chief position. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 05-21-2939. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer and Jones; “nays”: Hoy, Johns and Priske; absent: none. Motion did not carry. The Mayor asked at what wage the council was thinking of. Melody Hoy said she did

not support the appointment, position, or wage. Aaron Budweg suggested a special meeting to discuss the wage for Anthony Schrad.

Resolution 05-21-2940, Resolution promoting and setting wage for Nicholas Hassebrock. Nicholas will now be the Police Captain, and this is a salary position. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Kramer, to approve Resolution 05-21-2940. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Kramer, Johns, and Hoy; “nays”: Priske; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21-2941, Resolution promoting and setting wage for Vincent Lukehart. This was brought to the Finance Committee to review earlier. Melody Hoy would like to table this resolution due to an item that come up today. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns, to table Resolution 05-21-2941. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Jones, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21-2948, Resolution authorizing the City Administrator/Mayor to sign the I Tron contract. Erika Allen review the contract and they are adding a radio reader to the water meters and do not guarantee the third party system. Kelly Haskin said that Grundy Center uses the system and is working well for them. I Tron has 20+ year of experience and 5 years with water meters. There will be a yearly software fee of \$3k for maintenance and updates. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, approve Resolution 05-21-2948. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Johns, and Hoy; “nays”: Priske; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21-2949, Resolution authorizing the City Administrator/Mayor to sign the Physician’s Claims Company. The contract was to be sent to the City but did not arrive by the meeting. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns, to table Resolution 05-21-2949. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Priske, Johns, and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21-2942, Resolution setting wage for Fire Fighters. The council discussed the changes from the budget process. At the budget meetings, it was discussed 5/10/15 rate per hour for meetings/training/fire calls and Aaron Clemons would like to be a 5/15/15 rate for meetings/training/fire calls. This would be over the wage line budgeted amount. Jerry Kramer thought if it would be \$5k more in wages, then they would need to decrease another line item by \$5k to keep it on budget. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 05-21-2942. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer and Jones; “nays”: Hoy, Johns and Priske; absent: none. Motion did not carry.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Julie Duhn spoke. Julie mentioned that people are moving out of Eldora and business are closing in town. She thought there was bullying and condescension at the last council meeting. She would also like to be on a committee with the City. She did not think it was right to have husband and wife on the same committee. She was checking on Rick Stegen’s replacement and on being certified since there are DNR guideline to follow for testing.

Ordinance 874, Ordinance amending Chapter 101, Storm Water was on for the second reading. This will add \$0.25 to the Storm Water fee. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve the second reading of Ordinance 874. Roll call vote: “ayes”:

Kramer, Jones, Johns, and Hoy; “nays”: Priske; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Kramer, to suspend the rule requiring the ordinance be voted on for passage at a third council meeting. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Kramer, Hoy, and Johns; “nays”: Priske; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Kramer, to hold final passage and adoption of Ordinance 874. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Kramer, Jones, and Johns; “nays”: Priske; absent: none. Motion carried.

Next was Ordinance 875, Ordinance amending Chapter 75, All Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles. The county is also reviewing an ATV ordinance and the council will table the second and third reading until the county rules on their ordinance. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones, to table Ordinance 875. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, Kramer, Priske, and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21-2944, Resolution setting fees for Eldora EMS was discussed by the council. Maile Carter has reviewed the rates with PCC, the City’s billing company, and the finance committee has also reviewed the rates. These new rates are in line with what other services charge. They already get a fee for stand-by at events, except for school events, but have added a fee for lift assist. The patient will get a couple of free lift assist a year and will be billed for any further ones. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 05-21-2944. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Jones, Hoy, Kramer and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-21-2945, Resolution to close the parking lot on July 23, 2021, for the Rock n Roll dance. The American Legion will hold their dance this year and has filled out the permit. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve Resolution 05-21-2945. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, Hoy, Kramer, and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor proclaimed that EMS week is May 16-22, 2021. At the beginning to the meeting the Mayor proclaimed that May 9-15, 2021, is National Police Week.

Resolution 05-21-2946, Resolution to set \$6,000 limit for non-council pay. This will set a limit on how much a council member can make at a non-council position with the City. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy, to approve Resolution 05-21-2946. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Johns, Jones, and Kramer; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Aaron Budweg said EMS will have their BBQ on the 19th for the crew, council, and neighboring EMS services. Kelly and his team are getting the pool ready. The lighting system is in progress and the painting will be finishing up. They hope to start filling the pool next week. The police have started the recruiting process for the 5th officer. Greg Priske updated the council on the Park & Rec meeting. Dee has started working at the pool, has 19 workers so far and will be having a CPR class on June 3rd. Dan Huntley will be maintaining the lawn at the diamond but may need a dumpster. Twister Park got new basketball nets. They also discussed the Iowa Ride coming to Eldora in July. Blake Jones said the America Legion will host the Memorial Day Ceremony at the cemetery this year. The South Hardin band will be present. June 10th Midwest Fire Extinguish will host a free will donation cookout at the America Legion to support the first responders. Street & Alley looked at the parking on Washington Street by

the parking lot. When a larger vehicle is parked by the entrance it can restrict the vision in pulling out. He thanked the Mayor and the committee on the Police Chief search, he knows they received 4-5 qualified applications for the process. Was concerned that Resolution 05-21-2946 has come up this year and was not an issue in earlier years when council members were on the EMS. Melody Hoy said the Finance Committee did review non-council pay for council member and it has been an issue for some time. She was checking on if the American Legion thought about holding the ceremony at the new Veteran Memorial. Blake said it was looked at, but the ground is uneven, and the cemetery was more level for the band to set up at.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Hoy so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk