

Eldora City Council
Special Council Meeting
May 28, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Special Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members present were Aaron Budweg, Melody Hoy, Greg Priske and Robert John. Also, present were City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Cindy Johns, Dave Rubow, Julie Duhn and Matt Rezab.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the disposal of a portion of the right-of-way on 14th Avenue. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: “ayes” John, Hoy, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing opened at 6:03 pm. David Rubow was on hand to tell the council that they would not be removing the retaining wall but would be adding a cover over the area and repair the wall as needed.

As there were no other comments, Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council member Budweg so moved, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: “ayes” Hoy, John, Budweg and Priske; “nays” none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed at 6:07pm.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to approve Resolution 05-19-2807, Resolution approving vacating a portion of the right-of-way of 14th Avenue adjacent to Block 14, Original Town of Eldora, Hardin County Iowa. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by John to approve Resolution 05-19-2807. Roll call vote: “ayes” Hoy, John, Budweg and Priske; “nays” none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

There was one item on the consent agenda. Scott Kosanke would be moving out of Eldora and Mike Rogers would be replacing him as 2nd Assistant Fire Chief. Mayor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by John to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: “ayes” Budweg, Priske, Hoy and John; “nays” none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the Welcome Center request for repair work on the caboose. They would use LOST money to fund this project and have a resolution ready for the June 11 meeting.

They then discussed the lease agreement with Mediacom to put a utility building on the hospital ground. It would be a 15x20 building and have its own heating and A/C unit. The building will be located just southwest of the hospital so if the hospital would ever need to expand to the south they could. They would like a 10-year lease and would pay \$6,000.00 a year for the space. The council wanted the lease checked to see if it would transfer to a new owner if the hospital would be sold. It would be checked out and brought back to the June 11 council meeting.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing for the FY 2018-2019 Budget Amendment. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: “ayes” John, Priske, Hoy and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing opened at 6:18 pm. Chandra reviewed the changes in revenue and expenses on the Budget form. Some of the major changes were in revenue were the ambulance loan and the use of LOST money. On the expense side, some of the major expenses were the fire station real estate taxes, increased expense for the street dept for snow removal and health insurance, the clinic had new floor, repairs & carpet cleaning, the park had the Vet Memorial project, economic development had a TIF project, the capital project fund used the savings for some street repairs and the sewer and water note were left off of the budget when it was originally filed so it was added to the amended budget.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Council member Budweg so moved, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes” Priske, John, Budweg and Hoy; “nays” none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed at 6:29pm.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to approve Resolution 05-19-2806, Resolution amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by John to approve Resolution 05-19-2806. Roll call vote: “ayes” Hoy, Priske, Budweg and John; “nays” none; absent: Jones. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Julie Duhn spoke. Julie was disappointed on how the resignation happened. There were lots of speculation, gossip and suspicion around town and it got messy. She thought some of the comments about past administrators were not true. She would like everyone to reflect on what happen and how it was handled. She also thought the City Administrator should apologize to the town and council.

Mayor Dunn asked to go into Closed Session under **Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) Personnel**. Council member John so moved, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes” Budweg, John, Priske and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. Closed Session opened at 6:35 pm.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Closed Session. Council member Budweg so moved, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes” John, Hoy, Priske and Budweg; “nays” none; absent: Jones. Motion carried. The Closed Session closed at 6:45 pm and went into Open Session.

The closed session was miscoded and should have been under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) Litigation. When it was noticed the closed session was closed.

The council plans on have a work session with the personnel committee.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Hoy so moved; meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk