

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
June 11, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Melody Hoy and Aaron Budweg were present. Also, present were City Attorney Martin Petersen, City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Grace Kadolph, Matt Rezab, Michael Ludwigs, Kevin Butt, Brady Winter, Mark Buschkamp, Parry Rolph and Lydia Reichenbacher.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the May 28th minutes and the Bud's Corner Laundry agreement. The consent agenda approved consisted of the May 14th minutes, the monthly claims and financials, liquor license for Hardin County Agri Society, cigarette permits for Fareway Stores and Kum & Go, refuse permit for Knights Sanitation, Moler Sanitation, Green RU and McDowell & Sons and the plumber license for Williams Excavation. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Jones, and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: Priske and John. Motion carried. The Bud's Corner Laundry agreement was pulled for more clarification. This is an annual signed agreement stating his employee status for tax abatement under the Developer's Agreement. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the development agreement. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones and Hoy; "nays": none; abstain: Budweg; absent: Priske and John. Motion carried. The May 28th minutes were pulled to clarify the closed session on this date. The following sentence will be added to the minutes after the open/close session paragraphs, "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." Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to have the changes made and brought back to the July meeting for approval. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Jones, and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: Priske and John. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Patty Rolph spoke. Patty has been in Eldora for about 5 years and would like to see a dog park in town. Now she runs to Iowa Falls to let her dog run and while she is in Iowa Falls, she does some shopping whereas if a dog park was in Eldora her money could stay more local. She thought the north end of Memorial Park would make a nice dog park. You would need two fenced in areas, one for large dogs and one for small dogs. There should be bags available for cleaning up after the dogs also. Brady Winter thought by the Community Garden there would be space for a dog park also.

Brady Winter, Kevin Butt and Mark Buschkamp told the council about the Aerial Greenbelt contest to be held in Hardin County. The contest will be open to professional aerial photographers and they will have several categories, with some being small town,

livestock/ag, Greenbelt, water sports, land sports or city events to enter into. The videos will become property of the Hardin County Conservation and could be used on the website for economic promotion. The contest will start July 15 and close October 22. Voting will be done by the sponsors of the contest. They are seeking \$2,500.00 from the City to help pay for half of the \$5,000.00 grand prize. The council asked about the budget for this project and they did not have one completed at this time but Brady thought around 10-12K would be close. They would finalize a budget for the July council meeting. They were not going to charge an entry fee and have prizes because they would then need a gambling license.

Resolution 06-19-2808, Resolution awarding investment deposit at Hardin County Savings Bank. The City received three bids on the CD's. They were all close with Hardin County Savings Bank being the highest rate. Hardin County Savings Bank was at 2.55%, Green Belt Bank was at 2.51% and Great Western Bank was at 2.37%. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Budweg to approve Resolution 06-19-2808. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Budweg and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: Priske and John. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-19-2809, Resolution setting the fiscal year 19/20 salaries and wages for the City of Eldora employees. Per the Union Contract, all union employees will receive a 2.5% increase and all non-union full-time employees will also receive a 2.5%. The seasonal and part-time employees received up to 2.5%. Newly hired employees with less than one year of service with the City did not qualify for raises at this time. Council member Jones motioned to approve Resolution 06-19-2809, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Hoy and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: Priske & John. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-19-2810, Resolution establishing City Parking lot closed for the Pine Lake Festival, Pine Stock '19 on July 26th. The Pine Stock '19 will start setting up at 4pm and should be done around midnight. The parking lot will be closed from 8am to midnight. Council member Budweg motioned to approve Resolution 06-19-2810, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Hoy and Jones; "nays": none; absent: Priske and John. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-19-2811, Resolution regarding Local Option Sales Tax excess money – Welcome Center. The Welcome Center made a presentation at the May 14th meeting about the caboos repairs and they were short \$1,600.00 to complete this project. The council decided to use LOST money to help with this project. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 06-19-2811. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Jones and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: Priske and John. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-19-2812, Resolution approving claim for payment for Ritland-Kuiper Landscape Architects for work at Memorial Park. The City has pledged \$19,000.00 toward the Veterans Memorial. With the submission of invoice #6, the City's commitment will be

met. All future bills will be paid by the Veterans Memorial committee. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve Resolution 06-19-2811. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Priske and John. Motion carried.

The cemetery is in need of a new mower. The 2012 mower has worn out and Randy’s Mowers have given the City a deal on a new mower. Less trade in and discount, the new mower would cost \$6,500.00 and this is the amount the cemetery is seeking from the LOST funds. The council thought the LOST fund could do this and a resolution will be ready for the July meeting.

Mediacom has a lease to put a building southwest of the clinic. It would be a 10-year lease for \$6,000.00 a year lease payment. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Hoy to give the Mayor/City Administrator authority to sign the Mediacom lease. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Hoy and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Priske and John. Motion carried.

The building at 1510 14th Street was discussed. All electric and gas services have been disconnected from the house. The City has been in contact with the owners and the owner is looking into removing the building. The owner would hire their own contractor to tear the building down. If the building is not torn down the City would have to do it and file a judgement against the owner and file a lien against all of his properties in town.

Resolution 06-19-2813, Resolution setting the Public Hearing date to sell real property. Someone has inquired about two properties the City owns and this resolution would put them back up for bids. The council also thought the property at 806 12th Avenue and the railroad property between 9th and 11th Avenue should be added. The railroad property would not be up for bid but be offered to adjacent owners for a fee. The council decided to hold off on this resolution until July’s meeting.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report. The Mayor had given the council copies of the City’s flags the South Hardin students has submitted. A special meeting could be set to discuss them. Blake Jones has gotten a few phone calls about the water bills and David Mitchell worked on a notice that could be posted. Blake was pleased with the fast turnaround on this issue.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk