

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
June 23, 2020 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via Zoom or in the council chambers due to the Governor's State of Public Health Disaster, eliminating groups of more than 50% capacity and social distancing.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Cindy Johns, Melody Hoy, Blake Jones, Aaron Budweg, Greg Priske and Mayor David Dunn were present in the council chambers with Chandra Kyte. Also, present by Zoom was City Attorney Erika Allen. Also, in the council chamber were Nicole Meyer, Jerry Kramer, Renee Minter, Joe Herring, Robert & Tina John, Matt Rezab, Sarah Carson, Terry Nederhoff, Anthony Schrad, Jeff Grego, Brady Winter, Kelly Haskin, Ella Dohlman and Dee Priske. Attending by Zoom were R. Goodlick, Jim Lantz, Renee Springston, Tony Leptien, Terry Weatherly, Kim Carr Clemons, Doug Minter Jr, Nancy Webb, M. Harrell, Gary Kolfold, Nick LaVelle, Rocky Reents, Della Peterson, Julie Duhn, Jan Benskin, Marissa, Loree, Melissa Blanchard, Amanda Jones, Matt Crouse, 319-823-1928, 319-215-5381 and Brady Winter who later joined the meeting in person.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing on water meters and Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Johns, Priske, Jones and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:05pm. Terry Nederhoff spoke for Pine Crest Mobile Park. He had a 1992 agreement between the City and the previous park owner Bruce Chase where it stated the City would have individual meters at the mobile park. This ordinance change would change that to one meter and the mobile park owners would rebill to each trailer resident their portion of the water bill. Since the mobile park has changed owners several times since 1992, the council felt the 1992 contract was voided when the park was sold the first time. Julie Duhn thought it seemed like a way the City is trying to get rid of the trailer park. There were no other comments and the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Johns, Hoy and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:19pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to open the public hearing on fireworks and Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Jones, Budweg and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The public hearing opened at 6:20pm. Gary Kofoid, Terry Weatherly, Joe Herring and Bob John spoke on banning fireworks within the City limits. They all like the professional fireworks displays by the citizens display lack safety measures. It was mentioned the consuming of alcohol during the displays, pet do not like the loud noise, citizen do not like the loud noise, shooting off after hours, debris left on their property and a possibility fire hazard. There were no other comments and the Mayor asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Council member Johns so moved, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Priske, Budweg, Jones, and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. The public hearing closed at 6:36pm.

Mayor David Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the monthly financials, claims for Community Garden, Veteran Memorial, and Memorial Park.

Cigarette permits for Dollar General Store #6690 and Hy-Vee Store, liquor license for Casey General Store and Eldora Hardware, tree trimming license for Anderson/Gray Tree Service and approval of fire fighter Jose Valasco. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Jones, Johns and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Renee Minter was inquiring if 1501 12th Street would remain a residence if was bought and council was told it would be. Julie Duhn spoke on concern that the EMS service should wear mask on all calls.

The council discussed Chapter 69 Parking Regulations. They discussed semi parking within the City limits. What options were available for not having them run all the time causing a noise and smell issue. They discussed the use of APU, batteries charger or plugging in the semi. Nicole Meyer spoke on semi parking. They have an APU that runs when the battery is low, or the temperature is below a set limit. It needs to run to keep the semi from jelling up and the equipment running. She said the APU does not make that load of noise. Nicole said they also plug in the semi to help and the APU does not have to run as much. In the winter, the semi would need to run more often. Blake said the street & alley meeting are looking to change the ordinance to a time frame of when the semi can run. The council will need to review this more before a change to the ordinance can be made.

Resolution 06-20-2886, Resolution setting the date for public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Refunding Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,050,000. The public hearing will be July 14th at 6pm. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 06-20-2886. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Budweg, Hoy and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council discuss the pool for the summer of 2020. The City has will not have enough worker to open the pool. Even if they close the slides for the season it would be hard to fill all the time slots. They need 5 per shifts, plus 3 for the slides, 1 at the front desk, 1 in the concession and someone to monitor the restrooms and Covid-19 policy. A lot of last year employees have found other summer jobs since they could not wait to see when the State would allow pools to reopen. They discussed getting volunteers to help out at the pool but finding them could be a challenge. Closing the pool was not based on a money issue since the City plans for the pool expenses each year in the budget. This year the City will replace the pool boiler and resurface the pool. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns to close the pool for the summer of 2020. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns and Priske; “nays”: Jones and Budweg; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council discussed the Pine Lake Festival in July. Each entity submitted a special event permit and a Covid-19 plan for the council to review. The America Legion policy will limit the number of attendees, space out the tables, no food will be served, masks are recommended but not required and will have sanitation station in place. Eldora Firehouse event will also space out seating and have sanitation station. It was also discussed closing the street next to them to give them more room to social distant at the events. Eldora Area Chamber events were also approved. They have changed their events this year, having a garage sale, sidewalk chalk activities and a reverse parade. The Motorcycle Show at Memorial Park was tabled to see if another location or moving the activity farther down on the road to not block access to the park. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to approve America Legion special event. Roll call vote: “ayes”:

Budweg, Priske, Hoy, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Eldora Firehouse special event. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Johns, Jones and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve EACC Pine Lake activities. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Budweg, Hoy, and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to table the Motorcycle Show to the July 29th meeting. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Johns, Budweg and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City has assessment against property located at 1501 12th Street which totals around 114K including taxes, assessment, interest, and penalties. There is an owner next to this property that has shown interest in purchasing the property if the City would forgive most of the assessments and fees. After discussing the amount of fees the City has placed on the property and few citizens have inquired about this property, the council decided to abate all fees, interest and penalties they have places on the property. The County owns the tax certificate on this property and the City does not own the property. The City just has assessment again it. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Jones to wave all assessment, fees, and penalties on this property. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Jones, Budweg and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none; abstain: Priske. Motion carried. Council member Priske abstained due to the property owner inquiring about the property is his son-in-law. They will have to pay the back taxes on 1501 12th Street but the City assessment would be forgiven.

Ordinance 867, to amend Chapter 91 Water Meter, would make the mobile park a single meter user. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the first reading of Ordinance 867. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, Priske, Johns and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 868, to amend Chapter 41 Public Health & Safety, prohibiting fireworks within the City limits, unless a permit is obtained. Language about tenants “No tenant, party in possession or landlord shall permit, allow or engage in the use or explosion of consumer fireworks” would be added to the ordinance to better enforce the new ordinance. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the first reading of Ordinance 868 with the amended tenant/landlord added. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none Jones and Budweg; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns to suspend the rule for a second and third reading at a later date for Ordinance 868. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns and Priske; “nays”: none Jones and Budweg; absent: none. Motion did not carry; it needed a 4/5 to pass.

The council reviewed the fireworks permit and Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to have the Mayor and Chandra make final changes to the permits. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Hoy, Johns and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

WIC uses the basement of City Hall and gave the council their Covid-19 plan for the council to review. They would like to start back up in July. Their policy would allow one family in at a time and the rest would wait in their car until their appointment time. Mask would be required for the appointments. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve WIC to start back

up in July. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Priske, Johns and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time and the department heads gave their report. Blake update the council on the RR trail in Eldora. It was part of the Rail to Trail program and the City cannot sell the trail. There was some property not in the Trail program that could be sold if the council wishes. Greg said sign on “no skateboards or bikes” at the Vet Memorial have been placed. Tina John said the Putt Putt has been repaired and a reward has been offered for information on the vandalism and conviction to the Putt Putt. Camera could be pointed at the caboose, Memorial playground, Putt Putt and Vet Memorial if the City plans on getting some. Greg said disk golf also would like to be at Memorial Park but would need to see plans and proposal first. Robert John said this year’s car show will be a cruise and will go through Eldora, Hubbard, Radcliffe, Alden, and Steamboat Rock and would just need the street blocked for the lineup of cars.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk