

Eldora City Council
Special Council Meeting
July 7, 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 Special Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Cindy Johns, Melody Hoy, Blake Jones, Aaron Budweg, Greg Priske and Mayor David Dunn were present. Aaron, Greg, Cindy, David, and Chandra were present in the council chambers and Melody and Blake were on Zoom. Also, present by Zoom or in person were Jerry Kramer, Sarah Carson, John Schmitz, Renee Springston, Brenda Wical, Douglas Farrell, and Sara Baranowski.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and John Schmitz spoke in favor of banning fireworks within the City limits. He mentioned that houses in town are close together, the fall out may not stay on their property, they may not have the experience to shoot off larger ones, there is no way to control where the fireworks goes and there is the probability of an accident.

The Mayor introduced Resolution 07-20-2892, Resolution setting the fiscal year 20-21 salaries and wages for the City of Eldora employees. The City has reached a Union Contract for the next year and the raise will be 2.75% for full-time and permanent part-time union and non-union employees that have been with the City for at least 6 months. The part-time employees received less than the 2.75% at the department head recommendation. 2.5% was budgeted for this fiscal year but an increase in health insurance was budgeted and the insurance premium came in at a lower rate. They also raised the employee contribution percentage, so the overall effect on Trust & Agency and the budget will be minimum. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 07-20-2892. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Johns and Hoy; "nays": Budweg; absent: none; "abstain": Blake. Motion carried. Blake abstained since he works part-time for the police department.

The council discussed Resolution 07-20-2890, Resolution approving temporary pay increase for Anthony Schrad for added duties as acting Police Chief. The City Administrator can grant a temporary pay increase for added duties and the council agreed the Mayor was the acting City Administrator. This resolution would not be needed, and the Mayor will be giving Anthony Schrad an 8% increase for added duties while the Police Chief is on personal leave.

Last was the Purchase Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy. Both policies were needed before the City can apply for a FEMA grant. The policies set the dollar limit required for a bid process and how the bid process is done. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the Purchase Policy. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Priske, Jones, Johns and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Hoy, Jones, Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Chandra was asking for input on how much to give to Pine Lake Festival this year. It has been \$1,500.00 in the past years but this year will be a small celebration. The council agreed on \$500.00 and this amount will be approved at the next council meeting. Aaron said employee evaluation should be done by the end of the month and would be looking at a merit system next year. Mayor Dunn has been in contact with Matt Jones about a better video and sound system for the council meeting since this could be going on for a while. Greg gave updates on Park & Rec. Port-a-potties were placed at the pool park and the dumpster was moved from the pool park to the City ball diamond. Trash cans are in place at the pool park. Cindy & Melody have been working on a Covid-19 plan for council meetings and will have the policy ready for display on the council door.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Priske so moved; meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk