

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
July 9, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Blake Jones, Melody Hoy, Robert John, Greg Priske and Aaron Budweg were present. Also, present were City Attorney Martin Petersen, City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Mike Ludwigs, Grace Kadolph, Judy Mitchell, Lynn Willson, Gary & Julie Kofoid, Jamie Witham, Matt Rezab, Shawn & Teri Weatherly, James & Gina Edwards, Troy & Tammy McDonald, Jerry Kramer, Cathy Faris, Maile Chinery, Gary Van Den Boom and Lydia Reichenbacher.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Budweg to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the May 28th and June 11th minutes, the monthly claims and financials, cigarette permit for Dollar General and refuse permit for Stone Sanitation. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, John, Jones, and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Julie & Gary Kofoid told the council over the 4th of July their neighbor (710 11th Street) was shooting large fireworks over their house. They asked the neighbor not to shoot in their direction with no luck. They did call the police and the police did the best they could. The yard size with respect to the size of fireworks shot off is the issue. James & Gina Edwards said they were awaked at 11pm. James is a vet and was startled in the middle of the night. He called the police and went into the street to see who was shooting them off. The neighbors have been drinking and the police were there, and he was wondering why the police did not take their fireworks. They said their goldfish jumped out of his bowl and their dogs were frighten by the fireworks. Shawn & Teri Weatherly saw James Edwards in the street and he seemed upset by the fireworks. The girls shooting off the fireworks were taunting him. They said the neighbors shoot them off after hour. They wonder why the City lets it go on for seven days. They also have dogs in the house that don't like the fireworks. Cathy Faris also has a dog that does not like fireworks. They were shot off after 10pm till midnight. She knows that sometimes it is hard for the police to find who shot them off.

Resolution 07-19-2814, Resolution regarding Local Option Sales Tax excess money - Cemetery. The City received three bids on a new lawnmower for the cemetery. The lowest bid for a new lawnmower was from Randy's Mowers in Eldora. Less a mower trade in and a City discount the final cost of \$6,500.00 will come from the LOST fund. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 07-19-2814. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, Budweg, John and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Arial Greenbelt has a handout and a budget for the council but could not make the meeting this night. They are looking for \$2,500.00 in sponsorship from the City of Eldora. The Council will wait until Arial Greenbelt can attend a meeting to vote on the sponsorship.

Resolution 07-19-2815, Resolution approving changes to the usage of the Local Option Tax Revenue. The current tax is split 70/30 for capital improvements and community services. The proposed split would be 60/40 for capital improvement and community services. The change from 30% to 40% would give the City more available funds for the park, cemetery, pool, library, police, fire protection and running the City. This is not a new tax but a change in how the current LOST is spent. It will be voted on in the November 2019 ballot and would take effect December 1, 2019. Council member Jones motioned to approve Resolution 07-19-2815, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, John, Budweg and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-19-2816, Resolution approving the hiring of Maile Chinery as a full-time ambulance department employee. Maile is moving from part-time to full-time. She has already moved to Eldora and comes with 26 years of experience. She has taught some classes for EMS already. There will be a hands-on farm equipment class Saturday to see farm equipment. Council member Jones motioned to approve Resolution 07-19-2816, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Budweg, John, Hoy and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-19-2819, Resolution approving the hiring of Jamie Witham as a part-time Community Compliance Specialist employee. Jamie has moved to Eldora in April with her family. She will be part-time until the 28E Agreements with the other communities are in place. She will be handling the nuisance’s complaints and will be taking some training classes when they come available. Council member John motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 07-19-2819. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Jones, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-19-2817, Resolution approving the employee contract with David Mitchell as the City Administrator. The personal committee met and reviewed the City Administrator contract and made a few changes to the wages and benefits. The new contract will run until July 1, 2022 and replaces the contract to end on November 2020. The personal committee worked on the contract with David and came to a happy medium. There was changes to the pay and vacation allowed. Cindy Johns asked if the wage change was in the budget and the Mayor thought it could be managed. Julie Duhn was wondering why a new contract was made when the old one was still intact. Melody Hoy also concern for the need for a new contract and the effect on the budget. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by John to approve Resolution 07-19-2817. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Budweg and John; “nays”: Hoy and Priske; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-19-2818, Resolution adopting a standard operating procedure policy for the City of Eldora. This is an internal document setting how the meetings are run for employee, elected officials, and citizens. The council discussed the policy and some area they may want to change and would like more time to review the document. Council member Budweg motioned to approve Resolution 07-19-2818, seconded by Jones. Budweg later withdrew his motion and Council member John motioned to table the resolution and hold a workshop to review the policy, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Jones, Priske, Hoy and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Mayor Dunn urged Council members to check their calendars for workshop dates in July or early August to complete discussion on the policy. Copies of the SOP will be available at City Hall for those who would like to pick one up.

The clinic leases with McFarland Clinic and Greenbelt Home are up this year. Ryan Sutcliffe has been working with them to draw up a new contract. The new contract has a 5% increase in rent and will be for one year. McFarland will have the same space and Green Belt Home Care space will change from 3,400 to 3,100. Green Belt Home Care rate per square foot also increased. The ambulance department will be doing the cleaning at the clinic now. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by John to approve the Mayor signing the new lease contracts with McFarland Clinic and Greenbelt Home Care. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Budweg, John, Priske and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Senior Housing Consultants Inc were here in May to look at the clinic to develop it into senior apartments. They have sent a contract to do the study and the fee would be \$15,500.00. The clinic could be sold to a developer for senior housing. The council the 15K would be a well spent if the clinic is sold for senior housing. Jerry Kramer wanted to know of the current tenants know about the possible sale of the clinic and he was told they knew. Forest City and Cedar Rapids has already done this and it turned out nice. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to give the Mayor authority is sign the contract. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Jones, Budweg and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-19-2820, Resolution authorizing development agreement with Troy McDonald. Troy is buying the Wolf Creek building and the contract states that at least \$50,000.00 of improvements will be done to the building by July 1, 2021. Troy thought it would take about 2-5 month to complete everything. He might have a body shop in part of the building and a painting booth in another section with Jeremy. He will have a dyno machine exhaust outside and have hours of 8am to 6pm with some Saturdays. He has someone interested in his current building. Melody mention for the audience that the title transfer will happen after the agreement is full filled. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by John to approve Resolution 07-19-2820. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Hoy, Budweg, Priske and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-19-2813, Resolution establishing street closing for the Pine Lake Festival Motorcycle Show. The 12th Street between 11th & 12th Avenue will be closed for this event. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by John to approve Resolution 07-19-2813. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, John, Jones and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

David Mitchell updated the council on the events happening during Pine Lake Festival.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report. Melody Hoy thanked the citizens who spoke on the fireworks and said this year was worst then last year. Blake Jones also thanked the citizens and is pro fireworks but could look at the type of fireworks. He would hate to see a few ruin it for the whole City. Bob John is also pro fireworks but there is a need to look at the ordinance and maybe hold a City firework display. He also checked on the parking during the fair and make sure the restrooms were open at Memorial Park. Dave Mitchell had the street department place no parking signs in the cemetery this morning.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk