

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 21, 2021 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call, Zoom or in the council chambers.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Cindy Johns, Jerry Kramer, Melody Hoy, Blake Jones, and Greg Priske were present at the council meeting along with and City Administrator, Aaron Budweg, and Joyce Lawler. Also, present were City Attorney, Erika Allen, Matt R., Sarah C., Jeff H., Sarah P., Frank L., Kelly H., and Carey M. either by Zoom or in the council chambers.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Council Member Kramer motioned, and Council Member Hoy seconded to remove the minutes and financials from the consent agenda. Motion carried. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the amended consent agenda. Council member Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisting of the August 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes, Liquor License for Walter Sayer Post #182, The American Legion and approval of Resolution 09-21-2941 Resolution Authorizing Transfers. Roll Call: “ayes” Johns, Jones, Hoy, Kramer and Priske. “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the pulled items. Kramer asked questions on a few of the claims and questioned some department budget line items. These were explained to him. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the claims, financial, Kramer motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the claims and financials. Roll call voted: “ayes”: Kramer, Johns, Jones, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried. Council asked that the claims and financials be left out of the consent agenda in the future.

Mayor Dunn moved the Hardin County Public Health up so that the people could give their presentation and leave if they wanted. Jeff Hoffman, Chair Hardin County Board of Health and Sarah Peterson from IDPH gave a presentation on the effects of having fluoride in the water. They indicated that six communities in Hardin County do not meet the recommendations for standard levels in the state’s June report. Jeff indicated that Delta Dental has a grant for up to \$25,000. He also indicated that HF 390 now requires 90 day notice to customers before removing the fluoride from the water. Eldora removed the fluoride from their water before this was passed. They indicated that tooth decays reduced by 29% of kids and 27% of adults when fluoride is in the water and that every \$1 spent on community water fluoridation saved approximately \$38 in dental treatment. Hardin County Board of Health firmly supports and continues to encourage community water fluoridation as recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as the most economical means to control the major health problem of dental cavities in Hardin County. Sarah Peterson indicates that she feels that every county should do this and monitor the fluoride levels of the county. She indicated that fluoride is the single most effective way to reduce tooth decay.

Council had a few questions for them when the presentation was done such as why is the 90 days’ notice necessary. She indicated that dentists wanted to know that this was done. The question of people using bottled versus drinking water. Sarah indicated that bottled water may not have the sufficient amount of fluoride also. And that the kids fill their water bottles

at school from city water. She was asked why many of the communities that had stopped fluoride, she indicated that it was probably because of cost. She was asked if Delta Dental was an annual grant and she indicated that it was not. Jeff indicated that in the end we pay for most dental work anyway as a lot of people are on Medicaid.

Mayor Dunn opened the Citizens Comment period. There were no comments.

Mayor Dunn opened the Old Business. Mayor Dunn asked for motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 876. Kramer moved and Johns seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 876, Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, of the Eldora Municipal Code Relating to Compensation of the Mayor. Roll call vote to approve second reading: Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Priske, Johns, Jones, and Hoy; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for suspending the third reading, Council member Jones moved, Priske seconded the motion to suspend the third reading and place Ordinance 876 on the third reading. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Johns, Jones, and Kramer; “nays”: Hoy; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 876, Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, of the Eldora Municipal Code Relating to Compensation of the Mayor. Council Member Jones moved to place Ordinance 876 on its third reading and final passage, Priske seconded the motion. Roll call vote: “ayes” Priske, Johns, Jones and Kramer; “nays”: Hoy; “absent”: none”. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 877. Kramer moved and Jones seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 877, Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, of the Eldora Municipal Code Relating to Compensation of the City Council. Roll call vote to approve second reading: “ayes”: Priske, Johns, Jones, Kramer, and Hoy; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for suspending the third reading, Council member Jones moved to suspend the third reading, Priske seconded the motion and place Ordinance 877 on the third reading. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Johns, Jones, and Kramer; “nays”: Hoy; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 877, Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, of the Eldora Municipal Code Relating to Compensation of the City Council. Council Member Kramer moved to place Ordinance 877 on its third reading and final passage, Jones seconded the motion. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Johns, Jones, and Kramer; “nays”: Hoy; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to place Ordinance 878, Ordinance Amending Chapter 69 of the Eldora Municipal Code Relating to No Parking. Kramer moved to place Ordinance 878 on its first reading. Motion was seconded by Council Member Priske. Roll Call: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Dunn asked a motion to suspend the second and third reading and place Ordinance 878 on its final passage. Priske moved and Jones seconded to suspend the second and third

reading and place ordinance on its final passage. After some discussion regarding if neighbors had been notified, the motion was rescinded.

Mayor Dunn indicated the next item was Discussion and Recommendation for Property located at 1609 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. City Administrator Budweg indicated that no bids had been received on the property. There was discussion as to what to do next. Hoy recommended dropping the price to \$1000, Budweg recommended sealed bids Johns agreed. Budweg indicated that a minimal cost with a provision of what could be built on the property and possibly help with a forgivable loan for the down payment. Budweg is to put together an incentive package and bring to the next council meeting.

Mayor Dunn indicated the next item was New Business.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to approve Resolution 09-21-2939 Resolution to Ratify Union Contract. Hoy moved to approve Resolution 09-21-2939, Johns seconded the motion. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Jones, Hoy, Priske and Kramer; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to approve Resolution 09-21-2942, Resolution to Approve AEMT Agreement with Daniel Guldberg. Hoy asked if we would be responsible if they do not pass the board and get certified. Budweg indicated we had not paid anything as of yet and that it doesn't go into effect until he has passed and paid, and we would reimburse him. City Attorney, Erika Allen, was asked if the verbiage needed to be different. She indicated that she did not have a copy in front of her. Council asked that Budweg work with Allen to change the verbiage to indicated that if certification is not completed, City would not be responsible for payment and to change the date on the contract from 9-1-2021 to date that he is certified. Jones moved to pass Resolution 09-21-2939 with the change of date on the contract. Priske seconded the motion. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske. “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn indicated the next item was Discussion and Approval of Pool Slide painting and reconditioning. Budweg indicated that he had renegotiated the quote with a quote of \$6,300 decrease if both projects completed. Budweg recommended that this new quote be approved so that we can get the work on their schedule and get it done before the pool opens next year. This has not been done since the pool was built in 2005. Jones moved to approve the quote from Fischer Bros. for \$42,700.00 with a 35% down payment due now. Priske seconded the motion. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Kramer, Jones, Johns, Priske and Hoy; “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn indicated the next items was Discussion and Approval of Boiler bids at the Clinic. Kelly Haskin, Public Works Director, indicated that there were two boilers at the Clinic and that one had cracked and was not working. He indicated that the bid from Modern Companies was for two high efficiency boilers and the bid from Young Plumbing and Heating was not. His recommendation was to go with Young Plumbing and Heating for one boiler at this time as they are around Eldora all the time and they did the initial work, and he knew nothing about Modern Companies. Council questioned as to where the money would come from. There was discussion regarding the contract with Rotary for the use of the old hospital

for the Halloween Haunted Hospital. Aaron was to check into the agreement and see if it needed to be renewed and the possibility of adding more to the charge for the use. Council member Kramer moved to approve bid from Young Plumbing and Heating for \$17,680.00 Priske seconded the motion. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Johns, Hoy, Priske and Kramer. “nays”: none; “absent”: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn indicated next items was Administrator Report. Budweg indicated that he had been working on the handbook, he attended the Tourism Meeting, Eldora Park and Rec and met with engineer on the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project and 8<sup>th</sup> to fairground bike path. Park and Rec set core group and architect for Riverfront and Bike Trail and should have preliminary plans for next meeting, September 28 at 10:30. He indicated that he was getting an engineer study for the Harrison building and would be contacting the current owner and potential buyers. Budweg indicated that the Wilkerson building was moving forward and that we would be a pass through for the grant money.

Mayor Dunn indicated the next item was Council Communications. Jones indicated that Streets and Alley had met regarding the parking with Quality Auto, and this was the best fit for now. He was in hopes of having something before the next meeting.

Kramer asked about the dead trees around town when we would start taking them down and where would people be allowed to take trees if they take them down. Priske indicated that something would have to be worked out. Kramer asked about Tree Permits. Jones indicated that people need to be licensed with the City and bonded unless you are the property resident and taking down your own tree. The fee is \$50 for a permit, and you can call City Hall to see who is licensed. There was discussion as to how to pay for trees being taken down as there is no funding at this time. Hoy thanked Joyce Lawler for coming in to help with the absence of Brenda and Chandra at the same time. She also indicated that she was getting complaints about property around town and a way to notify people of this problem. Council indicated that there was a City Complaint Form. She indicated that most people didn't want to do that as they don't want neighbors to know who complained.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Jones so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joyce Lawler, Interim City Clerk