

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
October 8, 2019 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Aaron Budweg, Greg Priske and Blake Jones were present. Robert John came at 6:35pm. Also, present were City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Erika Allen, Tina John, Erica Place, Jacque Daggs, Troy McDonald, Cindy Johns, Jen Mitchell, Jerry Kramer, Matt Rezab, Julie Duhn, Matt & Jamie Witham, Gary & Julie Kofoid, Travis Fischer, Brandi Valverde and Nan Crosser.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing and Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Priske and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: Hoy & John. Motion carried. The Public Hearing opened at 6:02pm. The City Budget was changed by moving the ambulance budget from business entity to Public Safety. The total budget remained the same, just the category changed. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing and Council member Budweg so moved, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Hoy & John. Motion carried. The Public Hearing closed and went into open meeting at 6:04pm.

Resolution 10-19-2839, Resolution appointing City Attorney was introduced. Letters for a bid request were sent to local and qualified attorneys. The accepting bid for service was from Erika Allen of Grundy Center. Council member Jones motion to approve Resolution 10-19-2839, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Priske and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: Hoy & John. Motion carried. Erika Allen joined the council members at the table.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the September 10th minutes, the monthly claims and financials, the claims for the Community Garden, Veterans Memorial and Memorial Park and approval of Resolution 10-19-2836 for authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: Hoy & John. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Cindy Johns spoke on behalf of the Veterans Memorial committee. Saturday, November 9th at 11:00am will be the grand opening for the Veterans Memorial. They will have 50 chairs set up, the HS Band & Vocal Choir will be on hand and they will have a pamphlet with the names listed by branches. If the ground is too soft, the granite will be placed later but hopes to have it installed for the grand opening. She thanked all who helped and made this possible. There will be a lunch at the Legion later that day which will be free. They will be doing the landscaping later. The committee would like a permanent sign at the park for the Veterans Memorial.

The development agreement was skipped because the council needed another member present to pass. Ordinance 855, chapter 51 for Junk & Junk Vehicles was presented for a second reading. This change will further define what is a junk vehicle, what is an exempt junk vehicle and enforcement policy. Council member Jones motioned to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 855, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy & John. Motion carried. To wave the 3rd reading and pass the ordinance, a vote of 4 of 5 Council member is needed and was skipped at this time.

Beggar’s Night will be Thursday, October 31st from 5-7pm. There will be a Zombie Walk on Saturday, October 19th starting at 11am at Hy-Vee. More info is available on the Welcome Center Facebook page. This will be the first year for a Zombie Walk and was looking for some traffic control at the road crossing. They will have face painting available. Iowa River Trail will have an open house at the Eldora Library on October 17th from 11:30 to 1:00pm. Erica Place from the Trees Forever said since the hailstorm in 2009, they have planted 206 trees in Eldora, and they have had good success rate on the planted trees. They are having a workday November 17th at 1pm to add mulch and prune some of the trees.

Resolution 10-19-2837, Resolution amending the current budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The amended Budget will be filed with the courthouse and the courthouse will forward the approved Budget to the State. Council member Jones motioned to approve Resolution 10-19-2837, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Budweg and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy & John. Motion carried.

The City has an Economic Development committee to review loan requests. There were two loans for the Council to approve, one to Weltz’s Memorial for \$3,500.00, for 3 years at 3% interest and the other for Eldora Flower and Gifts LLC for \$8,000.00, for 5 years at 3% interest. Council member Budweg motioned to approve both loans, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Jones and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy & John. Motion carried.

Resolution 10-19-2838, Resolution accepting the completed development agreement and issuing Quit Claim deed for 1425 Washington Street. The developer has met the Capital Investment requirement and has paid the purchase price. A Quit Claim Deed will be filed at the courthouse. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 10-19-2838. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy & John. Motion carried.

Council member Robert John joins the meeting at 6:35pm. Next was Ordinance 857 – Ordinance amending Chapter 105 of the Eldora Municipal Code. This will change the special permit fee for open burning from \$10.00 to be set by resolution. (Res. 10-19-2840 will set it to \$25.00). The open burning pertains to a shed, house or large tree that will be burnt not an open fire pit or leaf burning done by a citizen. There will also be a dumpster fee added in Res. 10-19-2840 to help offset the cost of keeping track of the dumpster. The City can get 2-3 dumpster requests per week. Julie Duhn was concerned with the added expense for the citizens since they already have a fee with

the hauler. Council member Priske motioned to approve Ordinance 857, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, John and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned to wave the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 857, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, John and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned to approve final reading and passage of Ordinance 857, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Budweg and John; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Ordinance 858 – Ordinance amending Chapter 41 of the Eldora Municipal Code. This change will require a permit to discharge fireworks in Eldora city limits unless they are the novelty fireworks. There will be a fee for this permit set in Res. 10-19-2841. There will also be an insurance requirement with discharging fireworks. Aaron Budweg told of the Public Safety meeting discussing the fireworks in Eldora. The DNR and police were at the Public Safety meeting also. They tried to be fair to everyone. The permit holder would be responsible to make sure the fireworks are done properly. Yard area would be checked before a permit would be allowed. Council member Budweg motioned to approve Ordinance 858, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Jones and John; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Council member John motioned to wave the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 858, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: “ayes”: John, Budweg, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned to approve final reading and passage of Ordinance 858, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, John and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 10-19-2840, Resolution setting fees for permits, service and plots-special use and dumpster. The special use permit will change from \$10.00 to \$25.00 and the dumpster permit will be \$20.00 to get a dumpster permit and \$10.00 to renew the dumpster permit. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 10-19-2840. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, John and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 10-19-2841, Resolution setting fees for permits, service and plots-fireworks. A permit fee of \$20.00 and proof of insurance will be required to discharge fireworks within the City’s limits unless they are the novelty fireworks. The novelty firework can be shot off without a permit during the July 1-7 and Dec 31-Jan 1 time frame. The permits would be on file at City Hall and citizen could look at the list. A list will also be given to the police. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by John to approve Resolution 10-19-2841. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, John, Priske and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Since Robert John was present the council revisited Ordinance 855 for Junk & Junk Vehicles. Council member Jones motioned to untable and wave the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 855, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, John and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Council member Jones motioned to approve final reading and passage of

Ordinance 855, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Budweg and John; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report and the Council members gave their communications at this time. Greg Priske attended the sump pump meeting which will check to make sure the water is being pumped into the street. Bob John also mentioned that Kelly Haskin would be having tours of the wastewater treatment plant and uptown water treatment to see how the system works. Blake Jones said the personnel committee is working on the SOP and to update the handbook which was last updated in 2011. They hope to have this done by the end of the year. The mayor wanted to thank Erica Place for stepping up and fill the position on Trees Forever, thanks the community garden for great first year and the American Legion for taking on the ball diamond. The tennis courts by the pool look great and thanked the SHHS for their joint support to make this happen. Thanks to the many who helped on the Veterans Memorial. He wanted to remind everyone to vote on November 5th and to support the LOST vote to change the split from 70/30 to 60/40. He wanted to thank the Wings group for their Memorial Park playground project. And finally, he welcomed Erika Allen as the new City Attorney.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Budweg so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk