

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 13, 2020 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call or Zoom 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 Greg Priske was present at the council meeting along with David Dunn, Erika Allen, and Chandra Kyte. Blake Jones, Cindy Johns, Melody Hoy, and Aaron Budweg were present by Zoom. Also, present were Nicole Meyer and child, Rob and Tina John, Sarah Carson, Anthony Schrad, Jerry Kramer, and Sam Johnson in the council chamber. Present by Zoom were Matt Rezab, Jamie Witham, Terry Weatherly and 563-513-8133.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayor then opened the public hearing at 6:05pm on Chapter 74, Golf Carts. Golf carts would be able to run on the street except on Edgington Avenue or Washington Street, they would have to obey all traffic laws, have a safety sign, and run from sunrise to sunset only. There was no public comment and Budweg motioned to close the public hearing at 6:06pm, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Johns, Jones, Priske and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none.

Mayor David Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the July 28<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes, monthly claims, August financials, claims for Community Garden, Veteran Memorial and Memorial Park, liquor license for Eldora Bowl and Resolution 10-20-2908 authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Jones, Hoy, Budweg and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Tina John spoke. The Welcome Center painting is finished, and they have some issue with the paint not sticking in some area. The painter Josh Rouser is working on the issue.

Sam Johnson had requested a hearing with the council to discuss the nuisance notice he received on his property. Sam explained there was a lawn mower, snow blower, tiller, and bags of pop cans along the building. He said the hot tub is not his but the neighbors and is upside down so not to collect water. The vehicle on the cement slab just needs breaks and then it would be running. The council did commend him on making progress on the property but there is still a way to go. There are still weeds and items piled up by the house, hot tub and by the vehicle. The council gave him 30 more days to finish the nuisance abatement process.

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 870, Ordinance adding Chapter 74 on Golf Carts. The driver would have to follow all traffic laws and time limits, age requirement, proof of insurance and not drive on Edgington or Washington but only use it to cross over. The Street and Alley committee had reviewed the ordinance earlier. Council member Budweg motioned,

seconded by Jones to hold the first reading of Ordinance 870. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none; abstain; none. Motion carried. Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to suspend the rule requiring the ordinance to be voted on at two council meetings after this one. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg and Jones; “nays”: Hoy, Priske and Johns; absent: none. Motion did not carry.

Ordinance 869 on Chapter 69, Parking Regulations would make three changes to the ordinance. First it would update the parking on Washington Street by the courthouse square by changing it from angle parking to parallel parking. Second it would make a loading zone parking in front of 1113 Washington Street and third it would make restricted parking on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue by the EMS building. It was restricted in the Code Book for the Fire Department, but this ordinance would have less restriction. Only across from the EMS and east of the EMS building on the north side would be restricted to EMS parking only. The council discussed if the area across the EMS building would still need to be restricted since the ambulance were not as long as the fire trucks and could back in easier. They discussed the lack of parking for the residence on that street. They would check with EMS on the parking area. Street and Alley committee had reviewed these parking request earlier. Priske motioned, seconded by Jones to hold the first reading of Ordinance 869. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske and Jones; “nays”: Budweg, Johns and Hoy; absent: none. Motion did not carry. The council will review the parking across from the EMS building.

The property at 1510 14<sup>th</sup> Street has not complied with the nuisance notices and the council could take possession of the property and tear down the building or bill the owner. Johns motioned, seconded by Priske to tear down the building and bill the owner. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Johns, Priske, Jones, Budweg and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Next was the properties on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 1607 & 1609. Jamie had gotten one bid to remove the structure after it is burnt and two bids on the asbestos inspection. The council would like to see another bid on removal of the debris. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to hold off until the City receives a seconded bid on removal of building and back filling. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Johns and Jones; “nays”: Budweg; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City has Economic Development agreement with Budweg Enterprise LLC where the City will reimburse 100% of the City’s share of taxes for 10 years, up to \$6,000.00 to total funds. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Jones to approve payment for Economic Development to Budweg Enterprise LLC. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Jones and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: none; abstain: Budweg. Motion carried.

The City has Economic Development agreement also with Marc Anderson where the City will reimburse 70% of the total taxes of the increase value for 10 years, up to \$75,000.00 to total funds. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to approve payment for Economic Development to Marc Anderson. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Jones, Johns and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

A cleaning contract for the clinic was not reached so was not voted on at this meeting.

Trick or Treat night in Eldora will be October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm. The council discussed safety guidelines and will post it on the website. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Trick or Treat night. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Jones and Priske; “nays”: Hoy and Johns; absent: none. Motion carried. Another option for that night will be Trunk or Treat. Resolution 2909, Resolution to close street for Halloween Trunk or Treat was introduced. They will be closing 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue behind the Eldora Library to 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Street from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Edgington Avenue. They will have vehicle lined on the street and let the families travel down the street one way, spread out. The City is giving both option and the citizen can choose which one to participate in or neither one.

The council review the last City Administrator job description and made some modification to it. They removed the salary range and changed the title to City Admin/City Manager. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the ad, and placing of such ad for publication. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Budweg, Johns and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City has a contract with Ahler Cooney for legal HR service. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Johns to approve the contract with Ahler Cooney. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Johns, Jones, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Angela De La Riva with Hardin County is applying for a Brownfield EPA assessment grant and would like Eldora to join in the grant. There is an empty lot and the old grocery store in Eldora she would like to include in the grant. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to join Hardin County in the Brownfield EPA assessment grant. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, Hoy, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Some changes were made to the policies and only the Credit Card Policy was ready to be approved at this time. They updated the names, limits, and acknowledgement sections. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the Credit Card Policy. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, Hoy, Johns and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to go into Closed Session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) Threat of Litigation. Council member Priske so moved, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes” Priske, Johns, Jones, Budweg and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried. Closed Session opened at 7:52 pm.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Closed Session. Council member Priske so moved, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: “ayes” Hoy, Priske, Johns, Jones and Budweg; “nays” none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Closed Session closed at 8:14 pm and went into Open Session.

Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to authority the insurance council to negotiate a settlement in the suit. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Jones and Johns; “nays”: Budweg; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Chandra mentioned that Hardin County is under a burn ban, the auditor Jeri Maher will be here next week to do the audit and WIC will not be back to using the council chamber until January 2021. Greg Priske commented on how nice the Welcome Center looks with the fresh paint.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Hoy so moved; meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

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Chandra Kyte, City Clerk