

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
November 10, 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 and Melody Hoy was present at the council meeting along with David Dunn and Chandra Kyte. Blake Jones and Cindy Johns were present by Zoom along with City Attorney Erika Allen. Also, present were Jerry Kramer, Denise Martin, Vince Lukehart, Maile Carter, Sarah Carson, Owen Spencer, Janet Benskin, Jack Brekke, Kelly Haskin, Denise Schwardt and Colin Chinery in the council chamber. Present by Zoom were Matt Rezab, Aaron Clemons, Gary Kofoid, S. Davis, Chad and 319-940-4475.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayor David Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the September 8th, 17th, 22nd and October 13th minutes, monthly claims, financials, the restated treasurer report for June-September 2020, claims for Community Garden, Veteran Memorial and Memorial Park, and Resolution 11-20-2910 authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Hoy Johns and Jones; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Janet Benskin spoke about the neighbor's large boxer mix dog. It has attacked her and her dog two times, July 2019, and September 2020. The second attack caused a \$331.00 vet bill for her dog. She has ended up with bruises from the attacks. She has filed a police report and the police has sent a letter to the neighbor to have them remove the dog from City limits. Gary Kofoid was checking on the fire works permits since the next firework season is coming up next month. He was checking to make sure lot size and location was on the permit. Denise Schwardt is the neighbor of Janet Benskin and owns the dog. She said the police letter did not have a time limit on it for when she needed to have the dog removed from the City limit. She also said her dog was just playing with Janet's dog, that he is still a puppy at heart. Janet said her dog came through the screen dog, jumped on her dog and knocked her down and was growling. The other neighbors had help get the dog off of them and Denise was struggling to restrain her dog. It was not a playful action. Erika Allen said since the City no longer has a contract with the local vet, they would need to work out a contract or with another City to house any dog. The City could enforce a municipal infraction. She will visit with Anthony Schrad.

The Mayor introduced the second reading of Ordinance 870, Ordinance adding Chapter 74 on Golf Carts. The golf carts will have to follow all vehicles rules, except no seatbelt are required. They will need proof of insurance, can only run sunrise to sunset and have a slow moving vehicle sign on it. Since the golf cart license runs January to December, the council will hold the third and final reading in December. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns to hold the second reading of Ordinance 870. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Johns, Priske and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The EMS has four ambulance, two of them are not in the best condition. The EMS would like to trade the two older ambulance in on a new ambulance. The Finance Committee had reviewed their request and recommends getting a new ambulance. They will get bids for the loan and review how much will be borrowed and how much will be paid upfront. EMS has some reserve money, some CD's they could cash in and have been receiving the GEMT money this year. The balance on the current ambulance note is around 104K. Jack Brekke was inquiring on the current financial position of the EMS and the new loan effect on it. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to start the process to purchase a new ambulance for the EMS. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Hoy, Johns and Jones; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-20-2911, Resolution regarding Local Option Sales Tax excess money would give the EMS up to \$20,000.00 of LOST money to finish remodeling their station. The total cost was thought to be less than \$40,000.00 and the EMS will be fund raising for the difference of \$20,000.00 and could have a matching fund for \$10,000.00 of it. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to give the EMS up to \$20,000.00 of LOST money for the final remodeling projects. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Jones and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

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 15th Avenue by the EMS building. The council discussed the parking across from the EMS building. They were thinking that is could be left for public parking on the street since ambulance are not as long as fire trucks and there is other street parking for the center house on that block. They also discussed the unlicensed vehicles on the street. Maile would like to keep the parking restricted across from EMS. After hours when one or two crews are called in, they know where there will be parking and being in front of the building is the best access to get to the ambulances. The council would like to hold the first reading without the EMS restricted parking and have it removed from the Ordinance. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to amend Ordinance 869 by removing the section of 69.06 Parking Prohibited. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Johns and Jones; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to hold the first reading of the amended Ordinance 869. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Jones and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The Verizon contract for the City of Eldora and EMS was up for renewal and the only change will be a phone upgrade will be after 24 months instead of 12 months. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to give permission for Chandra Kyte to sign the contract with Verizon. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Johns and Jones; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The cleaning area at the clinic has changed and the contract also expires, so the City put out for bids the cleaning contract. The City received three bids for the cleaning contract. Katelyn

Koppes was at \$700.00, Alison Wolfs was at \$750.00 and Mindy Kreimeyer was at \$1,400.00 per month. Kaitlyn Koppes received the bid. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to award the clinic cleaning contract to Kaitlyn Koppes. Kaitlyn will meet with Alison Wolfs and Nan Crosser before she starts cleaning. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The City Hall cleaning contract has also expired, and the area and needs for cleaning City Hall did not change, the City will be renewing the contract with Alison Wolfs. The contract is \$450.00 per month. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Johns to renew the City Hall cleaning contract with Alison Wolfs. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Johns, Jones and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-20-2912, Resolution approving the FY 19/20 TIF Report was next. Each year the City files a report with the State to let them know how much TIF revenue was received and how it was spent. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 11-20-2912. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The City also files a TIF Indebtedness Certification to the County Auditor each year. This report request, if any, TIF money. This year there was no new TIF money requested. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to give permission for the Mayor to sign the report. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Jones and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee had been working with Wendy Bradley to finalize the Purchase and the Disposal Policies. The final version was presented to the council. The Purchase Policy is for nonrecurring and nondaily expenses. The Disposal Policy is for guideline when selling City owned assets. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Johns to approve the Purchase and the Disposal Policies. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Johns, Jones and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

On qualifying new or renovated building, the owners can apply for an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption. Harold Meyers built new garages and applied for the tax exemption. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve Resolution 11-20-2913, Resolution approving application for Tax Exemption under the Urban Revitalization Ordinance of the City of Eldora, Iowa. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Johns and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The City put out bids for a new copier contract for the City and received three bids. The Finance Committee reviewed the bids and recommended awarding the bid to Premier. They received bids from Access System and Hecht & Jimenez Office Machines. All three bids were within about \$25.00 of each other. Premier was the only one to offer yearly overage billing. So, if over in month 1, 5, and 10 but under the other months, you would still be under the yearly overage number. The new contract will save the City about \$200.00 a month. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to award the copier contract to Premier. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Priske, Jones and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

A few years ago, the pool's recirculation pump went out and the pool closed early that year. It has been rebuilt once and cannot be rebuilt again. Kelly Haskin got two bids for a new recirculation pump and will keep it on hand for when the current pump goes out again. The pump can be changed out in one day by the City crew. Cindy asked about the pool getting repainted and Kelly said it could cost between \$14-30K depending on the current paint static. Melody Hoy would like to see if the repaint could be added to the 21-22 budget. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to award the bid to Iowa Pump Works. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Jones and Johns; "nays": none; absent: Budweg. Motion carried.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Chandra said there is a Budget Workshop by Zoom on November 17, from 10-3pm if any council member would like to sit in on. Cindy was asking about the two burns the fire department can do a year. Aaron Clemons said they can do tow a year and are doing one for the County next spring. The burns have to be .6 miles apart. He has started to fill out the DNR form and just needs the asbestos removers' name. Cindy also inquired about the softball team using the Clinic basement and the Mayor told her they were not using it this season. Blake said the Sons of American Legion will reimburse the City for the flags at the Veterans Memorial. The ambulance medical vending machine is about 5 year old. They would like to get more than 5K for it and just need the best advertisement for it.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Hoy so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk