

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
December 8, 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 and Chandra Kyte. David Dunn, Blake Jones, Cindy Johns, Melody Hoy, and Aaron Budweg were present by Zoom along with City Attorney Erika Allen. Also, present were Sarah Carson, Colin Chinery and Jeff Grego in person and Matt Rezab and Anthony Schrad were by Zoom.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mayor David Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Cindy to pull approval of Michael Pearce as reserve police officer. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Budweg, Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none; abstain: Jones. Motion carried. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the rest of the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the November 10th minutes, monthly claims, claims for Community Garden, Veteran Memorial and Memorial Park, Amanda Schrad as Eldora Firefighter, tree permit for Man vs Tree, approval of the Library Board and Resolution 12-20-2914 authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Priske, Jones, Budweg and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor David Dunn opened the citizens comment period and there was none.

The Mayor introduced the third reading of Ordinance 870, Ordinance adding Chapter 74 on Golf Carts. This will go into effect January 1, 2021. The council believes that no tickets have been given to any citizen when they were not allowed but hopes it will be enforced better with the new ordinance. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Johns to hold the third reading of Ordinance 870. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Johns, Hoy, Budweg and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske for the final passage and adoption of Ordinance 870. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Priske, Jones, Johns and Hoy; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 869 on Chapter 69, Parking Regulations, held the second reading. This will remove angle parking by the courthouse square on Washington Street and make a loading zone in front of 1113 Washington Street. Council member Johns motioned, seconded by Hoy to hold the second reading of Ordinance 869. Roll call vote: "ayes": Johns, Hoy, Budweg, Priske and Jones; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to suspend the third reading of Ordinance 869. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Jones, Hoy, Priske and Johns; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Johns to hold the final passage and adoption of Ordinance 869. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Johns, Hoy, Jones and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Ordinance 871 on Chapter 69, Parking Regulation, for the parking around the EMS building will be tabled to the street and alley committee. The council would like more input before deciding. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Budweg to table the Ordinance to the street and alley committee. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Budweg, Priske, Hoy and Johns; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-20-2915, Resolution to re-appoint City Attorney was next. The current City Attorney will be re-appointed until December 2021 at the same contract rate of 2019-2020. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Johns to approve Resolution 12-20-2915. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Johns, Priske, Hoy and Jones; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The Annual Financial Report is filed each year with the State and is filled out by the City’s auditor. It shows the ending balances of the funds as of 6-30-2020. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve Resolution 12-20-2916, Resolution approving the FY 19-20 AFR. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Hoy, Jones, Johns and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-20-2917, Resolution approving application for Tax Exemption under the Urban Revitalization Ordinance of the City of Eldora, Iowa. Harold Meyer has applied for this for the Sunshine Cafe location. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 12-20-2917. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, Budweg, Johns and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City put out for bid the refuse service for the 2021 year due to the new Purchase Policy that was past. The City received 4 bids. McDowell & Sons was the lowest at 4,068.00. The other bids were all close to each other with Stone Sanitation at 5,376.00, Knights Sanitation at 5,808.00 and Moler Sanitation at 5,848.00. The council discussed that Knights was the only Eldora company, but McDowell was in Hardin County. The other two were out of county. The council mentioned that Knights does offer other benefits to the community like free service to Dorothy’s Center and provides dumper for town festivals. None of these benefits that are offer benefits the City but are a nice community service Knights provides. Knights does offer the Grand Theater free service in exchange for free movie passes and concessions. Stone helps out the City with the City Wide Cleanup day. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Hoy to award the bid to McDowell and Son, the lowest bid. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske and Hoy; “nays”: Johns, Jones and Budweg; absent: none. Motion did not carry. The council discussion that Knights was the only local bid they provide perks to the community. The only perk that effects the City is the exchange of service for movies and concession. The bid that was presented to the refuse companies was for refuse service only. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Jones to award the bid to Knights Sanitation. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg; “nays”: Jones, Johns, Hoy and Priske; absent: none. Motion did not carry. It was thought that a new bid could be sent out to the refuse companies for service and perks, but the Mayor said the current bid request will stand. Any perk a company may or want to give is up to them and would not affect the City. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Jones to award the bid to McDowell and Son. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, Jones, Hoy, and Johns; “nays”: Budweg; absent: none. Motion carried.

The City will be having the Eldora Herald Ledger as the City's official newspaper. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by Jones to designate the Eldora Herald Ledger as the official newspaper. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Jones, Johns, Hoy and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

The council came back to reserve officer appointment and wanted more info on the program and decided to table it until they received more info. Blake said he has completed the reserve program and the council could call him with any questions. Council member Hoy motioned, seconded by Priske to table the reserve officer appointment. Roll call vote: "ayes": Hoy, Priske, Johns and Budweg; "nays": none; absent: none; abstain: Jones. 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 Budweg so moved, seconded by Johns. Roll call vote: "ayes" Budweg, Johns, Hoy, Jones and Priske; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Closed Session opened at 7:23 pm.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Closed Session. Council member Budweg so moved, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes" Budweg, Hoy, Johns, Jones and Priske; "nays" none; absent: none. Motion carried. The Closed Session closed at 7:57 pm and went into Open Session.

The council members gave their communications at this time. Blake and Cindy will be reviewing the City Administrator applications and the Street & Alley will meet to review the EMS parking. Melody has had citizen ask her about fireworks since the next season is coming up. A reminder to get a firework permit will be posted to the website and Facebook. Greg has also had some phone calls on fireworks. Cindy was checking to see if a seasonal snow removal worker has been hired yet and was asking about the police vehicles. Anthony Schrad said the Ford Taurus is a total loss and the SUV's transmission should be repaired this week. Their new police car should arrive in March 2021 but with the riots that have been happening it may not be until June due to the demand. Cindy asked about the proceeds from the total police car as to where it would go since the car was going to be used by the Blight Department. Anthony was planning on letting the proceeds go to Blight since that was the plan for the car the whole time. Cindy also mentioned that on the corner of 15th Avenue and Washington Street when you are heading west, it is hard to see around the corner when two large trucks are parking in front of Eagle Motor Sports.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Hoy so moved; meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, City Clerk