

Eldora City Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 10, 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 was present by phone. Also, present were City Attorney Erika Allen, City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Jerry Kramer, Aaron Clemons, David Lloyd, Vince Lukehart, Cindy Johns, Jennifer Mitchell, Jeff Grego, Matt Rezab, Jim Edwards, Jack Brekke, Mike Ludwigs, Gary & Julie Kofoid, Steve Pence, Brandon Butler, Brent Hinders, Matt & Jamie Witham and Travis Fischer.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to go into Closed Session under **Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) Threat of Litigation**. Council member Jones so moved, seconded by Budweg. Roll call vote: “ayes” Jones, Budweg, John and Priske; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Closed Session opened at 6:06 pm.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to open the Closed Session. Council member Budweg so moved, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes” Budweg, Priske, John and Jones; “nays” none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. The Closed Session closed at 6:47 pm and went into Open Session.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda approved consisted of the November 12<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes, the monthly claims and financials, claims for the City of Eldora, Community Garden, Veterans Memorial and Memorial Park, and Resolution 12-19-2851 authorizing transfers. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Budweg and John; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Jerry Kramer was asking about the budget and sees that Jamie Witham was on the agenda to be full time and if the budget could allow it.

David Mitchell swore in David Dunn, Mayor for years 2020 & 2021, Council member Blake Jones for years 2020-2023 and Council member Cindy Johns for years 2020-2023. David Lloyd spoke on the fire department budget. He has met the budgeted limit in several line items on the current budget and could go over budget by the end of the year. The fire department budget was cut for the 2019-2020 year along with the other general departments. David said the repairs are up this year and some of the safety equipment has a life span and needs replacement. The new firefighters hired will need equipment and training and is an added expense. Vince has applied for some grants for equipment. He has not heard back from Danko about the 0% loan for the grass truck. It could be February or March before they hear anything. David will be retiring this year as the Fire Chief and a new fire Chief will be voted in tomorrow. He said will stay on as a firefighter for the next year to help the new fire Chief.

Resolution 12-19-2852, Resolution to move Jamie Witham from part time compliance specialist employee to full time position. The City has agreements with Alden, Whitten, New Providence and Hubbard for code enforcement services. It was already budgeted for a portion of Jamie’s wages

to come out of Blight, currently she is all under the General. Council member Budweg motioned to table Resolution 12-19-2852 until the finance committee could review the request, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, John and Priske; “nays”: Jones; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-19-2853, Resolution approving purchases of a code enforcement vehicle. The purchase of a vehicle was approved on Resolution 3-19-2792 and using LOST money to purchase it. This resolution gave the council three options of vehicles to approve a purchase. It was discussed paying mileage vs. a City vehicle and that by not using her personnel car the citizen would not recognize her vehicle when she is out outside of work. It was also discussed using a stripped down police vehicle for code enforcement. Council member Jones motioned to table Resolution 12-19-2853 until the finance committee could review the request, seconded by John. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, John, Priske and John; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-19-2846, Resolution approving the FY 18/19 AFR. The City’s auditor files online the City’s year end balances with the State. This report is the paper copy of that filing. It was posted in the Eldora newspaper. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by John to approve Resolution 12-19-2846. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, John, Jones and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried. Page one of the report will be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and mailed in.

Resolution 12-19-2857, Resolution approving signatures for checks, drafts, notes or orders on City of Eldora accounts. With David Mitchell leaving, David Dunn will be added to the signature card at the banks until a new City Administrator is found. Council member John motioned, seconded by Jones to approve Resolution 12-19-2857. Roll call vote: “ayes”: John, Jones, Priske and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-19-2854, Resolution approving the salary increase for Joan Grothoff due to new FLSA salary level rule. The new minimum salary level starting January 1, 2020 will be \$35,568.00 set by FLSA. The library board discussed moving Joan to hourly and paying overtime or raising her salary to the new minimum. The library board approved the salary increase and will forgo giving Joan a raise in July 2020. Council member Jones motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 12-19-2854. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Jones, Priske, Budweg and John; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-19-2855, Resolution regarding LOST excess money for EMS HVAC system. The council review four bids the EMS received for the HVAC system. The heater would replace the current system and add heat to the new addition. Council member Priske motioned, seconded by John to table this resolution and have the finance committee review the request. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Priske, John, Jones and Budweg; “nays”: none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-19-2856, Resolution consenting to assignment of trustee agent agreements; escrow agent agreements; and/or paying agent and registrar and transfer agent agreements. Bankers

Trust was the City's bond payee and they have transferred above referenced agency agreements to UMB Bank N.A. This resolution will agree to the same terms from Bankers Trust with UMB Bank N.A. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Priske to approve Resolution 12-19-2856. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Priske, John and Jones; "nays": none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

The Eldora Herald Ledger requested to be the designated official newspaper for the City of Eldora for the 2020 year. The council discussed the Iowa Falls paper being both in paper and online which would give citizen more options to keep informed. All publication rates are set by the State so the price would be the same in any newspaper. There is a delivery requirement but the % was not known at this time. Council member Priske motion to set the Eldora Herald Ledger as the official newspaper for Eldora, seconded by Jones. Roll call vote: "ayes": Priske, Jones, Budweg and John; "nays": none; absent: Hoy. Motion carried.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report and the Council thanked David Mitchell for his service to the City. Aaron would like to get the personnel committee together to plan for a replacement. He was told that ads have been on The Grapevine, Iowa League of Cities and Iowa Workforce which have produced three responses so far. Blake thought in a week or two the committee would have a plan of action ready. Bob was wondering if a outside HR company could help find a replacement.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Budweg so moved; meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chandra Kyte, City Clerk