

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
December 11, 2018 -- 6:00 pm

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David Dunn presiding. Council members Melody Hoy, Robert John, Blake Jones, Greg Priske and Aaron Budweg were present. Also, present were City Administrator David Mitchell, Chandra Kyte, Marty Petersen, Rick Patrie, Jerry Kramer, Matt Rezab, Jack Brekke, Chad Brekke, Joan Grothoff, Jim Lantz, David Lloyd, Scott Kosanke and Jeff Gore.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Council member John motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve the November 13 & 27 minutes. Roll call vote: "ayes": Jones, Budweg, Hoy, Priske and John; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to accept the monthly claims and financials and Council member Hoy so moved, seconded by John. Roll call vote: "ayes" Priske, Budweg, John, Hoy and Jones. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn opened the citizens comment period and Jack Brekke spoke. Jack was concerned with the losses in the ambulance and wanted to know of plans to remedy this. The Mayor told him the ambulance is looking at sharing with townships, billing, and reviewing the budget.

David Mitchell introduced the new library director Joan Grothoff, Dan Gehring retired November 30th. She will be starting December 17, 2018. David Lloyd was next with his prestatation to the council on a new grass truck. The one they have now is a 1994 Chevy grass truck that has many problems. There are not many used ones on the market and the used ones come with lots of hour time already on them. They are requesting a new grass truck and are looking at one for around \$121,605.00 of which the Fire Trust could contribute \$10,000.00 towards. Some options on the new grass truck are a 400-gallon quick fill system, wrench, 4 doors and front hose system. This price will include all lights and sirens and the City will have to install their radio system. It would take 300 days from the order date to have it delivered. The fire department had 22 grass fires this year. 20 of them were from the spring and only 2 from the fall since it was a wet fall this year. Of the 22 calls, 1 was within the City limits, the rest were in the county. The townships do support fire and ambulance departments but more resources may be available. The old grass truck has no resale value, the only value on the grass truck is the pump system. The council will be looking into the fire department request and funding options.

Mayor introduced Resolution 12-18-2784, Resolution awarding audit contract to Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associated PLC for year 2019, 2020 and 2021. The City sent out seven requests for bids on the year end audit for the City. The contract was awarded to Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associated PLC at \$6,900.00 for 2019, \$6,950.00 for 2020 and \$7,000.00 for 2021. Council member John motioned to approve Resolution 12-18-2784, seconded by Hoy. Roll call vote: "ayes": Budweg, Hoy, Priske, Jones and John; "nays": none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Dunn introduced Resolution 12-18-2785, Resolution to transfer funds from HCSB account 191 to HCSB account 209996 and close account 191. HCSB new system required account to be six digits long so a new account was set up. Vendors were informed and by March all but one vendor switched to the new account. In September the last vendor made the change and the old account will not be needed any more. Council member Jones motioned to accept Resolution 12-18-2785, seconded by Priske. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Hoy, Jones, Budweg, Priske and John; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 12-18-2786, Resolution to set up a new checking account for Economic Development at HCSB and transfer balance. The City has an Economic Development program and is audited each year by the State. This year John Ferrell from USDA was here for the audit and made some recommendations. One of the recommendations was to have the funds in a separate account not in the City’s general fund. This resolution will set up the account and transfer the balance of \$130,684.88 to the new account. Council member Budweg motioned, seconded by Hoy to approve Resolution 12-18-2786. Roll call vote: “ayes”: Budweg, Priske, John, Jones and Hoy; “nays”: none; absent: none. Motion carried.

David Mitchell gave the administrators report and the Council members gave their concerns at this time. Bob John said Tim Harless did a nice job at the clinic for SATUI. Bob also mentioned earlier in the meeting about the red pick up still parked on Washington Street for the past 2 days. Dave will follow up with the police. Aaron Budweg said he attended the 911 commission meeting and they approved the new 911 system which can connect statewide to other departments. The Emergency Management has Franklin County assisting Hardin County for now and are looking at a 28E agreement with Franklin County. Blake Jones commented on the new employees for the City. They are young and have purchased houses in Eldora. Melody Hoy was checking on the Richard Riley alley and David Mitchell told her he has the paperwork but has moved south for the winter. The Mayor commented on how nice the City’s square looks for the holiday.

Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn. Council member Hoy so moved, meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chandra Kyte, Deputy City Clerk