

# City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa met in an open session at Eldridge City Hall at 7:05 p.m., February 20, 2023.

Council Members Present: Bruce Cheek, Dan Collins, Brian Dockery, Bernie Peeters & Adrian Blackwell

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also present: Jeff Martens, Ashley Lacey, Marty O'Boyle, Ray Neese, Dale Grunewald, Richard, and Glendena Heiman.

Motion by Dockery to approve the agenda. Second by Collins. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

## Mayor's Agenda

Motion by Cheek to approve City Council Minutes from February 6, 2023. Second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$169,903.80. Second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Hy Vee. Second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Rustic Ridge, contingent on checking why the individual is listed as Rustic Ridge, instead of the current owner. Second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

## Old Business

Mayor King verified with city staff that no comments or concerns had been received after the second reading of Ordinance 2023-02. Motion by Blackwell to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 2023-02 Updating Sanitary Sewer Rates. Second by Cheek. Roll Call vote indicated Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye). Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), and Cheek (Aye), Motion passes 5-0.

Mayor King verified with city staff that no comments or concerns had been received after the second reading of Ordinance 2023-04. Motion by Peeters to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 2023-04 Setting Golf Cart Regulations. Second by Blackwell. Roll Call vote indicated Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), and Peeters (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Mayor King verified with city staff that no comments or concerns had been received after the second reading of Ordinance 2023-05. Motion by Collins to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-05 Updating No Parking Zones. Second by Dockery. Roll Call vote indicated Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), and Dockery (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

### New Business

Motion by Dockery, second by Peeters to open the public hearing of FY24 maximum property tax dollar at 7:15 p.m. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote. No comments were made.

Motion by Dockery, second by Blackwell to close the public hearing of FY24 maximum property tax dollar at 7:16 p.m.

Motion by Collins, second by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-06 approving FY24 Maximum Property Tax Dollars. Roll Call vote indicated Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), and Dockery (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

The North Scott School District requested a waiver for only installing a sanitary sewer main on the south edge of the property since that is where the building will be placed. The city staff reviewed this request and recommended that we approve the waiver as they find it highly improbable that the extended sanitary sewer would ever be needed or used. If the city does ever need the sewer main they will act on the waiver. Motion by Dockery, second by Blackwell to approve the waiver for the North Scott School District to grant the waiver. Roll Call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Collins (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

City Council discussed a proposed ordinance amending the Eldridge City code to align with the State of Iowa's Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes. Currently, they are using the 2015 Building Code for Mechanical and Plumbing and the 2020 Building Code for Electrical. The biggest change for the electrical code is that the State requires a surge protector on the house and requires an external disconnect on the meter box. Motion by Cheek, second by Peeters to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-06 adopting the State of Iowa's Mechanical, Electric, and Plumbing codes. Roll Call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), and Blackwell (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

City Council discussed Ordinance 2023-07 Updating City Sign Regulations. Yard Signs are now defined as one or two-faced signs ranging in size from 24"x18" and up to 4'x8' set on wireframes or posts that imbed the ground. The Zoning Officer or other designees may remove the yard sign if in violation of the ordinance. Motion by Peeters, second by Blackwell to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-07 Updating City Sign Regulations. Roll Call vote indicated Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), and Cheek (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Dockery, second by Cheek to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-08, Updating Permitted Uses in a Light Industrial and General Industrial Zone, after discussing what this meant. In I-1 Light Industrial District, automobile, boat, farm implement, machinery, motor vehicle, and mobile homes sales, not including junk yards will be a permitted use, and they approved to allow Use on Review for the same types of businesses in I-2 General Industrial District. Roll Call vote indicated Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), and Dockery (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

City Council discussed a proposed ordinance amending the Eldridge code for gravel use. This amendment, it would allow Public/Municipal Districts a Use on Review to approve gravel in parking and driveways behind the building line. Motion by Blackwell, second by Peeters of the first reading of Ordinance 2023-09 Updating Parking Surface Requirements in Public/Municipal Zones.

Roll Call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), and Collins (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Motion by Peeters, second by Cheek to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-10 Updating Fencing Regulations after explaining the changes presented. When a property owner's yard backs up to a roadway their backyard is considered a front yard. This ordinance would allow lots that have a second or third front lot line directly opposite the front of the principal building as the rear lot line for purposes of fences, screening, and wall setbacks. Roll Call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), and Blackwell (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

Dockery made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Second by Collins. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King  
Mayor

Ashley Lacey  
Billing Clerk

#### Claims Report

A & A Air Cond & Refrigeration, Ice Machine Rental	\$	66.88
Access Systems Leasing, Copier Lease	\$	340.02
Advance Auto Parts, Parts	\$	10.15
Alliant Energy Co., Utility	\$	467.97
Always Clean LLC, Office Cleaning	\$	1,181.25
Amazon Capital Services, PD Clothing	\$	363.64
American Legal, City Code Update	\$	179.55
Aqua-Tech Car Wash, Fleet Car Washes	\$	65.00
Auxient, Health Insurance	\$	1,625.56
Brian Wessel, Clothing	\$	59.98
Caseys, Haxton Retirement Party	\$	67.51
CCP Industries Inc., Shop Towels	\$	130.70
Central Scott Telephone, Phone/Internet	\$	1,060.64
CNH Capital, Filters, Pins, Cutting Edge	\$	1,422.10
Davenport Printing Company, Martens Business Cards	\$	58.00
Eldridge Electric, Street Lights	\$	3,570.84
Eldridge Welding, Ballast Box Materials	\$	124.00
EMC Insurance Companies, Insurance	\$	4,500.83
Farm & Fleet, Shop Supplies	\$	311.62
G T Sports Unlimited, Employee T-Shirts/Clothing	\$	847.00
Humane Society, Boarding Fees	\$	350.00
IAWEA, Membership, General Engineering	\$	20.00
Interstate Battery, Camera Trailer Battery	\$	122.95
Menards, Lab Supplies, Bathroom Fan	\$	126.75
Midwest Wheel, Spring Brake Camshaft	\$	67.69
MRA, Handbook Services	\$	35.00
Napa Auto Parts, Filters, Plugs, Bearings, Hoses	\$	1,051.80

North Scott Press, Publishing	\$	328.05
Northern Tool, Chainsaw, sharpener, punches, and chisels	\$	215.45
Office Specialists, Copy Paper	\$	49.99
Payroll	\$	90,512.85
Republic Services, Garbage Service	\$	31,911.25
River Valley Cooperative, Diesel	\$	1,342.82
River Valley Turf, Drive Shaft Gear Housing	\$	290.56
RNJS Distribution Inc., Bottled Water	\$	32.10
Safety Kleen, Part Washer Service	\$	338.76
Sam's Club, Plates and Forks	\$	44.47
Shared IT, IT Services	\$	1,330.28
Shive-Hattery Engineers, General Engineering	\$	19,296.65
Thompson Truck & Trailer, 94 Dump Truck Hose/T-Stat	\$	89.48
TSS, Drug Screening	\$	312.50
USPS, Postage	\$	21.27
Van Meter, Fuses	\$	83.11
Visit Quad Cities, Quarterly Funding	\$	750.00
Walmart, Door Stop/Hanger	\$	7.63
Wex Bank, Fuel	\$	4,719.15

**Total Bills Payable \$ 169,903.80**