

# City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa met in an open session at Eldridge City Hall at 7:00 p.m., February 06, 2023.

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

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also present: Jeff Martens, Ashley Lacey, Tony Rupe, Mark Ridolfi, Marty O'Boyle, Joe Sisler, and Brian Wessel.

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

## Mayor's Agenda

Motion by Blackwell to approve City Council Minutes from January 23, 2023. Second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Peeters to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$503,930.32. Second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Blackwell to approve appointing Paula Steward to the Utility Board for a 6-year term. Second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve reappointing Jeff Ashcraft to the Park Board for a 5-year term. Second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Cheek to approve reappointing Karl Donaubauber to the Plan and Zone commission for a 4-year term. Second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Maloney's Pub. Second by Collins. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

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

## Old Business

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

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

Martens informed the council that he took the ordinance and his business card to all the neighboring businesses and spoke with owners that were present and left messages for those who were not. He informed the council that most owners were in favor of No Parking on the East side of S 14<sup>th</sup> Ave and S 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Motion by Peeters to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-05 Updating No Parking Zones. Second by Blackwell. Roll Call vote indicated Cheek (Aye), Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), and Blackwell (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

### New Business

Iowa law requires a public hearing to be held on the Maximum Property Tax Levy. Motion by Dockery to approve Resolution 2023-05 Fixing a public hearing date of FY24 Maximum Property Tax. Second by Collins. Roll Call vote indicated Peeters (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), and Cheek (Aye). Motion passes 5-0.

### Committee/Staff Reports

#### Public Works –

Wessel reported that Public Works purchased two new pieces of equipment, a new street sweeper and a mid-sized tractor. The existing street sweeper will be sold this spring. The city has used 175 tons of the 400 tons of salt that was purchased. They are hoping to have a surplus this year because the price of salt has gone up 18-20%. The public works department has been trimming a lot of trees around town. Currently, there are trees that the DRN tagged along the bike path that are good trees and marked to keep. They planted 52 new trees with a \$12,000 grant. They have also been out filling the potholes that are in the street and working to get a street patching project that will go out for bid.

#### Police –

Officer Costas has been deployed since April of 2022 and should be returning soon, when he returns the department will be fully staffed.

Currently, the department is working on a case against Maddy Russo, the officers are working very hard to gather everything they need.

They are also looking to have an awards presentation for everyone who was involved in the accident at King's Material.

#### Community Center –

The new manager and assistant manager have been working extremely hard for all their events. Currently, they are not booking anything for 2024 until they revisit our current contract.

#### Finance Committee –

Dockery gave an update on the city budget progress. The finance committee is working on finalizing a proposed budget to present to the city council.

Dockery made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Second by Collins. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King  
Mayor

Ashley Lacey  
Billing Clerk

### Claims Report

424 Warning Systems LLC, Light Bar Unit 110	\$ 1,730.00
Access Systems Leasing, Police Copier	\$ 342.85
Adobe, Refund Sales Tax	\$ (14.39)
Advantage Advertising, K-9 T Shirts	\$ 3,616.52
American Water College, Training Books	\$ 149.99
Apple.Com, Phone Storage	\$ 1.06
Auxiant, Insurance	\$ 150.00
Bent River Towing & Recovery, Vehicle Towing	\$ 101.65
Bosch Automotive, Encore Diagnostic Software	\$ 500.00
Brooks Law Firm P.C., Fitness Center Closing Costs	\$ 570.00
Cintas Corporation, Floor Mats	\$ 88.18
Cintas First Aid & Safety D89, First Aid Supplies	\$ 67.22
Cobra Help, Insured Employes	\$ 22.40
Dollar General, Meeting Water	\$ 38.94
Dropbox, Electronic File Storage	\$ 128.27
Eastern Iowa Tire, Grain Truck Tire	\$ 115.00
Eldridge Welding, Grain Truck Bracket	\$ 55.00
Farm & Fleet, Clothing Allowance/Shop Supplies	\$ 829.38
Genesis Occupational Health, Pre-employment Screening	\$ 173.00
Hibbett Sports, Shop With A Cop (Grant)	\$ 165.85
Hy-Vee , Meeting Food	\$ 60.48
IA Assoc Building Officials, Training Class	\$ 489.22
IA DNR, Grade 1 Ww Testing	\$ 32.29
Ihrig Works Llc, Storm Intake S 16th Repair	\$ 1,500.00
Illowa, Membership - Nees	\$ 25.00
Int'L Code Council, Int Code Council Dues	\$ 145.00
Keltek Incorporated, Install Squad Docking Stations	\$ 940.26
Kohls, Shop With A Cop (Grant)	\$ 320.96
Macqueen Equipment, 2022 Street Sweeper	\$ 322,162.30
Manatts Inc, HMA Mix	\$ 74.00

Merschman Hardware, Supplies	\$ 481.67
MidAmerican Energy Company, 105 E Leclair Sign Shop	\$ 14,645.85
Mid-States Organized Crime Info. Ctr, MOCIC Membership	\$ 150.00
Midwest Wheel, Unit 34 Light	\$ 184.62
Miller Trucking And Excavating, Streambank Stabilization	\$ 49,077.00
Mills Chevrolet, Unit 25 Weather Strip	\$ 312.74
Molo Petroleum Llc, Oil Additive	\$ 163.53
Mutual Wheel Co., Streetsweeper/Tractor Lights	\$ 479.88
National Association Of Town Watch, NATW Membership	\$ 35.00
Office Specialists, Large Printer Ink	\$ 25.04
Payroll	\$ 80,896.88
Precision Air, Service Call Shop Furnace	\$ 128.00
QC Analytical Services Llc, Water License Class	\$ 150.00
Quad Cities TAS, Answering Service	\$ 60.83
Reservations.Com, Hotel - Training/Fees	\$ 372.48
River Valley Cooperative, Diesel	\$ 1,437.05
RNJS Distribution Inc., Water Cooler	\$ 25.60
Sams Club , Office Supplies	\$ 55.84
Scott County Sheriffs Dept., Booking Fees	\$ 125.00
Shive-Hattery Engineers, General Engineering	\$ 16,328.14
Snap-On, Navistar Diagnostic Renewal	\$ 324.00
Uniform Den Inc., Ofc Johnson Clothing	\$ 1,030.55
US Postal Service, Postage - Certified	\$ 22.05
USA Blue Book, Testing Supplies	\$ 615.83
Verizon Wireless, PD Cellular	\$ 655.10
Wal-Mart, Lidar Batteries	\$ 1,978.09
Wix.Com, Refund Closed Website	\$ (410.88)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 503,930.32</b>