

City of Eldridge City Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open Committee of the Whole session at the Eldridge Community Center at 6:00 pm on March 3, 2025.

Council Members Present: Scott Campbell, Dan Collins, Brian Dockery and Ryan Iossi.
Adiran Blackwell was not present.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Letty Goslowsky, Marty O'Boyle, Dale Grunwald, Josh Haycraft, Scott LaPlant, Karsyn Alan, Kalan Gromet and Erin Gentz

Motion by Iossi to approve the agenda. Second by Collins. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

Assistant City Administrator Jeff Martens asked about non-profit signage and if the Council would like to consider adding a provision in the code to either allow or not allow non-profit signage. Council agreed it should be something to consider and requested Jeff to work with other city departments to prepare some guidelines to bring to Council to possibly amend the current code.

The Building Inspector Ray Nees presented his budget requests and provided clarification when asked.

Old Business

Discussions continued regarding the FY Tax Levy and the FY 2026 Budget for the City of Eldridge. City Administrator Nevada Lemke provided an updated budget draft and a wage increase impact table. Nevada also advised the Tax Levy is due on March 5th 2025 and Council would need to make a decision in the current meeting on what percentage the Council wanted to submit. Discussion was had and Council advised Nevada to submit 8.11%.

The FY2026 Budget on-going discussion then commenced. Funding for public facilities and the volunteer fire were had, as well as what future projects, staffing and needs the City wants for future growth and maintenance. Pros and cons were evaluated and discussed.

Throughout the COW meeting the Council asked various financial questions, clarification and answers were provided by both the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator Jeff Martens.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn at 6:58pm. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by Letty Goslowsky, Finance Manager/City Clerk