

-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 6:12 pm on May 6, 2024.

Council Members Present: Adrian Blackwell, Scott Campbell, Dan Collins, and Ryan Iossi. Brian Dockery asked to be excused.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Martha Nieto, Marty O'Boyle, Mark Ridolfi, Dale Grunwald, Craig Gehrls, Ryan Windmiller, Mike McKenna, Jean Jackson, Amy Jackson, Abby Mckenna, Ben Estep & Todd Swift

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

1. Old Business

A. Discussion on the proposed expansion of the Eldridge Multiresidential Urban Revitalization Area.

Ben Estep and Todd Swift presented the Council with information on their development project and shared the results of the Revitalization Feasibility Study they conducted on the URTE Zone. They informed the Council that the plan was to develop a total of 130 units. Starting with 50 units and would not move forward with the remaining units till those first 50 will filled.

If Council gives the go ahead on this project plan is to break ground by November of this year and units would be available by the summer of next year.

Ryan Windmiller presented information regarding the City's residential builds and sales over the past 5 years. He discussed his proposed development and the plan to for phased progress. His development would include market rate multi-residential lease units. He is seeking tax exemption incentives if the Council does proceed with expanding the City's current URTE area to include the parcel his development is on.

2. New Business

A. Discussion on a security camera system for City facilities (Sewer, City Maintenance Shop, City Hall, and Water Treatment Plant)

Administrator Lemke was seeking feedback from the Council as to what their thoughts are concerning security cameras for City facilities. Council feels this is long overdue and asked City Administrator Lemke to put a proposal together that included multiple bids broken down by facility. The council requested the storage capabilities be at a minimum 3 to 4 weeks storage.

B. Discussion on concerns with the folding stop signs along S. 5th Street at the intersections of W. Prairie Vista Drive and W. Sheridan Drive

Assistant City Administrator read his memo that did not go out to Council prior to the

meeting. This memo stated that the Police Dept had been contacted regarding stop sign concerns along S 5th St. at the intersections of W. Prairie Vista Drive and W. Sheridan Drive and that the School Crossing guard recommended these signs be kept up because of after school and evening activities during the school year. The request is supported by the Chief of Police.

The council asked Martens to put a proposal together for future discussion.

- C. Discussion on adding “End of School Zone” signage to be posted below the 35 MPH Speed Limit sign near the southbound lane of S. 1st Street just south of W. Spring Street

A request was made by the Police Dept requested a sign below the 35 mph. Decision was made that the Police Dept. go ahead and order the sign.

- D. Discussion on creating a Solar Ordinance for the City of Eldridge

Assistant Administrator Martens informed the Council that the City currently does not have an ordinance on solar panels. After discussion on the need for such an ordinance the Council directed Martens to move forward

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

Submitted by Martha Nieto, City Clerk