

Joint City Council & Community Center Board Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council & Utility Board met in an open Joint session at the Eldridge Community Center at 6:00 pm on December 2, 2024.

Council Members' Present: Adrian Blackwell, Scott Campbell, Dan Collins, Ryan Iossi & Brian Dockery
Community Center Board Members Present: Tom Bauer, Mark Gooding, Paul Petersen & Gigi Seibel

Presiding: Mayor Frank King

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Martha Nieto, Gage Lane, Alexis Diedrich, Marty O'Boyle, Erin Gentz, Linda Olson & Gary Olson

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

Administrator Lemke presented the City Council and the Community Center Board the last 5 years of Financial Reports for the Community Center and spoke about several projects proposals being considered for needed repairs at the Community Center. These proposals are for the following:

1. LED Lighting from Springfield Electric
2. Men & Women and Skate Rink Bathroom Remodels from Brus Construction
3. Men's & Women's ADA Compliant Community Bathroom Remodel from Brus Construction

Also mentioned was the replacement needed of the building's fascia.

Both City Council and Community Center are in agreement that the Community Center is an amenity to the community and that there is a need come up with possible options that will balance expenses with revenues. Several options were brought up such as possibly increasing fees and deposit amounts.

Community Center Manager Diedrich stated the following changes are already in process:

1. Increases to hall/skate rental fees and birthday parties
2. Increased deposit amounts on large events
3. Changes to the Menu
4. Staff Management hour changes

After discussing the possible options to make the Community Center profitable, or at least net zero, again it was decided to have an 18-month evaluation period. This period would end on June 30, 2026, and would evaluate the changes being made every six months to gauge the progress being made.

All were also in agreement to move with the LED Lighting project and Fascia replacement.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Second by Collins. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted.

Frank King
Mayor

Martha Nieto
City Clerk