

The City of Eldridge, Iowa met in open session via Zoom at 7:00 p.m., January 4, 2021. Roll call vote showed Mayor Martin O'Boyle, council members Bruce Cheek, Brian Dockery, Bernie Peeters, Adrian Blackwell, and Frank King. Also present were Lisa Kotter and James Martin, Tony Rupe, Dave Kopatich, Derek Hamilton, and Denise Benson

Agenda – New Business item D. was removed from the agenda. Motion by Peeters to approve the amended agenda, second by Blackwell. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment none.

Mayor's Agenda -

- A. Consideration of approval of the minutes from December 21, 2020. Motion by Blackwell to approve the minutes as written, second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

New Business –

- A. Motion by Blackwell to open a Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. second by King. Rezoning from SA to I-2 of the Quia, LLC Land at First St and Blackhawk Trail David J. Franks, as Manager of Quia, LLC is requesting a rezoning of property located at the western half of South First Street near the intersection with Blackhawk Trail, excluding the Theresa Story residence. The property can specifically be described as the following parcels: • Parcel # 932351002: Sec:23 Twp:79 Rng:03S 48.7' M/L NE SW &PT SE SW W OF RD EX1.63AC TRACT DEED#24615-92 • Parcel # 932349001: Sec:23 Twp:79 Rng:03SW SW & S 48.7' M/LNW SW • Parcel # 932601001: Sec:26 Twp:79 Rng:03N 15 CHS NW NW • Parcel # 932603001: Sec:26 Twp:79 Rng:03N 15 CHS NE NW W OFRD The request is that the property be rezoned from SA Suburban Agricultural to I-2 General Industrial. Motion by Blackwell to close the public hearing at 7:11 p.m., second by King.
- B. Consideration of Ordinance 2021-01 Rezoning QUIA LLC Land from SA to I-2 first reading. Motion by Peeters to approve the first reading, second by King. Roll call vote showed Peeters, Blackwell, King, Dockery and Cheek voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.
- C. Consideration to Issue Bid Requests for the Construction of the North Scott Community YMCA. Motion by Blackwell to Issue Bid Request in conjunction with the North Scott School Board, second by Cheek. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.
- D. 2021 Committee Appointments – item removed from agenda.
- E. Consideration of First and LeClaire Intersection Construction Land Taking Payment Approval. Motion by Cheek to table to a special meeting on Thursday, January 7th so council has more time to look at information, second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Activity Reports –

Wastewater – Routine business at the plant. Helped the Street Department with snow removal.

City Clerk- Been working from home the last 2 weeks due to City Hall being closed.

Chief of Police- New squad is at Racom being outfitted, during the snow emergency officers wrote 30 warnings to residents.

Community Center – Recreation – Working on the budget.

City Administrator – been working from home, been handling snow complaints and voice mails

Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) a closed session meeting for union negotiation strategy for the Eldridge Public Safety Association and Eldridge Employees Association. Motion by Blackwell to adjourn into Closed Session at 8:34 p.m., second by Peeters. Roll call vote showed King, Blackwell, Dockery, Cheek and Peeters voting aye, no nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Peeters to Return into Open Session for Possible Action to Ratify the Union Contracts listed above at 8:57 p.m., second by Dockery. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Union Contract for the Eldridge Employees Association. A four-year contract with a 2.5%, 3%, 3% and 3.5% wage increase per year. Overtime language was changed to Overtime after 8 hours a day, not 40 hours a week. Double time after 16 hours, 6 hours rest time is required if the rest time is during normal business hours the employee will be paid straight time. Motion by Dockery to approve ratifying the contract with the Eldridge Employees Association contingent on the Utility Board approval on Tuesday night, second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Union Contract for the Public Safety Association. A four-year contract with a 2.5%, 2.75%, 3% and 3.5% wage increase per year. 24 hours of personal leave will be granted upon hire, and then 40 hours after 1 year. There will be a side letter for the Corporal and Sergeant, they will move to the 5-year step on July 1, 2021 followed by step 7 and 10 for the appropriate year. Motion by Dockery to ratify the contract with the Eldridge Public Safety Association as per the personnel committee's as proposed, second by Peeters. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m., second by King. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Martin P. O'Boyle
Mayor

Denise Benson
City Clerk