

City of Eldridge City Council Meeting Minutes

The City of Eldridge, Iowa, City Council met in an open session at Eldridge Community Center at 7:00 pm on April 21, 2025.

Council Members Present: Adrian Blackwell, Scott Campbell, Dan Collins, Brian Dockery and Ryan Iossi. Quorum was met.

Presiding: Mayor Frank King.

Also Present: Nevada Lemke, Jeff Martens, Letty Goslowsky, Zach Howell, Marty O'Boyle Allison Wright, Scott LaPlante, Dale Grunwald, Trevor Grimes and Erin Gentz.

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

Mayor's Agenda

Motion by Iossi to approve City Council Minutes from April 7, 2025. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Blackwell to approve Committee of the Whole Minutes from April 7, 2025. Second by Campbell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Collins to approve Special City Council Minutes from April 7, 2025. Second by Iossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Campbell to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$429,923.72 Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to approve Liquor License for Cabos Cantina & Grill. Second by Campbell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Motion by Dockery to approve the Third and final Reading of Consideration of Third & Final Reading of Ordinance #2025-09 Amending Section 8, Chapter 2, Title C of the Eldridge City Code to require 5' public sidewalks in new developments. Second by Campbell. Roll call vote indicated Iossi (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Campbell (Aye) and Blackwell (Aye).

Motion by Iossi to approve a sunset date of June 30, 2025 for the Soil Quality Restoration program to apply for the remaining funds of \$4,001.88. Second by Collins. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

New Business

Motion by Campbell to Approve Setting a Public Hearing for the proposed FY25 Amended City Budget on Monday, May 5th, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Eldridge Community Center. Second by lossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Blackwell to open the Public Hearing to adopt the FY26 Proposed City Budget. Second by Campbell. Roll call vote indicated Collins (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), lossi (Aye), Campbell (Aye) and Dockery (Aye).

No public comments were made.

Motion by Campbell to close the Public Hearing to adopt the FY26 Proposed City Budget. Second by lossi. Roll call vote indicated Campbell (Aye), lossi (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Dockery (Aye) and Collins (Aye).

Motion by Blackwell to approve Resolution #2025-10 the adoption of FY26 City Budget. Second by Campbell. Roll call vote indicated lossi (Aye), Dockery (Nay), Collins (Aye), Campbell (Aye) and Blackwell (Aye).

Motion by Campbell to open the Public Hearing for the consideration of approval of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the LeClaire Road & 4th Avenue Traffic Signal Project bid. Second by Blackwell. Roll call vote indicated Blackwell (Aye), Campbell (Aye), Collins (Aye), Dockery (Aye) and lossi (Aye).

No public comments were made.

Motion by lossi to close the Public Hearing for the consideration of approval of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the LeClaire Road & 4th Avenue Traffic Signal Project bid. Second by Collins. Roll call vote indicated lossi (Aye), Dockery (Aye), Collins (Aye), Campbell (Aye) and Blackwell (Aye).

Motion by Dockery to approve Change Order #2 for the 2024 Street Improvement Project contract in the amount of \$58,082.35. Second by lossi. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Campbell to approve Change Order #3 for the 2024 Street Improvement Project contract for the existing HMA pay item from SY quantity to a tonnage quantity based on existing pavement conditions for an estimated cost increase of \$42,400. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Blackwell to approve the First Reading of Ordinance #2025-10 Amending Title D, Chapter 2, Section 37 - Signs of the Eldridge City Code. Second by Campbell. Roll call vote indicated Campbell (Aye), lossi (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Dockery (Aye) and Collins (Aye).

Board/Staff Activity Reports

City Administrator – No updates.

Assistant City Administrator – No updates.

Finance Manager/City Clerk – Confirmed to Council that Tony Rupe, Public Works director he will be the point person and will keep Council updated regarding the IDOT Highway 61 construction project. At this time, he does not believe it will affect any Eldridge ramps. Council was asked how they want to be informed of auto renewal liquor licenses. This is something that Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division is now offering for Class E license holders to auto renewal and they are no longer required to get approval from their local authority (Eldridge City Council). Council advised they would like to be informed via the Staff Activity Reports.

Police– Corporal Tony Cavanaugh reported re-hire of John Behrens started the previous week, training is going well, and because of his recent position with the Eldridge Police training should be wrapped up in the next 2-3 weeks. He also advised Council the department will be receiving funding from the Governor’s traffic safety bureau for FY26 for approximately \$15,000 which will be used for working overtime for traffic enforcement and some equipment needed for the squad cars.

Motion by Blackwell to go into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)c “To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation” and Iowa Code 21.9 “To discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.” at 7:34pm. Second by lossi. Roll call vote indicated Campbell (Aye), lossi (Aye), Blackwell (Aye), Dockery (Aye) and Collins (Aye).

Returned from Closed Session at 8:42pm.

Motion by lossi to increase the Police Department wages by 2.5% effective immediately via MOU. Second by Campbell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Dockery to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Second by Blackwell. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Frank King
Mayor

Letty Goslowsky
City Clerk/Finance Manager