

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
City of Eldora • June 13, 2023

Eldora City Council
Regular Council Meeting
June 13, 2023 -- 6:00 pm

The council gave the option to meet via conference call, Zoom or at the Council Chamber.

Eldora City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor David W Dunn presiding. Council members Carey Morton via Zoom, Cindy Drake, Jerry Kramer, Greg Priske and Mike May Jr were present along with Joyce Lawler. Also, present were Kelly Haskin, Michelle Kelley, Shawn Digity, Stacy Peden, Scott Peden, Tom Ewoldt, Sue Kramer, Luke Wilson, and Brayden Harris, either by Zoom or in the council chamber.

Mayor Dunn asked for the Public Hearing regarding the property at 1609 15th Avenue. Kramer moved to open the hearing with a second from Drake. Time was 6:01 p.m. After some discussion as to what to do with the property and what to charge. Kramer moved to table the discussion till the July meeting. Priske seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Kramer moved to close the Public Hearing with a second from Drake. Time was 6:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dunn asked for the Public Hearing regarding Proposal to Enter into a General Obligation Police Vehicle Loan Agreement. Kramer moved to open the hearing with a second from Drake. Time was 6:07 p.m. Hassebrock indicated that we were going with a GO Bond instead of leasing as the interest was about half. Kramer moved to close the Public Hearing with a second from Drake. Time was 6:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next item was Citizens Comments. Sue Kramer talked about working with Friends of Park and Rec regarding putting in a dog park somewhere within the city. She said they had discussed several properties and not wanting to have additional cost for the city. She indicated

that there was property near the SE corner of the aquatic center about 3 acres that would work as it was shaded and the land was rough enough that it could not be used for anything else. There was a rumor that they would get an easement from an empty lot on 17th Avenue. She indicated that they would do fund raising and set up perpetual maintenance as part of their budget. She would like to start fund raising and looking for grants in the next couple of weeks. Morton indicated that they did not need approval at this time but to keep communication open with council going forward. Sue said that she had gotten quotes on the chain link fencing, cement, water and perpetual maintenance and 2 gates and it was around \$100,000. Drake asked that she look at other wire fencing.

Tom Ewoldt asked about purchasing land from the city next to his property. He is not looking at building anything but just wants more property. He indicated that he would cover all costs. Dunn indicated that there was no policy for the city selling land.

Mayor Dunn pulled the minutes and the introduction of Americorp Volunteer, Brayden Harris out of the Consent Agenda. Priske moved to approve the Minutes of the May 9, May 15, and May 31 meetings. Kramer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dunn introduced Brayden Harris. Harris talked about his work with the Community Garden. He indicated that he works with Nicole Low who is in charge of the garden and he works on event planning. He indicated that he had families needing food volunteers to help as well as Camp Pine Lake, Penny Savers. He was asked about the extra food that was grown and he indicated that they help people in need of food and also give to the food pantry. They try to reach out to people by email, facebook, and flyers around town.

Next item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda. Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kramer moved with a second from Drake. The Consent Agenda consisted of Liquor License for HyVee, Resolution 06-23-3242 Authorizing Transfer of Funds from T&A, Resolution 06-23-3243, Resolution for Wage Adjustment for Brandon Jones, Appointment of Bob Alpers to the Library Board to replace Rex Lawler, Cigarette Permit for Dollar General, Resolution, 06-23-3244, Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting Wages for Kayne Harrell full Time in the Water/Sewer Department, Approval of Resolution 06-23-3245, Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting Wages for Michelle Kelley as Full-Time City Clerk, Resolution 06-23-3246, Resolution Approving the Hiring and Setting Wages for Scott Peden as Full-Time Water/Sewer Supervisor, Approval of Emily Croasley to the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Haskin introduced Scott Peden and Lawler introduced Michelle Kelley to the council.

Under New Business, Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to approve Resolution 06-23-3247, Resolution to Approve April monthly Financials. Kramer moved to approve with a second from Drake. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Resolution 06-23-3248, Approval of Monthly Claims. Kramer indicated that he had a few questions regarding radios for the ambulance. Carter said that they were handheld radios and that they would be much higher in a few years. Kramer moved to approve the bills, Priske seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Resolution 06-23-3249, Approval of May Financials. Kramer moved to approve with a second from Morton. Motion carried unanimously. Morton asked for a year-to-date report. Drake indicated that the police were over budget but

that she knew that unexpected expenses would come up. She asked about Allison cleaning the hospital and was told that she would be done July 1.

Kramer indicated that he had asked for an updated LOST page for 22-23 and that the report showed LOST lower for next year.

Next was Resolution 06-23-3250, a Resolution Establishing Street Closing for the Hardin County Fair Parade. Kramer moved to approve with a second from May. Motion carried unanimously. Lawler indicated that the DOT and Highway Patrol has signed off on the permit so that everything was ready to go.

Dunn indicated the next item was Approval of Pay Application #6 to Gehrke Inc. for 11th Avenue. Luke Wilson indicated that this was for most of the utilities. He also indicated that the paving would come next but that the bike trail was done up to 9th Street. and that the pavers would be back after the 4th of July. He indicated the project was running under budget and that the paving was 72% done, and that engineering was 66% done. May asked about the sidewalk next to the school and daycare. Wilson indicated that the curve was to avoid a retaining wall. May indicated that they had moved the fence back so that the sidewalk would not be so close to the street. Wilson indicated that they would look at it again and see what they could do after the street was done. Kramer moved to approve the payment. Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Approval of the Quote for Curb and Gutter on 12th Street between 11th Avenue and 12th Avenue. Haskin was asked where this project was and why. He indicated that it was east of the old high school and that the construction company had broken it up more with the tear down of the old school. The school wanted to replace the sidewalk and the city would replace

the curb and gutter. May indicated that the school had voted to replace the sidewalk last night at their meeting. Haskin indicated that the funding was in the Storm Sewer Fund. Kramer moved to approve with a second from Priske. Motion carried unanimously.

Next item was Resolution 06-23-3251, Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Loan Agreement Providing for the Placement and Issuance of \$70,000 General Obligation Police Vehicle Note, Series 2023A and Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Same. There was discussion on the cost of the vehicle. Council was told that initially we thought we would have to cover the cost of getting the vehicle ready for use but after getting started with the bonding the costs were included. The balance of the loan would be used to pay attorney fees. Priske moved to approve the resolution with a second from Drake. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was Approval of Profession Services Agreement with Northland Securities, Inc. This was also in regards to the GO Bonding. Kramer asked if this would be paid out of the excess loan and was told it would be. Kramer moved to approve with a second from Priske. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Old Business.

Under Council Communication, Drake asked about the selling of the hospital building. Lawler indicated that the Board of Adjustment was meeting to approve a Special Variance Permit until the Planning and Zoning could meet and change the zoning.

Morton indicated that the Finance Committee would be meeting to review wage increases for the EMS and Fire Department.

Carter was asked about the merger with Ackley. She indicated that she was meeting with their city council on Wednesday night to discuss talking points that they wanted. She indicated that there was an

incident at the Ackley parade last week and showed that they need ALS services. She indicated that the ambulance responded in 1 minute 10 seconded from call time till the patient was in the ambulance.

Mayor Dunn asked for motion to adjourn. Council Member Kramer so moved. Time was 7:00pm.

David W. Dunn, Mayor
ATTEST:
Joyce Lawler, Interim City Clerk

May Finances		
	Revenues.....	Expenses
General	\$ 82755.36	\$ 23546.70
Police	\$ 59191.24	\$ 69043.42
Fire	\$ 16713.83	\$ 4171.74
Pool	\$ 25783.50	\$ 3196.50
Bulk Fuel	\$ 5831.76	\$ 9356.02
Park & Rec		\$ 437.87
Eco Dev		\$ 745.84
IT	\$ 6331.44	\$ 2335.67
Gen Total		
	\$ 196607.13	\$ 112833.76
Insurance	\$ 6591.22	
Hosp		\$ 4573.09
T&A	\$ 31575.38	\$ 75418.38
Park Tr	\$	\$ 6000.00
Lib Tr	\$ 1395.00	\$ 1670.75
Library	\$ 12515.01	\$ 12752.73
Theater	\$ 3415.75	\$ 1860.18
Ambulance		
	\$ 89715.57	\$ 81352.52
Cemetery	\$ 2681.23	\$ 3,619.64
Streets	\$ 67402.93	\$ 35238.53
Local Option		
	\$ 43095.61	\$ 11118.94
DS	\$ 32991.02	\$ 35267.50
Blight	\$ 180.00	\$ 444.75
St. Construct		
	\$ 200000.00	\$ 223553.63
Economic Dev		
	\$ 144.19	
Water	\$ 31722.23	\$ 97044.25
Util Dep	\$ 300.00	
Sewer	\$ 86721.55	\$ 467106.82
Solid Waste		
	\$ 9045.15	\$ 779.52
Storm Water		
	\$ 2901.46	
Total	\$ 622393.30	\$ 1057801.23

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND LETTING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE MAIN OPEN DITCH REPAIRS FOR THE HARDIN COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT #18, IOWA; AND NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF THE RECEIVING OF BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID REPAIRS.

Notice of Public Hearing and Letting for this Construction in and for the DRAINAGE DISTRICT #18 HARDIN COUNTY, IOWA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
Sealed bids will be received by the Trustees of Drainage District #18, Hardin County, Iowa, at Clapsaddle-Garber & Associates; 739 Park Avenue; Ackley, Iowa; 50601 until Noon, on the 28th day of June 2023 for the above stated project as described in detail in the plans and specifications now on file in the office of Clapsaddle Garber Associates and the Hardin County Drainage Clerk. Bids received will be opened and tabulated in the Alden Public Library by the Drainage District Trustees and Project Engineer at 1:00 PM on the 28th day of June 2023. The proposals will be presented to the District Trustees and considered at its meeting to be held at 1:00 PM on the 28th day of June 2023, or at such later time and place as may then be fixed.

The proposed work is located in Sections 23, 24, 26, 27 and 35, Township 89 North, Range 22 West in Hardin County, Iowa and consists of the furnishing of all materials, labor, and equipment to complete the approximate quantities of work, all as described in the plans and specifications and as follows. **The proposed work consists of approximately 131 stations of open ditch cleanout; 22 surface drains; 34 tile outlets; 2 crossing cleanouts; 9 stations of tree/brush/stump**

removal; removals; seeding; and other associated work. This work is shown in detail on the construction plans on file with Clapsaddle Garber Associates.

All bids must be filed on or before the Noon deadline previously stated. All bids shall be made on forms furnished by Clapsaddle Garber Associates and must be enclosed in a separate sealed envelope and plainly identified. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's or certified check, or a credit union certified share draft, in a separate sealed envelope in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the proposal. The certified or cashier's check shall be drawn on a bank in Iowa or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States or said certified share draft should be drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; and such check or share draft shall be made payable to the Hardin County Auditor as a security that if awarded a contract, the Bidder will enter into a contract at the prices bid and furnish the required performance and payment bond and certificate of insurance. The certified or cashier's check or certified share draft may be cashed, or the bid bond redeemed, if the Contractor fails to enter into a contract, or fails to provide a certificate of insurance within ten (10) days after the acceptance of his proposal by resolution of Council. No bidder may withdraw a bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for opening bids.

The District Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities and technicalities. The District Trustees reserve the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days after the date bids are to be received. If awarded, one (1) contract will be

awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder based on the amount of work and type of materials selected by the District Trustees.

Liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,000.00 per calendar day will be assessed for each day that work remains uncompleted after the deadline set below. Contractor shall begin work within fifteen days of the

Owner's Notice to Proceed, and work shall proceed continuously until completed. Work must be completed by December 31, 2023.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bond to be issued by a responsible surety and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment for all materials and labor and protect and save harmless the District Trustees from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operation of the Contractor. In addition, the bond shall guarantee against defects in materials or workmanship for a period of two years after completion and acceptance by the District Trustees.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa and to Iowa domestic labor to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

Payments will be made to the Contractor based on monthly estimates in amounts equal to ninety percent (90%) of the contract value of the work completed, including materials and equipment delivered to the job site during the preceding calendar month, and will be based upon an estimate prepared on the twenty-fifth (25th) day of each month by the Contractor, subject to

the approval of the Engineer. Such monthly payment will in no way be construed as an act of acceptance for any part of the work partially or totally completed. The balance of the five percent (5%) due the Contractor will be paid not earlier than thirty-one (31) days from the date of final acceptance of said work by the District Trustees, subject to the conditions and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 573 of the Code of Iowa, as amended. No such partial or final payment will be due until the Contractor has certified to the Engineer that the materials, labor, and services involved in each estimate have been paid for in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications. Payments shall be made in cash from funds on hand; money from the sale of Bonds; or other monies which can be legally used for this work.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by CGA, 739 Park Avenue, Ackley Iowa; phone 641-847-3273. Copies of the plans and specifications for this project can be downloaded at no charge from www.cgaplanroom.com or a printed copy can be obtained by contacting Beeline + Blue at 2507 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312 or by phone at 515-244-1611. A \$50 refundable deposit is required for all printed plan sets and specifications. The fee is REFUNDABLE, provided the following conditions are met: 1) The plans and specifications are returned to CGA complete and in good usable condition and 2) they are returned to the above address within fourteen (14) calendar days after the award of the project.

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Ann Larson, Drainage Clerk

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
City of New Providence • June 12, 2023

The New Providence City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00p.m. at Providence Township Hall- W Main St. Council members present were Marty Lange, Rod Hanson, Lou Schafer, Chris Renihan (arrived 6:05pm) and Janine Albee. Larry Balvanz and Steve Teske were also present.

Mayor Denny Reece called the meeting to order.

AGENDA: Hanson made motion to approve agenda; Schafer second. MC Unanimously

MINUTES: Schafer made a motion to approve May mtg minutes; second Hanson. MC Unanimously

OLD BUSINESS: Schafer made motion to approve Resolution 98-2023 releasing one defendant on judgment; second Albee. Roll Call Vote: Abstain: Lange. Ayes: Albee, Hanson and Schafer. Absent: Renihan. MC 203 N. MAIN ST: Discussion on dogs and council would like Mayor to contact city attorney.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: 617 Peach: No Action. 29050 QQ Ave: Schafer made motion to proceed with next step of nuisance process at 29050 QQ Ave; second Albee. MC Unanimously. Mayor will contact attorney. Albee made motion to order two Port-a-pots for NP Days; second Schafer. MC Unanimously.

ELECTION: Reviewed candidates for election in November.

FINANCIAL: Schafer made mo-

tion to accept current month financials; second Hanson. MC Unanimously.

RESOLUTION 97-2023: Hanson made motion to approve Resolution #97-2023 for bank change effective July 3rd; second Schafer. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lange, Renihan, Albee, Hanson and Schafer. Nays: None. MC. OFFICE EQUIPMENT: Schafer made motion to have Kim purchase a new laptop, printer and digital recorder up to \$1,400.00; second Hanson. MC Unanimously. CD RENEWALS: Lange made motion to renew HCSB CD's at higher rate for 9months; second Renihan. MC Unanimously. Schafer made motion to have Mayor renew CD's at highest rate at Greenbelt Bank; second Lange. MC Unanimously. RESOLUTION #99-2023: Hanson made motion to approve Resolution #99-2023 extending Cathy's employment to continue training for new City Clerk; but, with change to delete hourly rate and remain as salary of \$1733.33; second Albee. Ayes: Lange, Renihan, Albee, Hanson and Schafer. Nays: none. MC KNIGHT SANITATION: Clerk informed council of Knight Sanitation billing and to be alert on future invoices per City contract.

UTILITY REPORTS: GPS MAP-PING: Revisit next month. NORTH WELL: Well will be pulled in July. ACCOUNT 11719-3 & 11703-3: Remain as two separate billings

until work is completed. Account# 9701: Albee made motion to not bill for recent water usage on account #9701; second Hanson. MC Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: CITY IMPROVEMENTS: Schafer made motion to have City Lot at 203 E. Main St put up for sale; second Albee. MC Unanimously. Hanson made motion to have attorney start process for 201 E Main St for city acquisition; second Lange. MC Unanimously. Hanson made motion to send mowing nuisance abatement for 506 Grape St; second Renihan. MC Unanimously. 911: Will be reviewing the 3 applicants for assistant.

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT: Schafer moved to approve the following bills; second Renihan. MC Unanimously: Alliant Energy, electrical 821.60; Heart of Iowa, phone & wifi 83.24; Ipers, May 493.94; IRS, May 630.40; Ia Dept of Rev, water tax 125.65; Ia One Call, phone 28.00; Cathy Diedrich, supplies 220.08; John Gray, wages 266.17; Mid America, publications 89.10; USPO, envelopes 769.80; AAA Septic, park 90.00; IAMU, dues 634.00; Hobson Greenhouse, city flowers 207.00; Kim Houck, wages 215.15; Cathy Diedrich, wages & mileage 1541.70; Rhonda Guy, wtr mgmt 425.00; Knight Sanitation, May & spring clean up 1425.00; Lavelle Lawn, spray

250.00; NP Hardware, supplies 30.95; Radcliffe Telephone, phone 53.83; Sheriff Hardin Co, contract law 449.27; Karen Gregory, deposit refund 59.98; Nationwide Ins, bond 175.00; Larry Balvanz, wages & mowing 1278.98; Steve Teske, wages & mowing 1533.35; Dennis Reece, mayor pay 738.80; Martin Lange, council pay 221.64; Chris Renihan, council pay 258.33; Janine Albee, council pay 184.70; Rod Hanson, council pay 258.58; Lou Schafer, council pay 295.52; Total of all bills: \$13854.76. May receipts: General 3496.44; Employer Tax Levy 108.83; Capital Improvement 1687.61; Community Svc 1687.62; Franchise 1854.77; Garbage 1896.55; Roads 1417.16; Sewer 2493.93; Water 3141.21; total receipts 17784.12. May expenses: General 17613.64; Employer Tax Levy 134.46; Community Service 449.27; Garbage 1272.09; Roads 701.86; Sewer 688.86; Water 2480.08; total expenses \$23340.26.

Hanson moved to adjourn, second Lange. MC Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00pm at Providence Township Hall-W. Main.

Dennis Reece, Mayor
Attest: Kim Houck, City Clerk

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