

ELDORA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Eldora City Council was called to order by Mayor Denny Barnard at 6:00pm on Tuesday January 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Don Lauchner, Maile Carter, Bev Jones, Wes Landis, and Scott Swartz.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Lauchner, seconded by Landis to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

WELCOME MESSAGE

Mayor gave a welcome message and had the council introduce themselves.

COUNCIL TRAINING

The city attorney provided a brief training to council and the mayor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Emma Chase spoke for the Eldora Chamber of Commerce, inviting businesses to join. New membership levels are now available and new website – www.eldorachamber.org

ORDINANCE READINGS

1. Ordinance 943: Adding Chapter 73 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Recreational Vehicles and Trailers

- a. Consider motion to approve the second reading

Motion by Carter, seconded by Swartz to approve the second reading. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Lauchner, Carter, Landis and Swartz.

Nays: Jones

Motion passed.

2. Ordinance 944: Amending Chapter 76 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Bicycle Regulations

- a. Consider motion to approve the second reading

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Landis to approve the second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ordinance 945: Amending Chapter 151 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Trees

- a. Consider motion to approve the second reading

Motion by Carter, seconded by Lauchner to approve the second reading. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Lauchner, Carter, Landis, and Swartz

Nays: Jones

Motion passed.

4. Ordinance 946: Amending Chapter 69 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Parking Regulations

- a. Consider motion to approve the second reading

Motion by Carter, seconded by Jones to approve the second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Ordinance 947: Amending Chapter 65 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Stop or Yield Required

- a. Consider motion to approve the second reading

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Landis to approve the second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Ordinance 948: Amending Chapter 156 of the Eldora Municipal Code – Signs

- a. Consider motion to approve the second reading

Motion by Carter, seconded by Bev to approve the second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider Approval of Minutes
- b. Consider Approval of December Revenue and Expense Report
- c. Consider Approval of Resolution 01-26-3650: Approve January Monthly Claims
- d. Consider Approval of Resolution 01-26-3651: Approve Wage Adjustments
- e. Consider Approval of Resolution 01-26-3652: Approve Semi-Annual Transfers
- f. Consider Approval of Rotary Park and Dollar General Liquor Licenses
- g. Consider Approval of Hardin County Solid Waste Appointments – Scott Peden (Don Lauchner as alternate)

Motion by Landis, seconded by Jones to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Opinion of Cost for Reisinger Project – Drainage Improvements

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Landis to open the public hearing at 6:34pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Lucas with CGA gave a summary of the project. No public comments.

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Lauchner to close the public hearing at 6:38pm. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider Approval of Resolution 01-26-3653: Approving Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract and Opinion of Probable Cost for the Construction of the Reisinger Drainage Improvement Project

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Carter to approve resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Discussion to Review Bids Received for the Reisinger Drainage Improvement Project

Lucas provided the bid tabulations and recommended the lowest bidder – Gehrke

- c. Consider Approval of Resolution 01-26-3654: Accepting Bid and Authorizing the Award of Contract, for the Construction of the Reisinger Drainage Improvement Project

Motion by Carter, seconded by Jones, to approve resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Sanitary Sewer Point Repairs

Motion by Jones, seconded by Landis to approve repairs and not exceed \$30,000. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Water Plant Filter Repairs

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Landis to approve filter repairs engineering fee. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Consider Approval of Resolution 01-26-3655: Approve Vacating a Park in Block “C”, of Pierce Place Addition Near Corner of 8th Avenue and 12th Street to Adjacent Landowner

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Carter to approve resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Consider Approval and Authorization for the Mayor to Sign the Quit Claim Deed

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Bev authorizing the mayor to sign. Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 01-26-3656: Approve New EMS Fee Schedule

Motion by Carter, seconded by Jones to approve resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Consider Approval of Committee Appointments

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Landis to approve appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

- j. Consider Approval of Appointing Scott Swartz Mayor Pro Tem

Motion by Carter seconded by Jones, to approve mayor pro tem appointment. Motion carried unanimously

k. Discussion and Consider Approval of the Annual Fire Department Report

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Carter to approve report. Motion carried unanimously.

l. Discussion and Consider Approval of Fire Department By-Laws

Council discussion to change verbiage from intoxicated to impaired. Motion by Carter, seconded by Jones to approve the by-laws with the proposed change. Motion carried unanimously.

m. Discussion and Consider Approval of Resolution 01-26-3657: Fire Leadership Wage Adjustment

Motion by Swartz, seconded by Landis to approve resolution. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Lauchner, Landis and Swartz

Nays: Carter and Jones

Motion passed.

n. Discussion on Junior Firefighter Program

Chief Clemons provided an overview of the program he would like to bring back to the department. Waiting for attorney and workman's' comp input before moving forward.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor reminded residents of the pool fundraisers.

ADJOURN

Motion by Jones to adjourn at 7:32pm.