

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at City Hall with Mayor Coulter presiding. Council members answering roll call were Craig Brown, Kaye Cranston and Jerry Potts. Missy Streeby and Reed Vass were absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Motion by Potts to approve the agenda, second by Cranston, all aye, motion carried.

Mayor Coulter opened the public hearing on the intent to vacate and convey by Quit Claim Deed an undeveloped portion of High Street. An easement agreement will be made between Jerry Lee Potts and Julia Potts and Donald Ades for the water lines. Mayor Coulter closed the public hearing.

Mayor Coulter opened the public hearing for budget FY16. No written or oral comments were heard. Mayor Coulter closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes January 13, 2014 December 17, 2014 and bills. Motion by Cranston to approve the consent agenda, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Discussion was held on a zoning variance request for 600 High Street. Motion by Cranston to allow publishing notice of a public hearing for the zoning variance, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to allow the variance for Carrie Teninty to install a basketball hoop on the east side of the property by the fence, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Library –A written report was received.

Cemetery –Discussion was held on the open position. Motion by Brown to advertise for the position, second by Cranston, all aye, motion carried. Applications will be taken until March 6th at 4:00pm. Pay is set for \$9.00 per hour.

Discussion was held on purchasing a new lawn mower for the cemetery. Motion by Potts to table until further information is obtained, second by Cranston, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Motion by Potts to authorize budget FY16, second by Cranston, all aye, motion carried.

Engineer – No report

Fire Department –Motion by Brown to authorize Doug Manley as a permanent fire fighter with no probation, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

A breakfast has been scheduled for March 15th from 6am to 11am at the fire station.

Law Enforcement – A written report was received. Discussion was held on grant writing.

Public Works – No Report

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received.

Historic Preservation –Linda Durflinger was present to update the council.

Trails – No report.

River Front – Carrie Teninty updated the council on leasing and selling the property. The property can be leased. The property can also be sold if the Iowa Department of Natural Resources approves and the \$50,000.00 is paid back.

Roger Gosnell will attend the March meeting to update the council on what the Eldon Depot wishes to pursue.

Eldon Athletic Club – Motion by Potts to allow the purchase of a new drag for the ball field, second by Cranston, all aye, motion carried. The city will pay for half the cost of the drag and the Eldon Athletic Club will pay half the cost.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion was held on the Clinic building.

NEW BUSINESS – Motion by Potts to authorize Resolution 2015-3 – A Resolution adopting the final assessment schedule entered against properties in the City of Eldon for costs associated with the demolition of a public nuisance and directing further proceedings by the city clerk, second by Brown, roll call vote taken, all aye.

Motion by Potts to authorize Resolution 2015-4 – A Resolution vacating and thereafter conveying by Quit Claim Deed an undeveloped portion of High Street, located in Eldon, Iowa, second by Cranston, roll call vote taken , all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize Resolution 2015-5 – A Resolution approving the applications for tax abatement in the City of Eldon, Iowa, second by Potts, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried. Only the properties that are complete will be approved.

Motion by Cranston to authorize donating \$100.00 to Cardinal High School after Prom Party, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Discussion was held on plowing at the cemetery. The cemetery road is only plowed in the winter if a funeral is being held.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.