

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Craig Brown, Patti Durflinger, Mike McClure, Jerry Potts and Shirley Stacey. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Motion by Stacey to approve the agenda, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular meeting minutes January 12, 2016 and special meeting minutes January 27, 2016 and bills. Motion by Potts to approve the consent agenda, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Nick Martini was not present.

Chris Messer with Alliant Energy was present to discuss the electric and gas franchise. Discussion was held on a franchise fee. Chris will get more information for the council.

Troy with Sedore Trash Removal was present to discuss garbage service inside city limits.

Motion by McClure to waive \$84.00 in sewer charges due to a water leak for Shelly Miller, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Patti Durflinger updated the council on the American Gothic Performing Arts Festival plans for American Gothic Days. Motion by Stacey to allow closing 5<sup>th</sup> Street, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried. 5<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed for a few hours from Elm Street to the alley south on Saturday and Sunday.

City Clerk – Discussion was held on the budget. A work session has been scheduled for February 16, 2016 at 4:00pm.

Public Works – Discussion was held on the wooden playground equipment that was removed from the playground. Consensus of the council was to take sealed bids on the equipment. Sealed bids will be opened at the March meeting.

Mayor Potts discussed the tree that the city cut down on High Street that have not been removed by the property owner. Consensus of the council was for city employees to remove the tree.

Fire Department – Motion by Potts to allow Josh Gordon as a temporary fire department member, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Law Enforcement – Discussion was held on the police position. Motion by McClure to advertise for the position, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried. This is a part time temporary position, subject to council renewal language, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Library – A written report was received.

Cemetery – No Report

Trails – Carrie Teninty updated the council on Project Aware.

Discussion was held on 7<sup>th</sup> Street drainage. Contact will be made with a trails committee member.

Engineer – Jim Warner was present to discuss the storm sewer project on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Nicole Greenwood opened the bids for the project. One bid was received from Drish Construction in the amount of \$37769.60. One bid was received from D&C Concrete in the amount of \$28635.49. Motion by McClure to award the project to D&C Concrete, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Jim Warner explained to the council that IDOT wants a study done on water flow. Jim will gather more information.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received. Council member Stacey updated the council on upcoming events.

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

Eldon Athletic Club – Carrie Teninty updated the council on JeWaKe.

Playground – No report.

Ways, Means and Supplies – No report.

Streets, alleys and sewers – No report.

Buildings, grounds, claims and parks – Council member Brown asked about the old fire station building. Mayor Potts is working on the project and will present at the March meeting.

Judiciary, officers and accounts – No report.

Health and Sanitation – Discussion was held on nuisance properties.

Waterworks, electric lights, fire departments –No report.

OLD BUSINESS – One bid was received for the asbestos removal at 501 Elm Street from James Bedinger in the amount of \$2500.00. Motion by McClure to authorize the bid, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried. Mayor Potts will contact Mr. Bedinger.

Discussion was held on the demolition of 501 Elm Street. Committee members will meet with the fire department members on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the fire station.

Discussion was held on the bid from LL Pelling. Councilman McClure will contact to get more information.

Garbage and dumpster rates tabled until further notice.

Motion by McClure to allow garbage/dumpster service inside city limits, with the exception of Hwy 918 to Hwy 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to Washington Street, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried. A thirty day notice will be sent to the affected customers. Carrie Teninty will check with Mr. Zingg before wending out the notices.

NEW BUSINESS –

Discussion was held on 103 KD Avenue. A notice will be sent for the illegal fence.

Discussion was held on the designation of individuals for precinct election officials. Council member Stacey will research.

Motion by McClure to authorize Resolution 2016-1 A resolution approving the applications for tax abatement, second by Potts, roll call vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Historic Preservation Committee. Members will be Linda Durflinger, Jerry Cranston, Phyllis Baldrige, Tim and Kathy Fortney.

Discussion was held on city mowers. Tabled until further information can be obtained.

Public Forum – None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Council member asked about placing benches along the river off of Water Street for fishing.

Council member Stacey asked about the open positions. This will be on the agenda for February 16, 2016.

Motion by Durflinger to adjourn, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty