

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Stacey 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. Jerry Lee Potts was absent.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Stacey opened the public hearing on plans and specifications for proposed land or building use or occupancy not permitted by the residential district ordinance. Council member Brown asked about the parking. Parking is allowed on Cornell Street. No written comments were received. Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular minutes December 13, 2016 and special meeting minutes December 22, 2016. Motion by McClure to approve minutes, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize bills, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –Randy McClure was present to discuss a variance application for his property on Cornell Street and Hearn Street commercial to place a 24x24 greenhouse. Motion by Potts to allow the variance request, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Jonathan Vice was present to discuss vacating a portion of Lynam Street and a portion of Lutz Street. Motion by Potts to allow vacating and selling a portion of Lynam Street providing he builds on the property, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to allow a building permit from Tim Bevins at 100 Elm Street, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on a proposed lease agreement with TNT Trucking. Carrie Teninty will send an invitation to Toby Johnson to the next regular city council meeting to discuss the proposed lease.

City Clerk – Discussion was held on 112 Caster utility bill. Motion by Brown to pay half the bill now and half the bill when the service line is complete, all aye, motion carried. The bill must be paid in full before the water will be turned back on.

Discussion was held on 203 Des Moines Street utility bill. Motion by Potts to allow a monthly payment in the amount of \$300.00 plus the monthly water bill, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on an excavation safety awareness program through Iowa One Call. Consensus was to allow the public works department to attend the program on February 21, 2017.

Public Works – No report.

Carrie Teninty left the meeting at 7:00pm. Linda Durflinger took over the minutes.

Fire Department – Discussion was held on compliance for IMWCA. The fire department must have physicals and medical records of all fire department members in binder accessible by January 20, 2017.

Library – Discussion was held on the library roof project. Paul Zingg will review the plans and specifications.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks –No report.

Engineer – A written update was available about the survey on High Street from Warner Engineering.

Gothic Visitors Center – Sarah Camp was present to update the council on the visitor's center. The soup smorgasbord will be held on February 11 at the KD Center from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The next event will be Brews and Brushes.

Historic Preservation –

Eldon Athletic Club – No report.

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OLD BUSINESS – Motion by McClure to authorize Ordinance 342 - An ordinance amending chapter 12.04 (maintenance of streets and alleys) and chapters 13.12 (water connection), 13.14 (water sewer regulations), and 13.18 (sanitary sewer system) to add provisions requiring insurance for excavations, installations, repairs, maintenance and connections to the city streets, water system and sewer system, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize waiving the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 342, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize Ordinance 345 – An Ordinance increasing the administrative fees for the abatement of weeds and offensive growth, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize waiving the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 345, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on adding fees to the General Provisions of the City Code. Consensus was to table until the next regular council meeting.

Discussion was held on the clinic building.

Discussion was held on city hall building. The windows need to be sealed.

Discussion was held on 420 1st Street. The property owner has made some effort to clean up but the nuisance has not been completely abated. A second citation will be filed with the new fee schedule for fines.

A list of ten to twelve houses will be compiled before the next regular council meeting that are nuisances. Letters will be sent to the property owners before other action is taken by the city.

Discussion was held on the employee handbook. Paul Zingg will revise the handbook. This item will be on the agenda at the next regular council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Three bids were received for the metal at the city shop. Motion by Potts to allow Scott Schmidt to complete the work in the amount of \$2746.50, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to allow McClure Concrete in the amount of \$450.00 to seal and level the floor at the city shop, second by Brown, all aye, McClure abstained, motion carried.

Discussion was held on heavy machinery on city streets. Consensus was to table until the next regular council meeting.

Discussion was held on returned check notification. Motion by Potts to remain sending a ten day notice, second by Brown, Durflinger yes, Stacey yes, McClure opposed, motion carried.

Building permits were tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Motion by Potts to allow an agreement for maintenance and repair of primary roads with IDOT, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to allow the purchase in the amount of \$1900.00 for new tool boxes for the city trucks, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on old police uniforms and the Taser. Motion by Potts to allow selling the items to the City of Richland, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried. The clothing will be sold at half the cost of new. The Taser will be sold at 20% off new cost.

The budget and wages were tabled.

Public Forum – None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – A work session will be held on January 25, 2017 with Holly Berg from Area XV Regional Planning and Brad Grafe with Ottumwa Economic Development Association.

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Motion by McClure to adjourn the meeting, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty