

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 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 Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular meeting November 8, 2016. Motion by Potts to approve minutes, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –Randy McClure was present to discuss a variance request to zone his property on Cornell Street and Hearn Street commercial to place a 24x24 greenhouse. Motion by Brown to publish in the paper for the public hearing to be held at the January regular council meeting, second by Durflinger, Stacey yes, Potts yes and McClure abstained, motion carried.

Discussion on the water bill at 109 E Walnut Street. Motion by Potts to allow a monthly payment in the amount of \$200.00 for the past due amount plus the monthly utility bill, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Sawyer Manley was present to discuss an extension for his sewer/storm sewer repairs. Motion by Brown to allow a six month extension, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Discussion was held on the holiday pay. Motion by Potts to amend the handbook to state that employees will not be paid overtime pay for meter reading on holidays, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried. The employee that read the meters on Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving Day will be paid according to the handbook at the time.

Public Works – Motion by McClure to allow Jerred Reed to attend waste water training in February, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Fire Department – Councilman McClure updated the council on creating a joint fire board. Discussion was held on Washington Township paying for a portion of workman's compensation. Motion by McClure to bill Washington Township \$1702.00 for a portion of workman's compensation, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on fire fighter physicals. Consensus of the council was to allow until the end of December for all members to complete the IMWCA required physicals. Members who have not completed the required IMWCA physicals will be removed from the fire department roster.

Library – A written report was received.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks –No report.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – Sara was present to update the council on the visitor's center.

Historic Preservation – Linda Durflinger was present to update the council on the progress of the Lock keepers house.

Eldon Athletic Club – Motion by McClure to allow the Eldon Athletic Club to purchase ball equipment, ball concessions, and ball uniforms, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried.

Playground – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion was held on bulk water. Research will be done to see what options are available to keep it open.

Discussion was held on grant writing. The prior motion made in 2012 will be how grant writing will be done. Grants written for the city must have prior approval and any grant written for the City of Eldon expected to be paid for must have prior approval at a regular city council meeting and compensation will be discussed at the time of approval of the grant

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Discussion was held on the minimum wage ordinance. Motion by Brown to allow Mr. Zingg to write an ordinance to opt out of the minimum wage ordinance, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried. A special council meeting will be held on December 22, 2016 at 4:00pm to discuss the ordinance.

Discussion was held on the clinic building and the interest in prospects for the building.

Discussion was held on city hall building. The windows and doors need to be replaced. The building and grounds committee will get costs.

Motion by Potts to allow \$5000.00 to Warner Engineering to survey High Street, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on a proposed lease for TNT Trucking. Discussion was held on improving the sanitary conditions of the property. Item was tabled until the regular January council meeting.

Motion by Stacey to authorize Ordinance 342– An Ordinance amending chapter 12.04 and chapter 13.12 and 13.18 to add provisions requiring insurance for excavations, installations, repairs, maintenance and connections to the city streets, water system and sewer system, second by Durflinger, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize Ordinance 343 – An Ordinance amending the penalties for municipal infractions, second by Brown, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Stacey to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 342 and Ordinance 343, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Motion by McClure to authorize payment to Donna Jeffrey for Christmas lights in the amount of \$114.39, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Stacey to allow the purchase from Cobler Sign & Graphics in the amount of \$200.00 for the city shop, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried. City employees will install the sign.

Discussion was held on junk cars, unlicensed cars and nuisance properties. Consensus was to send out thirty day notices to nuisance properties. Notices will include a copy of ordinance 343 stating the new fines.

Discussion was held on 408 Water Street. The property owner will get a thirty day notice to abate the property.

Discussion was held on city code section 7.44.060. Mr. Zingg will amend the ordinance to raise the fee to \$150.00 per hour for labor, \$150.00 per hour for equipment and \$150.00 for administrative fees.

Public Forum – None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty