

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 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 Brown to approve the amended agenda by Adding the Wapello County Fairgrounds utility bill, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular revised minutes March 14, 2017, special meeting minutes March 22, 2017. Motion by McClure to approve minutes, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Barb Black was present to discuss a memorial for Steve Rupe. The family would like to plant three trees along Water Street. Motion by McClure to allow the planting on city property, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried. The family will plant the trees.

Sean Coulter was present to get authorization to close 4th Street for the street dance for Gothic Days. Motion by Potts to allow closing 4th Street, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to allow the building permit for 611 KD Avenue, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Jonathan Vice will be on the agenda for the May meeting for a fence permit at 411 Center Street. A variance will not be required to install a barbed wire fence.

Motion by McClure to allow the fence permit and variance at 303 KD Avenue, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the parking in the right of way at 303 KD Avenue on 2nd Street. Consensus was to not allow the parking in the right of way.

Motion by Potts to allow the fence permit at 104 Cornell Street, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to allow the fence permit at 600 High Street, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to allow the liquor license at the Eldon Kwik Shop, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Discussion was held on the sewer code. Changes will be made to state more specific specifications.

Carrie Teninty updated the council on the tree planting that will take place on April 21st. Consensus was to allow the purchase of twenty bags of mulch for ten trees to be planted.

Discussion was held on the exit signs with emergency lighting that are to be installed at city hall and the library hall. Carrie Teninty will contact Crescent Electric to see if they have battery operated signs.

Discussion was held on disconnect notices. Utility bills are due on the 10th of each month. Disconnect day is the 21st of each month. These dates will remain the same.

Motion by Potts to allow Carrie Teninty to write a Trees Forever Grant to plant trees in the Rock Island Park and the KD Center, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Public Works – Council member Potts asked the public works department to clean up in front of the doorway at the city shop.

Fire Department – Dave Weir was present to represent the Washington Township. Carrie Teninty will contact Noel Insurance to see if the city and township could combine insurance costs for the fire department. A special meeting has been scheduled for April 25, 2017 at 6:00.

Discussion was held on the generator at the fire station. Motion by Brown to allow himself to look at the generator at no cost to the city, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried. Council member Brown will try to have some answers by the special meeting scheduled for April 25, 2017.

Library – A written report was received.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received. Sarah Camp was present to update the city council on the activities scheduled for the American Gothic House Center.

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

Eldon Athletic Club – Motion by Potts to allow \$150.00 fundraiser through Hy-Vee, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Playground – No report.

OLD BUSINESS – One sealed bid was received for the 2016 Rhino finish mower from Ron Potts in the amount of \$1000.00. Motion by McClure to accept the bid, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to waive the sewer charges and only charge the cost of water in the amount of \$701.50 for the Wapello County Fairgrounds water leak, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion was held on Cardinal Community School District leasing the city hall building. The city would want a 2 year commitment with rent negotiable. Council member Durflinger will contact Mr. Pederson to see if he would be available to attend the May council meeting.

Discussion was held on wages for mowing. Motion by Potts to allow \$10.00 per hour for Dean Fitzsimmons and Todd Cremer for mowing, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried. The new wage will take effect immediately.

Discussion was held on the fence permit setbacks. This will be on the agenda for the April 25th meeting.

Discussion was held on bids received for 9th Street repair. One bid was for asphalt and one bid for concrete. Consensus was to send specifications to all local contractors for sealed bids on concrete.

Discussion was held on the storm sewer repair. This project will be included in the bids for concrete on 9th Street.

Motion by Potts to allow closing 5th Street next to the Opera House for Gothic Days, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – Dave Showman discussed a cat ordinance and the dog license.

Richard Hemm explained to the council that additional lighting will be installed at the depot to help prevent vandalism.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Discussion was held on changing some of the city ordinances. This will be on the agenda for the April 25th meeting.

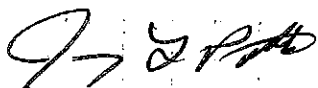
Council member Stacey explained that she did talk with Toby Johnson about the cleanup of city property that was previously leased to TNT Trucking. They agreed on a plan for the cleanup that will be monitored.

Discussion was held on clarification on the city newsletter regarding the Dangerous Animal Ordinance. Pitbulls or any characteristics thereof are not allowed inside the city limits.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty



The Eldon City Council met in special session at the Eldon City Hall on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Patti Durflinger, Mike McClure, Jerry Potts and Shirley Stacey. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Council member Brown was absent.

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

Dave Weir, Robert Thomas, Fred Thomas and Janice Durflinger was present to discuss an agreement with the city and the Washington Township for the fire department. Willene White with Noel Insurance was present to discuss the insurance options. More information will be obtained regarding the titles and insurance for the townships trucks. This will be discussed at the May 9th meeting.

Discussion was held on revising city ordinances. The ordinance changes will be on the May 9th meeting.

Motion by Durflinger to allow the purchase of a pull behind trimmer in the amount of \$1200.00, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to allow Resolution 2017-7 – A Resolution authorizing the Iowa Department of Transportation Sign Replacement Program for Cities, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Attest: Carrie Teninty

