

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 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 Stacey to amend the bill list by taking off Disney Movie Club and Iowa State Library, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular minutes August 8, 2017. Motion by McClure to approve the minutes, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to approve the bills, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Motion by Stacey to authorize the contract with Area 15 Regional Planning Commission for the façade project, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Durflinger to hire Molly Myers Naumann as the historian for the façade project, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to hire Curtis Architecture and Design as the Architect for the façade project, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on a fence permit for George Bennett. Motion by Durflinger to allow the fence permit with no electric allowed, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Dave Showman was present to discuss the ditch and drainage on his property. The mayor stated that the city has no issues with the work that has been completed.

Kim Larue was present to discuss a letter she received from the city regarding parking in the right of way. She presented several pictures of other residences that park in the right of way. She was the only resident that received a letter. The city ordinance states that there is no parking in the city right of way. Violators may be issued a citation.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – No report.

Fire Department – Motion by Stacey to authorize the 28E Agreement with the Washington Township, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Durflinger to close 5th Street during the hours of the haunted house, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on renting a porta potty during the haunted house. The council would like to know the cost and who will be paying for the rental.

Discussion was held on the Eldon Fire and Rescue Inc monies. The council would like an agreement with Eldon Fire and Rescue Inc regarding the monies from donations and fundraisers.

Law Enforcement – A Written report was received.

Library – A written report was received.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks –No report.

Engineer-

Gothic Visitors Center – Sarah Camp was present to update the city council on the activities scheduled for the American Gothic House Center. Motion by Brown to allow the installation of a no parking sign in front of the American Gothic House Center, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried.

Historic Preservation – No report.

Eldon Athletic Club – No report

Playground –No report.

OLD BUSINESS –Jim Warner was present to update the council on the progress of the sewer project. Motion by McClure to allow Boitnott to clean out the sewer pipe up to 60 hours, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Boy Scout building water/sewer service lines. The sewer service line will be included in the sewer project lining of the sewer pipe. If the Boy Scout building connects to the sewer at a later date they will have to reconnect.

Discussion was held on the placement of the signs acquired from the Iowa department of Transportation Grant. The signs will be placed where the grant states. The money from this grant cannot be obtained until all signs are installed.

Discussion was held on leasing the clinic building to Cardinal Community School District for the use of the alternative school. The school will not make any changes to the building. This would be a one year agreement. Motion by Stacey to have Mr. Zingg draft an agreement for one year with the rent being \$500.00 each month, second by Brown, Durflinger yes, Potts opposed and McClure opposed, motion carried. This lease agreement will be contingent on city council approval.

Discussion was held on the outdoor warning system maintenance agreement. Tim Richmond has provided two others companies that provide this service. More research will be done.

Discussion was held on the dog ordinance and issuing dog licenses. The ordinance will remain the same.

NEW BUSINESS – Motion by McClure to approve \$149.99 each year for Carbonite back up for the city software, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on building permits. Permits must be obtained to construct or repair a driveway, construct or repair a sidewalk, construct a fence and any other structures being built in city limits. This does include a deck and a lean to. Commercial property will have to apply for a permit to pour a concrete pad on their property. Residents that are connecting to city water or wastewater services lines or city water or waste water mains must have bonded contractor do the work. All ordinances pertaining to permits may be seen at city hall. Residents will not be authorized to construct or reconstruct until the permit is authorized by the city council. Fines may apply if the ordinances are not followed. Motion by Brown to authorize the revised building permit application, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Stacey to authorize the contract for propane with B&B Propane, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on getting prior approval from the city council before any citations are issued. Mr. Zingg will write an ordinance.

Discussion was held on security cameras being installed around town. Consensus of the council was to proceed with getting quotes.

Discussion was held on recycling. The public works department has been placing notes in residents recycling bins with the rules of what is allowed to be recycled. All recycling will be picked up that is recyclable.

Motion by Brown to allow Cardinal Cheerleaders to repair the logo in front of city hall, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the old playground equipment. The equipment will still go to the ball field.

Motion by Potts to allow the credit limit to be raised to \$2000.00 on the Visa card, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the trash bins on Elm Street and in the Rock Island Park. The city will try to purchase trash cans to go inside of the standing trash bins instead of replacing the entire bin.

Discussion was held on Adopt a Highway Program. Council member Durflinger will see if she can find a group to take over the program.

Discussion was held on the front door of city hall. Quotes will be obtained to replace the door and the frame.

Discussion was held on repairing the concrete on 5th Street next to the Opera House. Specifications will be written out and given to contractors. The west side curb on 9th Street and the curb in front of Libertyville Savings Bank will also be repaired.

Certain manholes also need to be raised up. That will be included in the sewer project.

PUBLIC FORUMN – Pearl Cloke was present to discuss citations in city limits. She wanted to know how the properties are chosen. The city does tour periodically. A list is provided to the city council and nuisance abatements are issued.

Pearl Cloke also expressed her concerns for the alternative school being moved into the clinic building. Her concerns were the traffic in the area and the children in the alley.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Shirley Stacey thanked the city employees for taking the time to show an autistic child the city machinery.

Shirley Stacey explained that a volunteer had cleaned the dirt and grass around the triangle. The city employees will clean up the piles of dirt.

Past practice has been that city employees clean along curbs with machinery.

Council member Brown explained to the council that the fire department generator is working. An extra part will be kept on hand.

Carrie Teninty discussed the upcoming holiday schedule for city employees. City hall will be closed on November 10th, November 23rd and November 24th, December 25th, 26th and 27th and January 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Garbage route will remain the same in November. For the holidays the garbage will be picked up on December 27th and January 3rd.

Mike McClure asked about the storm sewer city code. Mr. Zingg will do the research.

Dave Showman explained to the city council that he will be washing cars on his concrete pad that was constructed. Mayor Potts explained that the city has no issues with him washing cars on his property.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty