

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Craig Brown, Jerry Potts and Shirley Stacey. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Patti Durlinger and Michael McClure were absent.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular minutes November 14, 2017. Motion by Stacey to approve the minutes, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

City Clerk – Motion by Potts to authorize \$11.00 per hour for Patty Robertson as deputy city clerk, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried.

Carrie Teninty updated the council on the 28E Agreement with Washington Township. The monies have not been transferred at this time. Discussion was held on the fire truck that will be signed over to the city. As of today the amount owed to Libertyville savings bank is \$14481.34. Motion by Potts to pay off the truck when the city takes possession, second by Stacey, all aye, motion carried.

Carrie Teninty updated the council on the sewer project funding. Iowa Finance Authority applications are due by March 1st. Motion by Stacey to proceed with Iowa Finance Authority for loan money, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on CDBG monies. Applications are due in April 1st. Carrie Teninty will obtain more information to see if the city can administer the grant.

Discussion was held on the law enforcement proposal from Wapello County Sheriff. This will be on the agenda at the January meeting.

Discussion was held on leasing or selling city owned property on West Walnut Street. This will be on the agenda at the January meeting.

Carrie Teninty presented an Award of Recognition to Jerry Potts for serving forty seven years as an elected official.

Public Works – Jerred Reed was present. Discussion was held on the purchase of a new sander. Motion by Brown to allow the purchase in the amount of \$5860.00 from Henderson Equipment, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Fire Department – Linda Manley and Ray Schaffer was present to discuss the 28E Agreement and insurance coverage with Eldon Fire and Rescue Inc. Emergency medical services has always been provided by Eldon Fire and Rescue Inc. The Eldon Fire & Rescue, Inc. is a separate, legal entity. Linda Manley had contacted the city's insurance agent to see if the corporation was covered under the city's insurance policies and learned that it was not covered. The 28E Agreement was originally proposed at the October meeting with all monies received by Eldon Fire and Rescue Inc. going to the city and emergency medical services would be provided. Eldon Fire & Rescue Inc. insisted that the language be changed to allow the corporation to keep its donations and they would continue to provide emergency medical services.

ICAP can legally endorse Eldon Fire & Rescue, Inc. to the City of Eldon policy if their sole purpose is raising funds 100% for the City of Eldon Fire Department. If all activities are 100% raising funds for the Fire Dept. then coverage will extend. However, the moment other activities are provided, there is no coverage. At this time, there is no coverage for the medical service being provided. Eldon Fire and Rescue Inc. will suspend services until further notice. Ormics has already been providing emergency medical services in the city and will continue to do so.

Law Enforcement – A Written report was received.

Library – A written report was received.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Engineer- No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – Sarah Camp was present. Discussion was held on the city appointing two members to sit on the American Gothic House Center Board. Motion by Brown to appoint Patti Durflinger to sit on the board, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Sarah Camp will ask Donna Jeffrey to see if she is willing to continue being a board member. If she is not, Shirley Stacey will be appointed. This will be on the agenda at the January meeting.

Historic Preservation – No report.

Eldon Athletic Club – No report

Playground –No report.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion was held on an agreement with Van Maanen Electric Inc. for the tornado siren maintenance. Motion by Potts, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Shirley Stacey discussed previous motions by the city council regarding building permits. No language was changed in the city code. Mr. Zingg explained that he has discussed building permits with assessor's office. Following discussion, consensus of the council was to allow Jerred Reed and Carrie Teninty to revise and simplify the building permits and present at the next regular council meeting.

Motion by Brown to hire Magnus Thunderhawk for part time garbage help, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried. Wage is set at \$10.00 per hour.

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion was held on a remote charge for residents without meter pits. Consensus of the council was to continue to replace the remotes at no cost. Jerred Reed will get a quote to switch over to radio read system.

Motion by Brown to authorize Resolution 2017-9 – A Resolution Of Necessity To Establish The Boundaries Of The Eldon Façade Improvements Project Area By Identifying The District Bounded By 4th Street, Northern ½ Of West Elm Street, 5th Street, And Southern ½ Of West Elm Street; As Well As The Eastern ¼ Of The Block Bounded By West Elm Street, 5th Street, And 6th Street As A Blighted Area In The City Of Eldon, Iowa, second by Stacey, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize Resolution 2017-10 – A Resolution fixing the amount to be assessed against property locally known as 207 Cornell Street and 609 Church Street, Eldon, Iowa for costs associated with the abatement of a public nuisance, and directing further proceedings by the city clerk, second by Brown, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Carrie Teninty updated the council on the boat dock project. GATE will be helping with the project. Consensus was to allow the project to be done in phases. The stairs and canoe/kayak access will be done first when the money is obtained through fundraising and grant writing.

PUBLIC FORUM – None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Craig Brown updated the council on the bucket truck and the dump truck. These items will be looked at when the city begins the budget.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty