

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Craig Brown, Patti Durflinger, Brian Keasling, Mike McClure and Jane Sapp. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

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

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular minutes January 9, 2018. Motion by McClure to approve the minutes, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Fred Jenkins was present to discuss an RV Park at the Wapello County Fairgrounds. The fair board intends to write a Vision Iowa Grant. Mr. Jenkins asked for city support of the project. Consensus of the council was to support the project.

Rick Hindsley was present to discuss Mediacom service. The city will write a letter about the service being provided to residents. Discussion was held on the Ottumwa Courier being mailed to residents. Mayor Potts will contact the Ottumwa Courier to discuss if they intend to provide home delivery service.

Donna Jeffrey was present to discuss the Community Catalyst Grant. Eldon Uptown/Downtown is requesting \$6,000.00 to match the grant. Motion by Brown to table until the budget session, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize the Wapello County Fairground's liquor license, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize adding a native wine to Casey's current license, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Motion by McClure to authorize the purchase of a new paper shredder in the amount of \$179.99, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the \$1,000.00 ICAP grant. Jerred Reed will present safety items to purchase.

Public Works – Motion by Brown to hire Drayton Hamm for part-time garbage help, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Jerred Reed was present to update the council on removing the Christmas lights from Elm Street.

Discussion was held on the maintenance of the fire trucks. The public works department will maintain the vehicles.

Will Roland was present to discuss the accumulation of comp hours. The employee handbook will not be changed.

Fire Department – Discussion was held on fire rescue training online. Consensus was to table.

Motion by Brown to allow the CPR recertification, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried. The cost is \$10.50 per person.

Motion by Durflinger to allow a carry concealed weapons class at the fire station, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the repair of the brush truck. Motion by Durflinger to purchase the transfer case in the amount of \$100.00 with a ninety-day warranty, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried. A bid will be obtained for a transmission and labor.

Discussion was held on repair of the Jaws of Life. Motion by McClure to repair the Jaws of Life in the amount of \$500.00, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on an AFG Grant to purchase new equipment. The total amount of the grant is \$106,320.00. The city match would be \$5,062.00. Consensus was to table until the budget session.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a new tire for the ATV for the fire department. The cost is \$300.00. Mayor Potts authorized the purchase.

Law Enforcement – No report.

Library – A written report was received. Mr. Zingg updated the council on Phase II of the library restoration. A notice to bidders will be published in the Ottumwa Courier and mailed out to local contractors.

Cemetery – Discussion was held on the removal of cremains and a headstone from the Eldon Cemetery without authorization. Consensus was for Mr. Zingg to notify the county attorney's office that the city would like the cremains and headstone returned to the cemetery. Any removal of cremains from the cemetery must follow the legal process to have them removed.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Engineer- No report.

Gothic Visitors Center - Patti Durflinger updated the council on upcoming events.

Eldon Athletics – Motion by Durflinger to allow the purchases of uniforms, equipment, concession stand items and pay league dues, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Playground – No report.

Old Business – Discussion was held on a new building on 5th Street. Consensus was to table until another bid is obtained.

Discussion was held on a 2% wage increase for full time employees. Motion by McClure to make the wage increase effective January 1, 2018, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

New Business – Discussion was held on authorizing up to \$4,000.00 towards the boat dock project Phase I. Wapello County has agreed to allow \$3,000.00 towards the project, contingent on the city contributing \$3,000.00. Consensus was to table until the budget session.

A budget work session has been set for February 22, 2018 at 4:30pm.

Motion by Brown to authorize an Amazon account for the city with Prime, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on placing residential restrictions in the 400 and 500 block of Elm Street. Mayor Potts will send out letters to the property owners to get their input.

Discussion was held on the street lights on Elm Street. Carrie Teninty will contact Alliant Energy.

Discussion was held on the peddlers permit annual fee. Mr. Zingg will check to see what Ottumwa's annual charge is.

Motion by Brown to authorize Resolution 2018-3 – A resolution approving applications for tax abatement, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Spring Cleanup has been set for May 17th. This will be a one day pick up only.

Motion by Durflinger to authorize Ordinance 349 – An Ordinance to reorganize the Eldon Fire and Rescue Department, second by Brown, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 349, second by Keasling, roll call vote taken, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize Ordinance 350 – An Ordinance amending the provisions for sidewalks to require written permits, second by Brown, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 350, second by Durflinger, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize the revised building permit application, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held selling city owned property. All fees will be paid by the buyer. A list may be obtained at city hall to see the available properties. Motion by Brown to proceed selling city owned property, second by Keasling, Durflinger yes, Sapp yes, McClure abstained, motion carried.

Public Forum – Brian Hyde with Cardinal Community School District was present to introduce himself. He is currently at Cardinal Visions building.

Council Discussion – Councilman Brown inquired to see if any council members had any input from community members regarding the lease agreement with Cardinal Community School District.

Motion by Brown to go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5 {1} {i} to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried. The council went into closed session at 8:43pm.

Councilman McClure asked Eldon Uptown/Downtown members on the council what the building next to city hall was going to be used for. At this time, the members are not sure.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Attest: Carrie Teninty