

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

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

Mayor Potts opened the public hearing. No written or oral comment was heard. Mayor Potts closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular minutes February 13, 2018, special meeting minutes February 22, 2018, and special meeting minutes February 28, 2018. Motion by McClure to approve the minutes, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

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

Craig Brown entered the meeting at 6:32pm.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Nichole Chickering was present with Girl Scouts Troop 1044. The troop would like to provide a book exchange for the community. The book exchange will be placed at the American Gothic House Center.

Chris Messer was not present.

The building permit for Dollar General on Hwy 16 was tabled until the permit is obtained.

City Clerk – Motion by McClure to authorize Budget FY19, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on ICAP coverages. Consensus was to get a cost for deductibles at \$1000, \$2500, and \$5000.

Discussion was held on forgiving sewer charges at 702 Wood Street. Motion by McClure to forgive the sewer charges on 17,000 gallons of water, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Public Works –Discussion was held on purchasing a used 60 inch rear mount grooming mower. Motion by Brown to table until Jerred Reed can look at it, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Fire Department –Discussion was held on repairing the generator at the fire station. Motion by Brown to authorize \$385.00 to repair the generator, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on burning the house at 213 W Walnut Street. Motion by Brown to allow the fire department to burn the house, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried. Jerred Reed will complete the required paperwork for IDNR once the asbestos test is complete. Linda Manley explained that Wapello Rural Fire has agreed to help. Fire Department members will not be going into the house. The fire will be used as fire hydrant training.

Law Enforcement – A written report was received.

Library – A written report was received. Ron Balmer was present to discuss Phase 2 of the library project. The board received three quotes. The Eldon Public Library Board voted to authorize the bid from TC Concrete. Motion by McClure to authorize the bid from TC Concrete to complete Phase 2, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks – Discussion was held on the trail route through the Wapello County Fairgrounds. Motion by McClure to approve the route, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried. The route will start on the east side of the spillway, continue around the pond along the fairgrounds property and then run north along the alley. The trail will be completed in lime chips.

Discussion was held on the trail easement through the fairgrounds. Carrie Teninty has written the trail easement. Motion by McClure to authorize the trail easement contingent on authorization from the city attorney, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling to allow the publication of specifications for the trail extension, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Engineer- Discussion was held on repairs that need completed at city hall. Consensus was to not hire a structural engineer to look at city hall. Craig Brown and Brian Keasling will do the research for the building.

Gothic Visitors Center – Sara Camp was present to update the city council on events scheduled at the American Gothic House Center. The Easter Egg Roll will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Historic Preservation – No report.

Eldon Uptown/Downtown – Donna Jeffrey updated the council. The group should know by the end of the month if the city is awarded the Community Catalyst Grant.

Jane Sapp asked about the community grant application process through the city. This will be discussed under new business.

Mike McClure asked about the preapplication for the Community Catalyst Grant. The application was submitted in January and states that the city was contributing \$6,000.00. Donna Jeffrey explained that the amount was written on the grant hoping the city would contribute that amount. Mike McClure asked about the \$12,500.00 in-kind work from the city. Donna Jeffrey explained that the amount is what the group felt they needed. Mike McClure asked about the \$15,000.00 allowed for the roof that is already complete. Brian Keasling stated that it was \$15,000.00 of services completed at this time. No further questions were asked.

Eldon Athletics – Carrie Teninty explained to the council that there will be four ball teams this year. The athletic club intends to purchase pea gravel to be placed by the concession stand, batting cage, and bleachers this year. The playground equipment will also be installed by the athletic club this year.

Playground – Donna Jeffrey asked if she could purchase mulch for the playground. Jerred Reed will check prices with B&B Bedding.

Discussion was held on the gate for the basketball court. Jerred Reed will lock the gate.

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

Discussion was held on residential restrictions in the 400 and 500 block of Elm Street. Motion by Keasling to table until more information is obtained, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried. Mayor Potts and Brian Keasling will contact the city attorney.

Discussion was held on the parking at Cardinal Community Alternative School. Motion by Brown to fix the south parking lot, motion dies for a lack of second. Mayor Potts will contact Joel Pederson to discuss the parking lot.

New Business – Motion by Brown to authorize Carrie Teninty to write a Branching Out Trees Forever Grant to replace trees at the KD Center and the Rock Island Park, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held negotiating the employee handbook. No changes will be made to the employee handbook.

Discussion was held on the guidelines for applications from 501 [c] [3] approved nonprofit organizations and governmental entities to the city.

Jane Sapp had concerns about grant monies being returned to the city if the grant project is delayed, cancelled or if grant funds are not used for said project. It was explained that if the project was not complete within 12 months, the nonprofit group would be required to notify the city, so an extension could be filed by the city.

Brian Keasling had concerns about the grant applications being submitted 45 days prior to the regular city council meeting. Mayor Potts stated that this requirement allows time for legal counsel, insurance agent, and city council review of the grant application.

Motion by Keasling to change the guidelines for community grant applications to say that the city grant monies shall be returned to the City of Eldon if the project is delayed after the contract time frame, cancelled, or if not all of the grant funds are used for said project, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – None

Council Discussion – Mike McClure updated the council on the street project for this year. Costs are still being obtained.

Brain Keasling asked about the Dollar Store coming to Eldon. Mike McClure explained that a contract has been signed with the property owner to sell the property.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty