

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 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 McClure to approve the agenda with the change requested that under new business the discussion on comp time come off the agenda, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Mayor Potts opened the public hearing on the disposal by sale of the City of Eldon's interest in certain real property for Lots 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in Block 16 {Doc Sawyer Park} and the South 40 feet of Lots 27, 28, and 29 in Block 26 {Behind City Hall}.

Stacey Yochum was present and asked if any easements remain on the South 40 feet of Lots 27, 28, and 29 in Block 26 {Behind City Hall}. Mayor Potts explained that if any easements are attached to the property they would remain with the property. She also questioned the city code on building on a property.

Mike Dugan was present and asked about Lots 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in Block 16 {Doc Sawyer Park}. He asked if the city was going to sell the property and not develop there since it was so close to downtown. Mayor Potts explained that development would be up to the new owner.

No written comments were received.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular meeting May 8, 2018, special meeting May 17, 2018, May 24, 2018 and June 5, 2018. Motion by McClure to approve the minutes, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Mike McClure asked about the bill to Casey's from the fire department. Drinks and food are being charged on the account. Mayor Potts explained that the drinks were more of a safety issue. Patti Durflinger stated that it is the least the city can do for the volunteers. Mayor Potts will request each volunteer to print their names legibly and we will assess next month.

Jane Sapp asked about the Menards bill. Jerred Reed explained that the fence was placed by the AGHC. This purchase was approved a year and a half ago. Jane Sapp asked about the bill for the purchase of a time clock. Mayor Potts implemented the time clock. Jane Sapp stated January 9, 2018 the consensus of the city council was to not purchase a time clock. Mayor Potts explained that at that time, there were not any issues necessitating a time clock. Mayor Potts stated that now there are issues when a time clock is needed and that is why he implemented the time clock. This will create efficiency and accountability. Motion by Keasling to approve the bills, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Motion by Keasling to authorize a cigarette permit for Casey's, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling to authorize a deck permit for Heidi Kildow, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Carrie Teninty explained to the council that the Department of Revenue has notified each city that sales tax will no longer be collected on water. The state has created a new water service tax that is 6%. This is called WET. Local option sales tax will no longer be collected on water. Notifications and rate changes will be mailed out this month. WET takes effect July 1, 2018.

Public Works – Jerred Reed was present to update the council on a DNR inspection that was complete at the lagoons.

Fire Department – No report.

Law Enforcement – A written report was received.

Library – A written report was received.

Cemetery – Linda Durflinger updated the council on the restoration of the statue at the cemetery.

Trails/Parks – The trail is complete through the Wapello County Fairgrounds.

Engineer- No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – Discussion was held on building repairs to the American Gothic House Center. The city pays \$1500.00 to Wapello County each year into a maintenance fund for repairs. The AGHC has hired a new administrator. Kelsey was present at the meeting.

Historic Preservation – No report.

Eldon Uptown/Downtown – No report.

Eldon Athletics – Carrie Teninty updated the council on the ball teams.

Playground – No report.

Old Business – Motion by McClure to authorize the easement with Citizens Mutual, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried. Citizens Mutual has paid the easement fee.

Mayor Potts and Brain Keasling explained to the council that Christner Contracting did a walk through at city hall. A rough estimate of cost will be provided. Discussion was held on looking for grant money for the repairs to city hall.

Mr. Zingg opened the public bidding on Lots 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in Block 16 {Doc Sawyer Park}. Chad Potts placed a bid for \$500.00.

Public bidding was held on South 40 feet of Lots 27, 28, and 29 in Block 26 {Behind City Hall}. Chad Potts placed a bid for \$500.00.

New Business – Motion by McClure to order new flags, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on repairing the Eldon sign by the bridge. Jerred Reed will contact a masonry.

Discussion was held on increasing the Alliant Franchise fee. Motion by McClure to raise the franchise fee to 4% on gas and 4% on electric, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried. Carrie Teninty will contact Alliant Energy to proceed with this process.

Discussion was held on mosquito spraying. Consensus was to table until further notice.

Motion by McClure to authorize Resolution 2018 – 6 - A Resolution directing the sale of the City of Eldon's interest in real property located and described as: lots 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in Block 16 in the City of Eldon, Wapello County, Iowa. Roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize Resolution 2018 – 7 - A resolution directing the sale of the City of Eldon's interest in real property located and described as: the south 40 feet of lots 27, 28 and 29 in Block 26, in the City of Eldon, Wapello County, Iowa. Roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – Linda Durflinger explained to the council that the Model A Club will be coming through Eldon on Wednesday, June 20th.

Council Discussion – Patti Durflinger asked about the historical sign by Chippewa Creek. Jerred Reed will repair the sign.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty