

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Craig Brown, Patti Durflinger, Mike McClure and Jane Sapp. Brian Keasling was absent. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Motion by Brown to approve the agenda with the change requested that under Petitions and Communications to add a building permit for Dollar General and a fence permit for 306 Water Street, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from the regular meeting June 12, 2018. Motion by Sapp to approve the minutes, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Mayor Potts asked about the bill to IMWCA and All Roads Truck Repair from the fire department. The IMWCA bill was paid last month. The bill from All Roads Truck Repair was for the fire department truck repairs. Motion by McClure to approve the bill, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Raymond Davis was present to discuss drainage issues. The public works department will do some ditching to rectify the situation.

Motion by McClure to authorize a liquor license for Casey's General Store, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Sapp to authorize a building permit for 600 High Street, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize a fence permit for 206 KD South, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize a fence permit for 803 W Walnut Street, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize a fence permit for 800 High Street, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize a building permit for Dollar General, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize a fence permit for 306 Water Street, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – Mayor Potts updated the council on the public works department. They have been working on prioritizing work and working on providing an inventory list.

Fire Department – Mayor Potts updated the council on the fire department. They will be working on providing maintenance records for all the vehicles and providing an inventory list.

Motion by McClure to authorize Tristan Verrips to the Eldon Fire and Rescue Department, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize Robbie Sears to the Eldon Fire and Rescue Department, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Motor Vehicle Reports will be complete on new members.

Discussion was held on the repairs to the air conditioning in the fire department vehicles. Craig Brown will contact Dani's for the repair to the ambulance. The township truck air has never worked. Motion by Brown to authorize up to \$1500.00 to repair the township truck, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

The brush truck air will not be repaired.

The fire department will plan to clean streets for Gothic Days in the future.

Linda Manley will be lettering the trucks. The township truck will remain the same.

Law Enforcement – A written report was received.

Library – A written report was received.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Engineer- Jim Warner will be present next month for an update.

Gothic Visitors Center – No report.

Historic Preservation – No report.

Eldon Uptown/Downtown – Discussion was held on the \$5000.00 Building Remediation Technical Assistance Grant. An agreement must be provided to the city from Eldon Uptown/Downtown to disburse the money. Brad Grefe with Area VX will administer the grant for no charge to the city. Motion by McClure to sign the contract with IEDA, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Eldon Athletics – No report.

Playground – Mayor Potts asked about the old playground equipment going to the ball field. Jerred Reed will contact Dustin Larue.

Old Business – Discussion was held on revising the lease agreement with Cardinal School District by doing snow removal and lawn care on the property. Motion by Brown to allow the revisions, second by McClure, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on city hall building. Mayor Potts has not received a report from Christner Contracting regarding city hall building.

Discussion was held on nuisance abatements. Notices have been mailed out to the formal complaints that have been received. Several notices will be mailed this week.

New Business – Motion by Sapp to authorize increasing the gas and electric franchise fee from 2% to 4%, second by Durflinger, all aye motion carried.

Motion by McClure to authorize Resolution 2018-8 – A Resolution approving and adopting a revenue purpose statement for the use or expenditure of revenues from the electric and natural gas fees, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

A public hearing is set for August 14, 2018 to increase the gas and electric franchise fee from 2% to 4%.

Discussion was held on authorizing will Roland to attend water and waste water training. This item was tabled until the next regular council meeting.

Motion by Sapp to authorize the purchase of 25 spinner poles and flags, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Eldon Sign. This item was tabled until more information is obtained.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Discussion was held on the old dump truck.

Craig Brown asked if the Dead End signs could be removed. The signs are mandatory to stay according to the grant that was received from IDOT.

Mayor Potts stated that he will be taking a leave of absence effective July 11, 2018 through August 8, 2018 for personal reasons. All issues must be handled by the Mayor Pro-tem.

Paul Zingg stated that he will be resigning as the city attorney. He presented the city a Main Street book illustrated by Grant Wood. The book has been signed by Grant Wood.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty