

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2018 with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were: Craig Brown, Brian Keasling, Patti Durflinger, George Loerzel and Jane Sapp. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Potts amended the agenda by removing closed session concerning Carrie Teninty and discussion of the old dump truck as it was already taken care of. Motion by Durflinger, second by Craig Brown to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Keasling to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18 and the special meeting of November 17. All ayes, motion carried.

Three bills were added for approval, one to Quill for 118.05, dues to Ia. Rural Water Assn. for \$225 and \$2,109.00 for the landfill. Motion by Brown, second by Keasling to approve the bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling, second by Durflinger to approve a fence permit for 208 Caster Street. All ayes, motion carried.

Richard Hemm was not present to discuss the issue of security cameras, but Linda Durflinger addressed the issue. Security cameras at the Rock Island Depot have been used several times by the Wapello County Sheriff's Department in helping solve local crimes and a request was made of the city to please install more cameras in town. After discussion council person Sapp made a motion to allow up to \$1200 for the installation of four cameras at city hall. Second by Loerzel and motion carried.

Motion by Keasling, second by Durflinger to approve the NL Service line Warranty Program with Iowa League of Cities. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Keasling, second by Brown to authorize the \$30.00 application fee for Notary Public Renewal. All ayes, motion carried.

The Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant was tabled.

Members of the fire department asked for permission to modify their grant. If approved the modification will cost the city an additional \$350.00. Motion by Keasling, second by Loerzel to approve the modification. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Durflinger, second by Brown to approve the purchase of one thermal imaging camera in the amount of \$850.00, which was not a part of the grant. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling, second by Durflinger to approve the purchase of hose connection fittings for the fire truck in the amount of \$287.00. All ayes, motion carried.

This year's Haunted House netted around \$6,000.00. Motion by Keasling, second by Loerzel to authorize the 2019 Haunted House.

Grant writing for a Polaris side by side for the fire department was tabled.

Donna Jeffrey requested that the Trails Committee be reinstated. Mayor Potts requested that she bring interested names to the December meeting for consideration.

Christmas in Eldon will be the weekend of December 7, 8 and 9. Gingerbread House decorating will be from 1:00 – 4:00 on December 8 at the American Gothic House Center.

Linda Durflinger addressed the council concerning the local Historic Preservation Commission. The current commission is inactive and she would like to have the city investigate changing their ordinance to allow persons who reside outside city limits to serve on the commission. The city attorney will review this and report back at the December meeting.

Ed Matt from GENESIS Architectural Design had conducted a study of the Hollenbeck Hall Building at the Wapello County Fairground earlier this year and had turned in his findings to Linda Durflinger and Richard Hemm. This building belongs to the Wapello County Fair Board and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is currently in bad need of repair, etc. Linda was hoping to stir some interest in obtaining new members for the commission to see if this important local landmark can be saved.

Cost of attending water and waste water training for Will Roland was discussed and will be checked into further.

City workers will handle spraying city property once they have received their licenses.

Motion by Brown, second by Loerzel to permit members of the Senior Citizens Meal Committee to plant two trees at the KD Center to replace trees which have been removed. Ostrander Flowers will handle the planting. All ayes, motion carried. City workers request that any trees be planted at least 72" apart to allow for the mower deck that is used for mowing.

Removal of stumps at the KD Center was discussed. Jerred Reed stated that he can rent a stump removal machine for \$120.00 a day and the city workers will work at removing the stumps.

Motion by Keasling, second by Loerzel to approve renting the machine. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling, second by Durflinger to approve the 2019 health insurance plan for city employees. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Durflinger, second by Brown to go into closed session as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of Will Roland whose appointment,

hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Will Roland did request the closed session.

Roll Call: Ayes – Brown, Sapp, Keasling, Durflinger and Loerzel. Nays – none.

Motion by Keasling, second by Brown to return to open session. Roll call: Ayes – Brown, Sapp, Keasling, Durflinger and Loerzel. Nays- none.

Motion by Keasling that Will Roland will receive an additional one week of vacation in 2018 to be used by his anniversary date in 2019 and he will then return to using the handbook policy as it pertains to vacations. At that time he will receive back the 25 cents per hour salary that he gave up in order to receive the extra vacation week. Second by Loerzel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown to adjourn, seconded by Keasling. All ayes – motion carried.

Attest:

Linda Durflinger, Acting City Clerk