

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Craig Brown, Patti Durflinger, Brian Keasling, George Loerzel and Jane Sapp. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of regular meeting minutes March 12, 2019. Motion by Loerzel to authorize the minutes, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried. Motion by Brown to authorize bills, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –Tim Albert and Andy Noe, with Cardinal Community School District, were present to discuss bringing the school's waste water to Eldon. At this time, the city waste water system is not in compliance with the NPDES Permit because the city has infiltration that contributes a lot of excess water to our lagoons, sometimes even requiring discharge prior to our scheduled drawdown. The city is working on a project to line the interceptor pipe along Water Street to make the repairs. Once those repairs are made, the city will evaluate their lagoon system to see if the city could take on the school waste water. Jim Warner would like to see the school's facility plan. Tim Albert will provide a copy. Andy Noe stated the project will go forward regardless of what option the school may choose.

Brad Grefe was present. He explained that he did talk to the president of Eldon Uptown Downtown. The façade project will not move forward due to lack of participation.

Brad Grefe did explain to the council that the CDBG was submitted for the waste water repairs.

Bill Shilling was not present to discuss the nuisance abatement received in March.

Motion by Durflinger to authorize a building permit for 417 1st Street, second by Loerzel, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling to authorize a building permit for 711 High Street, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Loerzel to authorize a building permit for 203 Elm Street, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried

Motion by Sapp to authorize a fence permit for 414 1st Street, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Durflinger to authorize a building permit for 309 KD North, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Carrie Teninty updated the council on the Trees Forever Grant. \$3,000.00 was awarded to the city to purchase trees. Planting will take place on May 22nd.

Carrie Teninty did talk to Cardinal Visions School. Students will be doing the Adopt a Highway project.

Carrie Teninty updated the council on NIMS. Photos must be taken to complete the process.

Public Works – Discussion was held on placing sheep at the lagoons to reduce the mowing hours. Jerred Reed will get a copy of a contract and/or agreement and provide it to the city attorney. This was tabled until this information is obtained.

Fire Department – Discussion was held on hiring a janitor for the fire station. Linda Manley stated that it was not necessary to hire a janitor and that the department would keep the station clean.

Law Enforcement – A written report was received. Chris Shadduck, with the Wapello County Sheriff's Department was present to update the council on the hiring process and the K9 deputy.

Library – A written report was received.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Engineer- No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received.

Historic Preservation – Linda Durflinger was present to update the city council.

Eldon Athletics –.No report.

Playground –No report.

Old Business – Discussion was held on the nuisance abatement at 709 KD Avenue. Motion by Loerzel to issue a \$500.00 fine to the property owner for noncompliance, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on 510 W Walnut. A nuisance abatement will be issued.

Discussion was held on lower level residency. Craig Brown reminded the council of the push back that the council received the first time this item was discussed. Jo Eddy read a letter from the Opera House regarding lower level residency. A public hearing has been scheduled for May 14, 2019 at 6:30pm. Notices will be posted around town.

Patti Durflinger updated the council on the pictorial map project. Carrie Teninty will get into contact with Jake at the GIS office.

New Business – Discussion was held on employees obtaining spraying license.

Discussion was held on obtaining an inventory list. Mayor Potts explained that the public works department are working on this project.

Discussion was held on reviewing and updating the city code and personnel policy handbook. Carrie Teninty explained to the council that to revise the city code, ordinances must be made. The personnel policy handbook could be changed without an ordinance if the section is not covered in the city code. The city council will provide a list to review.

Motion by Loerzel to authorize the bid from Norris Asphalt in the amount of \$75092.17, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize the purchase of new banners in the amount of \$1945.00, second by Loerzel, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Sapp to forgive the sewer charges for a water leak at 103 Caster Street, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – Donna Jeffrey was present to discuss a housing program in Eldon.

Council Discussion – Craig Brown suggested to the council that each member provide a list of nuisance properties.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty