

The Eldon City Council met in special session at the Eldon City Hall on Wednesday, December 17, 2019 with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Craig Brown, George Loerzel and Jane Sapp. The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm. Patti Durlinger and Brian Keasling were absent.

Mayor Potts opened the Public Hearing for CDBG Application 2020 Eldon Wastewater Collection System and Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Brad Grafe was present to discuss the following:

1. How the need for the activities was identified.

In September 2019, the City's new NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit with the Iowa DNR (#9053001) took effect. The NPDES permit included a compliance schedule for wastewater treatment plant improvements for *E. coli* bacteria disinfection and must achieve compliance by December 2022. The City of Eldon hired Warner Engineering in 2017 to prepare a facility plan which would identify necessary improvements to the system to achieve compliance with the NPDES permit that expired in November 2018. The City's interceptor sewer system was televised and identified many defects that allow groundwater to flow freely into the collection system. An inspection of the lagoon system noted that at least 70% of the sludge storage capacity had been used as of 2014. The engineer believes that a combination of sanitary sewer collection system improvements and dredging of the lagoons will reduce the load and increase the storage capacity of the existing system and that will help the City meet new NPDES requirements without having to make costly treatment plant upgrades.

2. How the proposed activities will be funded and the sources of funds.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$905,000. Funding for the project will include a proposed \$300,000 from the Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Water-Sewer fund. The local portion of the project is anticipated to be \$605,000 and will be paid through an SRF Clean Water loan. Eldon is on the IUP and the SRF's environmental review is complete.

3. Date the CDBG application will be submitted.

On or before 01 January 2020.

4. Estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

56.00% based on Census data provided by IEDA.

5. Nature and location of the proposed activities will be conducted.

The major activities of the proposed project include: lining approximately 10,000 linear feet of the interceptor sewer main, including point repairs or replacement of approximately 30 manholes; separation of sanitary and storm sewers at 6th & Wood St. and 5th & Walnut St.; and dredging, erosion control, and other minor improvements to the City lagoons.

6. Plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses resulting of funded activities.

No persons or businesses will be displaced as a part of this project. The city will follow its residential anti-displacement and residential relocation plan if necessary.

7. Estimated impact on user rates.

If funded, the average residential water and sewer bill would increase by approximately \$1.85 per month. If the project is not funded, the improvements would still need to be carried out, and could raise the average residential bill by an additional estimated \$2.77 per month.

8. Community Development & Housing Needs Assessment.

During the City Council meeting on 19 March 2019, the city discussed the needs and plans for addressing development and housing, including the needs of low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.

No written or oral comments were heard. Mayor Potts closed the public hearing.

Discussion was held on the facility plan. The plan requires the city to be in compliance by 2022.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty