

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Patti Durlinger, Brian Keasling, George Loerzel and Jane Sapp. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Motion by Keasling to amend the agenda by moving Tim Richmond to new business, second by Loerzel, all aye, motion carried.

Craig Brown entered the meeting at 6:32.

Mayor Potts opened the public hearing to gather input for the proposed application to the Iowa Economic Development. Brad Grefe was present to discuss how the need for the activities was identified. In November 2018, the City's NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit with the Iowa DNR (#9053001) expired. A new NPDES permit was issued in September 2019. 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 had 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 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 engineers believe 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 Iowa DNR requirements without having to make costly treatment plant upgrades.

1. 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.
2. Date the CDBG application will be submitted. On or before 01 October 2019.
3. Estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. 56.00% based on Census data provided by IEDA.
4. 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 6<sup>th</sup> & Wood St. and 5<sup>th</sup> & Walnut St.; and dredging, erosion control, and other minor improvements to the City lagoons.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda consisted of regular meeting minutes August 13, 2019. Jane Sapp explained that the minutes stated that Craig Brown stated that he does not agree with the city giving a financial contribution to a private entity. She explained that the 419 Elm Street property is owned by a nonprofit organization. No correction was needed to the minutes. Motion by Brown to authorize the minutes, second by Durlinger, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Durlinger to authorize the bills, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Jim Sloan and Fred Jenkins with the Wapello County Fair board were present to update the council on the changes to the project at the Wapello County Fairgrounds.

The city received a petition against the city council voting in favor of bringing Cardinal School's sewage to Eldon until the City of Eldon brings their sewer system up to DNR codes and standards. The council reviewed the petition. Ryan Mitchell said no action was necessary.

Motion by Sapp to authorize a fence permit at 804 Church Street, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on the dispute of property lines. Property owners are responsible for having their property surveyed when there is a property line dispute. The city does not get involved.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – Jerred Reed was present to update the council on projects they have been working on and have completed. The sweeper that was purchased will be here in October.

Fire Department – Motion by Loerzel to authorize a grant to IOOF for a new 6 wheeler, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling to authorize Klodt Door Service to install new door openers in the amount of \$1000.00, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on door stoppers. The fire department will initiate a policy on the opening and closing of doors.

Motion by Brown to authorize two 6000 cylinders for the cascade system in the amount of \$2608.15, second by Loerzel, all aye, motion carried.

Motion to authorize the credit card usage up to \$2500.00, second by Loerzel, all aye, motion carried.

Wapello County Law Enforcement – Marty Wonderlin was present to update the council on the K9 unit.

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 – This item will be taken off the agenda due to not having a committee.

Eldon Athletics – No report.

Playground –No report.

Old Business – Jerred Reed did meet with Boitnott regarding the KD Center restrooms. They will come back to do more investigative work on the sewer lines.

Motion by Durflinger to authorize the preapplication for the Catalyst Grant, second by Loerzel, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling to authorize \$5000.00 contribution to the Catalyst Grant in FY20 and \$5000.00 in FY21, second by Loerzel, all aye, Brown opposed, motion carried.

Donna Jeffrey presented a contract for from Eldon Uptown/Downtown. The contract did not meet the requirements required by the city. Motion by Durflinger to authorize Ryan Mitchell to complete a contract, second by Loerzel, all aye, motion carried.

Two bids were received for the old safe. Motion by Loerzel to accept the high bid in the amount of \$121.00, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on nuisance properties. The property owner has requested the city placard the property located at 502 Wood.

Motion by Loerzel to fine two properties that have not complied with the nuisance abatement orders, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Ten day notices will be served on the residents living in campers.

New Business – Tim Richmond was present to discuss mitigation plans for Eldon.

Roll call vote was taken to authorize Ordinance 357 – An ordinance requiring electric connection, all aye.

Roll call vote was taken to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 357, all aye.

Discussion was held on 709 Wood Street. The city will allow more time to get the electric connected back to the property.

Motion by Keasling to authorize a procurement policy for federal funds, second by Durflinger, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on firearms on city property. Ryan Mitchell will obtain more information.

Motion by Durflinger to authorize the purchase of 500 brochures in the amount of \$148.00, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – Dave Showman asked about firearms on all city property.

Council Discussion – Brain Keasling updated the council on streaming the council meetings. He will have more information at the next regular council meeting.

Patti Durflinger updated the council on the mural project.

George Loerzel explained to the council that he did ride in the garbage/recycling truck to observe. He found that several residents are not recycling properly. He suggested placing an article in the newsletter.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty



