

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Stacey Doree, Brian Keasling, Jane Sapp and David Showman. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Jane Sapp and Brian Keasling attended via Zoom.

Motion by Keasling to authorize the agenda second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Consent Agenda – The Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from January 12, 2021. Motion by Showman to authorize the minutes, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize the bills, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Mayor Potts opened the public hearing on the max levy rate. No oral or written comments were heard. Mayor Potts closed the public hearing.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Motion by Keasling to authorize renewal of liquor license for Dollar General, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize Cardinal A Club to sponsor a Color Run on city trails, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to forgive sewer charges in the amount of \$221.00 for 709 Church Street, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Carrie Teninty updated the council on a sewer loan that the city has with USDA and the sewer construction loan the city is currently obtaining.

Public Works – Motion by Showman to authorize the bid from LL Pelling for street work, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Wapello County Law Enforcement – Don Phillips was present via Zoom to update the council. A written report was received.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – No report.

Fire Department – Motion by Keasling to authorize Ryan Johnson as a fire department member, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize six members to attend fire school, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on positions within the fire department. Consensus was for the fire department to revote on their positions within the department and bring it back to the city council.

Motion by Bedford to authorize the purchase of a set of turn out gear and two spare bottles, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Sapp to allow the purchase of a 2010 Chevrolet 3500 Truck for the fire department in the amount of \$30,000.00, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. This purchase is contingent on the approval of the City of Ottumwa.

Motion by Doree to authorize the burning of 609 Church Street on March 27, 2021, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Cemetery – Motion by Doree to obtain quotes for a new mower, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – Carrie Teninty will contact Musco Lighting for information for the ball field lights.

Old Business – Discussion was held on the city website. Motion by Showman to authorize Suzanne Streeby to update the website in the amount of \$50.00 per hour, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Eldon. This will take place in 2022. Eldon was incorporated in 1872.

GATE will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

New Business – Motion by Doree to authorize Resolution 2021-2 – A Resolution authorizing tax abatement, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize Resolution 2021-3 – A Resolution authorizing max levy rate, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to set Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for spring cleanup day, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to set Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for tire amnesty day, contingent on approval from the solid waste commission, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling to allow the change in the employee handbook regarding holiday pay, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried. Holiday pay will be time and a half plus time for the holiday. Employees are not required to work forty hours to acquire holiday pay.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – None.

Motion by Bedford to adjourn, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty