

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Stacey Doree, Brian Keasling, Jane Sapp and David Showman. Tom Bedford was absent. The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

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

Mayor Potts opened the public hearing. Brad Grefe with Area 15 was present by Zoom to update the public on the status of the sewer system improvements project funded, in part, by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Bradley J. Grefe, the grant administrator from Area 15 Regional Planning Commission (RPC), reported that in March 2020, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) awarded CDBG funds to the City of Eldon for the purpose of making improvements to the City's sewer system. The City qualified for CDBG funds based on the HUD National Objective of "benefitting low-to-moderate income persons" (LMI). The City's estimated LMI was 55.99% based on US Census data provided by IEDA, though the project will benefit all residents of Eldon.

The original scope of work for the project included the lining and point repairs for approximately 10,000 feet of the City's interceptor sewer system, repair or replacement of approximately 30 manholes, dredging and adding erosion protection to the lagoon, and repairing the lagoon area fence. The original estimated cost of the project was \$800,000. The City applied for and was awarded \$300,000 in CDBG funds. The City is matching the remaining amount through a Clean Water Construction Loan from Iowa's State Revolving Fund (SRF). Engineering fees were not included as a grant-eligible expense.

The project was bid in two sections. The City received 4 bids for the sanitary sewer lining project and the low bidder was Municipal Pipe Tool Co. (Hudson, IA) with a bid of \$359,693. No change orders have been approved for this section of the project at this time; however, a small change order to adjust for final quantities is expected for a cost increase of approximately \$5,000. The City received 3 bids for the lagoon, sewer point repairs, and lagoon area work; which did not include the dredging activity. The low bidder was Hagerty Earthworks (Muscatine, IA) with a bid of \$259,870. Only one change order has been requested for this section, for a net decrease in the cost by about \$2,000. The overall project cost currently sits at \$649,939, which includes grant administration fees but does not include dredging costs.

Construction began in late-June 2020. Based on the contractors' pay applications received, MPT has completed their work and Hagerty has billed approximately 45% of their total contract amount. Area 15 RPC has billed 25% of its contract amount for grant administration. The construction work as bid is to be complete by August 31, 2021; however, we still need to address the dredging activity. The CDBG contract end date of March 31, 2023.

Open for comments, concerns, and questions. No written questions were received and no questions were asked; 9 people were in attendance in-person and 1 person was on the Zoom.

Mayor Potts closed the public hearing.

Motion by Doree to authorize Resolution 2021-5 -A Resolution approving and authorizing a form of Loan and Disbursement Agreement by and between the City of Eldon, Iowa, and the Iowa Finance Authority, and authorizing and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$721,000 Sewer Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2021, of the City of Eldon, Iowa, under the provisions of the City Code of Iowa, and providing for a method of payment of said Notes; Approval of the Tax Exemption Certificate, second by Showman, roll call vote taken, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize a change order for Hagerty for raising and sealing manholes, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling to authorize a bid received for cemetery mowing from Chris Dietrich, second by Sapp, motion carried. The contract will become effective May 17, 2021.

Discussion was held on the open position. The position will be part time and duties will include mowing of city property, garbage collection when needed, snow removal, utility repairs and other duties as assigned. Hours will vary. Applications will be accepted until May 11, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Motion by Keasling to authorize street repairs by LL Pelling, second by Sapp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keasling to authorize a building permit at 107 Elm Street, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on Covid 19 Relief Recreational Trails Program. Motion by Sapp to authorize the grant, second by Keasling, all aye, motion carried. The city will partner with the Wapello County Fair board. Brain Keasling, Stacey Doree, Carrie Teninty, Fred Jenkins, Stephen Pedrick and Area 15 will work on this project to present to the city council.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty