

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on February 8, 2022 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Carl Culp, Stacey Doree, Brandon Potts and David Showman. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Motion by Showman to authorize the agenda by amending the fire department items, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Mayor Potts opened the public hearing on FY23 Maximum Tax Dollars. No written or oral comments were heard. Mayor Potts closed the public hearing.

Consent Agenda – The Consent Agenda consisted of regular meeting minutes January 11, 2022 and special meeting minutes January 18, 2022. Motion by Showman to authorize the minutes, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Donna Jeffrey was present via Zoom. Donna Jeffrey asked the council to consider not rescinding ordinance 356. Donna explained that Eldon Uptown Downtown was advised they would not receive grants if this ordinance was not in effect.

Motion by Doree to authorize a liquor license for Wapello County Fairgrounds, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Public Works – Discussion was held on the bike trail between Elm Street and W Walnut Street. The public works department will place barricades on the trail.

Wapello County Law Enforcement – A written report was received. Marty Wonderlin was present to update the council.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – Jerred Reed updated the council on the sewer project.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received. Cari Nicely was present via Zoom and updated the council on events.

Fire Department – Motion by Doree to authorize ladder maintenance, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the IMWCA visit. Linda Manley is working on complying with their recommendations.

Mayor Potts went over a list of items that the fire department needs to accomplish. A committee meeting will be held on February 24, 2022 at 3:00 to discuss these issues.

Motion by Showman to table new members for the fire department, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Cemetery – Bids will be obtained for 2022 mowing season.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – Motion by Doree to authorize expenditures for concessions, ball equipment and uniforms, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. Andi Vinole was present via Zoom.

Discussion was held on purchasing ball uniform shirts. Consensus of the council was to allow the purchase of 15 jerseys in the amount of \$570.00. The jerseys must be turned in each year.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Motion by Doree to authorize a three-year service agreement with Electric Pump, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize a bid in the amount of \$6498.15 from Jerry's Progas for air conditioning for city hall, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize musicians to meet and play at the Rick Island Park the 1st Saturday each month beginning in April and ending in November, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to pay off loan #1060526 in the amount of \$68352.60 and loan #1076964 in the amount of \$16937.07, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize Cardinal A Club's Color Run April 30, 2022, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Resolution 2022-2 – A resolution approving applications for tax abatement in the City of Eldon, Iowa, second by Potts, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Resolution 2022-3 – A resolution approving FY23 maximum tax dollars, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by to Doree authorize Resolution 2022-4 – A resolution adopting a proposed draft budget for publication and ordering a notice of public hearing on the proposed budget for FY23, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Ordinance 370 rescinding Ordinance 356 – An ordinance rescinding regulation for lower-level residency in the 400 and 500 blocks of West Elm Street, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts abstained, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize waiving the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 370, second by Doree, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts abstained, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Ordinance 371 – An ordinance adopting hazardous material cleanup cost, second by Potts, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize waiving the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 371, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Carrie Teninty left the meeting at 7:14. Stacey Doree will complete the minutes.

Motion by Doree to go into closed session under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of Jerred Reed whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual request a closed session, second by Potts, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The council went into closed session at 7:14pm.

Motion by Doree to close the closed session, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The city council came out of closed session at 7:26pm.

Motion by Potts to authorize \$1.50 per hour raise for Jerred Reed, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to go into closed session under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of Brad Benghe whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual request a closed session, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The council went into closed session at 7:30pm.

Motion by Doree to close the closed session, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The city council came out of closed session at 7:34pm.

Motion by Potts to authorize \$1.50 per hour raise for Brad Benghe, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Tom Bedford asked about the light in the triangle.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty and Stacey Doree