

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on April 12, 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 5:30pm.

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

Motion by Potts to authorize regular meeting minutes March 8, 2022, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Motion by Showman to authorize a building permit for 309 Cornell Street, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the dog removal order at 203 Church Street. Following discussion and legal advice a three-day order to remove the dog from city limits will be served.

Motion by Potts to authorize a fence permit at 203 Church Street, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – Jerred Reed was present to update the council on projects that are being worked on and street repairs.

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

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received. Cari Nicely was present to discuss obtaining a new building at the visitor's center. She has obtained bids. One bid was in the amount of \$400,000.00. This must be done by grant writing and fundraisers. Cari stated that she needs volunteers to work at the center. Discussion was held on the prairie grass. Jerred Reed will mow the grass.

Fire Department – Written minutes were received.

Cemetery – No report.

Trails/Parks – Jerred Reed stated that mulch is being placed at the playground and grass seed has been purchased for areas in town.

Eldon Athletics – Discussion was held on the batting cage at the ball field. Motion by Showman to allow \$850.00 to replace the net for the batting cage, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried. The batting cage will remain where it is.

Discussion was held on the ball field lights and scoreboard. Jerred Reed is trying to obtain bids.

Old Business – Motion by Doree to authorize the purchase of the banner for 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. The banner will hang on the side of city hall and not across the highway.

Mayor Potts and Ryan Mitchell updated the council on nuisance properties. Motion by Doree to take sealed bids on 609 Church Street with a minimum bid of \$500.00 plus legal fees, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. Bids will be taken until May 6, 2022 until 4:00pm.

Discussion was held regarding 207 Cornell Street. Public works employees will clean up the property. Once complete, the city will advertise.

Motion by Doree to authorize the engineering service agreement with Warner Engineering, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

New Business – Discussion was held on the employee handbook. Council members will work on and present at the next council meeting.

Motion by Doree to set spring clean up day on May 12<sup>th</sup>, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on a \$500.00 fine the dog at large on Hearn Street. This item was tabled.

Motion by Doree to authorize Ridgeway Electric to repair 24 street light poles in the amount of \$1156.81 per pole, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to revise the use of ARP funds to 78% on roads, buildings, maintenance and other infrastructure, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on sewer rates for out of the designated district. Carrie Teninty will write the ordinance.

Public Forum – Jenny Snyder was present. Mayor Potts explained to her the city council's decision to remove the vicious dog from city limits.

Council Discussion – Cari Nicely explained to the council that the toilets will be replaced at the visitor's center. Discussion was held on the utility bill and the late fees.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty