

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on March 11, 2025 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Gosnell presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Craig Brown, Stacey Doree, and Brandon Potts. David Showman was absent. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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

Motion by Doree to authorize regular meeting minutes February 11, 2025 second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Discussion on water main on Cornell Street for Kurtis Chickering. Consensus was to allow tapping the water main on Roy Street or Finney Street.

Motion by Doree to authorize fence permit at 100 KD North, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize building permit at 702 Wood, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize Alcoholic Beverage Division license for Wapello County Fairgrounds, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Spring cleanup day will be held on May 8th. Dumpsters will be provided at city hall for residents to drop off items.

Discussion was held on a bigger drop box for utility payments. The public works department will build a new box.

Public Works – Discussion was held on cold patch for streets. The public works department will obtain cold patch for street repairs.

Cemetery – Motion by Potts to authorize advertising for contract mowing at the cemetery, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the road in the cemetery. The public works department will place millings and rock on the road. A quote will be obtained for seal coat when LL Pelling is in town.

Discussion was held on rocking the undeveloped road in the new addition section of the cemetery.

Law Enforcement – No report.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received.

Fire Department – A written report was received. Motion by Potts to authorize the grant for fire hose, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried. There is no match money required.

Discussion was held on the Generac generator at the fire station.

Linda Manley and Carrie Teninty updated the city council on the upcoming meeting regarding EMS.

Trails/Parks – Discussion was held on placing dirt along trail between Elm Street and W Walnut Street for donation of wild flowers/native plants and time to plant. The public works department will see what the project consists of. Motion by Potts to obtain a load of dirt, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Eldon Athletics – No report.

Old Business – Motion by Potts to authorize revising Cardinal wastewater treatment agreement with the engineers help, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

David Showman entered the meeting.

New Business – Motion by Showman to authorize setting a special meeting for March 25, 2025 at 4:00pm to have a public hearing for FY26 proposed tax levy, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize setting a special meeting for March 25, 2025 at 4:15 to authorize April 8, 2025 to have a public hearing at 5:30pm to adopt budget FY26, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize closing 3rd Street on June 6th for mud volleyball, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on mud volleyball. The fire department will get the court ready. The fire hydrants shall not be used this year due to previous water breaks on the water main. Motion by Showman to authorize the use of water spickets for mud volleyball, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize ownership of new sign for Rock Island Park once obtained by GATE, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize the trail repair that Boitnott tore out for a curb stop repair, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried. A bill shall be sent to Boitnott if the city has to do the repairs before Boitnott makes the repairs. The public works department will place rock on the trail for now.

Discussion was held on 98 Elm Street. The nuisance was taken care of.

Discussion on duplicate work orders. Work orders will be printed in duplicate and placed together once the public works department returns the original work order.

Motion by Potts to authorize the bid from Great Plains Structure for the water tower inspection and repairs, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on 2-inch water meters not working with the radio read system. The public works department will contact Municipal Supply to resolve this issue prior to purchasing new meters.

Motion by Potts to authorize the revised Bacteria Sampling Plan, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize removal of water meters when water is shut off, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried. Carrie Teninty shall stipulate when the meters shall be pulled.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Discussion was held on the Gothic Days parade. The parade will not be held this year due to lack of volunteers. The chicken dinner will not be held either.

Discussion was held on manhole repairs. Carrie Teninty will contact IDOT again to inquire about the permit submitted in November 2024.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty