

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on April 8, 2025 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Gosnell presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Craig Brown, Stacey Doree, and David Showman. Brandon Potts was absent. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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

Mayor Gosnell opened the public hearing. No written or oral comments were heard. Mayor Gosnell closed the public hearing.

Motion by Doree to authorize regular meeting minutes March 11, 2025, special meeting minutes March 25, 2025, and the second meeting on March 25, 2025, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –

Motion by Showman to authorize a building permit for 300 E Walnut, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Rick Teed with Garden & Associates was present to discuss the wastewater project with Cardinal.

City Clerk – Discussion was held on a tree located at 103 KD North. The public works department shall check to see if the tree is dead.

Discussion was held on 103 KD Avenue and 610 Wood Street. The city sold both properties. The Quit Claim Deeds stated the property owners have one year to either (1) correct all deficiencies on the property, and the property and structure must pass a housing code inspection to allow the occupancy of this deficient structure; or (2) demolish and remove the structure and restore the property to a safe condition.

Public Works – Derick Clark updated the council on the lagoon discharge.

Cemetery – Motion by Showman to authorize hiring Todd Cremer to mow the cemetery, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Law Enforcement – No report.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received. Cari Nicely was present to update the council on upcoming events.

Fire Department – A written report was received.

Discussion was held on bids for the repairs of fire truck. Consensus was to table until bids are obtained.

Motion by Showman to authorize \$1,000.00 for Gothic Days breakfast and \$1,000.00 for fair booth, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize renewing gambling license in the amount of \$150.00, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – Discussion was held on ball teams using the field owned by the fairgrounds. Ball teams must contact the fair board for permission to use the field.

Old Business – Discussion was held on revising the contract for the Cardinal School District project.

Motion by Brown to authorize Cardinal School to activate wastewater system on April 11th, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. Tom Bedford and David Showman will be available when the system is activated.

Discussion was held on the flow meter at the cemetery. The city will take ownership of the meter only.

New Business – Motion by Showman to authorize Resolution 2025-2 A Resolution adopting FY26 Budget, second by Doree, roll call vote was taken, Tom Bedford yes, Craig Brown yes, Stacey Doree yes, David Showman yes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on a wage increase for Justin Drummond. He has been employed for six months. Justin can attend classes for wastewater and water distribution classes. Once the licenses are obtained, he will obtain a wage increase. Discussion was held on a cost-of-living increase for full time employees. Motion by Bedford to authorize a 2.5% increase for full time employees, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize closing of alley the third Thursday each month for bike night at Chommy's April through September, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize closing KD Avenue from First Street to Hwy 16 on June 7th, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize ten-day nuisance abatement orders, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried. Pictures will be obtained prior to notices being mailed.

Motion by Showman to authorize a minimum assessment agreement, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion on mowing of Lockkeepers House and the library. The public works department shall mow the properties.

Discussion was held to clarify Derick Clarks pay for obtaining his water distribution license. Derick Clark will get a .75 increase effective immediately for passing the water distribution test. Once Derick obtains his wastewater license, he will obtain \$1.50 and the additional .75 for the water distribution license. The city has a contract with Fred Clubb for water distribution and wastewater reporting to IDNR. This contract cannot be terminated until the city has a wastewater operator.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Discussion was held on the road at the cemetery. The public works department shall complete the project as soon as possible.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty