

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on October 14, 2025 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Gosnell presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Craig Brown, and David Showman. Stacey Doree and Brandon Potts were absent. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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

Motion by Showman to authorize regular minutes September 9, 2025 and special meeting minutes October 1, 2025, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –

Motion by Showman to authorize ABD license for the American Gothic House Center, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – No report.

Cemetery – No report.

Law Enforcement – A written report was received.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received. Discussion on grant for mural on AGHC. Consensus of the council was to authorize the mural.

Fire Department – A written report was received. Discussion was held on applying for the volunteer fire fighter assistance program grant. Consensus was to not apply for the grant. Discussion was held on purchasing tires. Consensus was to allow the purchase. Discussion was held on the purchase of a tanker truck. This was tabled until further information is obtained.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – No report.

Old Business –

Motion by Showman to authorize revised employee handbook regarding call out pay, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on 610 Wood and the Quit Claim Deed reversionary clause. The homeowner is working on the property. The property has been mowed all summer. He intends to install a new foundation. Consensus of the council was to authorize a six-month extension for the house to be habitable.

Discussion was held on vacation for new employees. Carrie Teninty will revise the handbook. A new employee will obtain 3.08 hours every pay period. This benefit time shall not be used for six months.

Motion by Brown to authorize the purchase of a trash pump, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. The cost is \$549.00.

New Business – Motion by Showman to authorize the health insurance renewal, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion on cemetery Lot 45, space on north, in New Addition and Iowa Code 144.34. The family has agreed to leave the burial in the original location. The city will pay Cranston Family Funeral Home to install a new foundation.

Discussion on Derick Clark obtaining waste water license. Derick Clark will work to obtain his license.

Discussion on water monitoring violation. No water sample was taken in September 2025. The public works department shall do the required paperwork to become compliant with the DNR.

Motion by Showman to authorize funding newly elected or appointed officials training on open meetings and open records laws, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried. Motion by Showman to pay for training for all officials training on open meetings and open records laws, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Two bids were received for the sewer project on 9th Street and W. Walnut Street. Motion by Showman to authorize the bid from Cornerstone in the amount of \$68,800.00, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried. The city will do the sidewalk repair, seeding, and traffic control.

Motion by Showman to authorize Resolution 2025-3 – A resolution approving the official financial report for city streets and parking from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025, second by Brown, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Craig Brown yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize lease renewal with the Eldon Depot Committee, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. Notice will be published for the public hearing.

Motion by Showman to authorize Ordinance 387 – An ordinance amending city of Eldon, Iowa code of ordinances Chapter 2.04 elections to adopt the nomination by petition manner of elections provided for by Iowa code chapter 45 for the city of Eldon's city elections, in accordance with Iowa code chapter 376, and thus cease holding city primary elections, second by Brown, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Craig Brown yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize waiving 2nd & 3rd readings of ordinance 387, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Craig Brown yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Public Forum – Don Harness requested and received a copy of the city response to DNR regarding the sewer odor smell.

Council Discussion – None.

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

Attest: Carrie Teninty