

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on February 10, 2026 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor McClure presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Andrew Birch, Craig Brown, Stacey Doree, and David Showman. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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

Motion by Doree to authorize regular minutes January 13, 2026, special meeting minutes January 20, 2026, and special meeting minutes January 27, 2026, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Paula Chadwick was present to discuss the ownership of cemetery plot 485. No proof of ownership can be provided. Ryan Mitchell explained that an estate would have to be opened. The city cannot transfer the cemetery lots without proof of ownership.

Motion by Showman to authorize building permit for 200 E Walnut, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Cemetery: No report.

Law Enforcement: Motion by Brown to authorize a 10% increase to the 28E Agreement with the Wapello County Sheriff's Department, second by Birch, all aye, motion carried.

Library: A written report was received.

Gothic Visitors Center: Cari Nicely was present to discuss projects.

Fire Department: Mayor McClure appointed Shannon Sample as the fire chief.

Trails/Parks/Playground: No report.

Eldon Athletics: Craig Brown and Carrie Teninty will have a meeting with coaches.

Old Business: Motion by Showman to not issue a citation for 534 Elm Street, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried. The council will revisit in March.

No bids were obtained to repair sewer line on 9th Street. Derick Clark will contact contractors.

Motion by Showman to authorize quotes to relocate street light meter, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Rick Teed updated the council on the sewer project.

Discussion was held on the engineering agreement with Garden & Associates to construct a 4-inch sanitary sewer force main connection with Cardinal Community School District. This was tabled until the next regular meeting.

New Business: Motion by Showman to authorize contracting with ION for water and waste water to meet DNR requirements, second by Birch, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize terminating contract with Fred Clubb, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Birch to authorize a raise in the amount of .75 for Derick Clark, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried. The raise shall become effective the next pay period.

Motion by Doree to hire John Smith as full-time public works laborer, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to set the wage for John Smith at \$20.00 per hour, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize advertising for part-time public works, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. The wage will remain \$18.00 per hour.

Motion by Showman to authorize revising the accumulation of comp time hours to fifty hours to be used within six months, second by Birch, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize waiving additional garbage fee for Nutrien Ag, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on amending the city ordinance regarding garbage fees if a dumpster is placed on their property for an extended period of time. This does not include the fourteen-day dumpster rentals.

Motion by Showman to authorize the purchase of a new lawn mower in the amount of \$10,999.00, second by Birch, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize a \$100.00 donation to Cardinal After Prom, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum: Dave Bowden was present to discuss trash cans and the noise ordinance.

Council Discussion: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty