

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on March 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 Doree to authorize the amended agenda, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. Taylor VanBlaricom and Jon Bennett were removed.

Motion by Showman to authorize regular minutes February 10, 2026, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Toby Johnson was present to discuss the parking in front of Chommy's. No changes will be made to the parking.

Mary Streeby was present to discuss her utility bill and trash collection.

George Loerzel was present to discuss trash collection and stated elected officials need to work together for the city.

George Bennett was present to discuss his water meter issue. The meter froze and broke and he feels this is not his responsibility. The city code states homeowners are responsible from the main into their home.

Motion by Doree to authorize Class C License for Wapello County Fairgrounds, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize building permit for Wapello County Fairgrounds, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk: Carrie Teninty asked if the city will remain invoicing residents for meters/call out fees. Consensus was to follow the city code.

Public Works: No report.

Cemetery: No report.

Law Enforcement: No report.

Library: A written report was received.

Engineer: David Showman explained quotes need to be submitted to the engineer to be included in the project.

Gothic Visitors Center: A written report was received. Discussion on revising ordinance for Harvest Host. Consensus of the council was to table until the April meeting.

Fire Department: Motion by Showman to authorize quote to repair boat trailer axle, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize quote for SCBA service agreement, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Birch to authorize the repair of reel hose, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize \$100.00 for fit testing to the City of Ottumwa, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Trails/Parks/Playground: Discussion was held on sandburs in the lawn at the playground. Craig Brown will research prices.

Discussion was held on the overlook on the trail off Railroad Street. Mayor McClure will check on the issue.

Eldon Athletics: Motion by Showman to authorize ball expenditures, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried. Craig Brown will schedule a meeting with coaches for the concession stand issues.

Old Business: Discussion was held on garbage collection. Erin Franklin was present to discuss her issue with trash collection. She previously provided cans and those cans would end up in the river. Mayor McClure will research to see if a post can be installed in the right of way.

Consensus was to table hiring for the part-time position.

No quotes were obtained to repair city hall building.

Bradley Fligg was present to discuss 534 Elm Street. He will start repairing the building. He will keep in contact with Mayor McClure.

Discussion was held on the repair to the sewer line on 9th Street. Derick Clark will obtain more quotes.

Discussion was held on the lift station refurbish. This will be sent to the engineer to include in the sewer project.

Discussion was held on the installation of an ultrasonic level meter at lift station. This will be sent to the engineer to include in the sewer project.

New Business: Motion by Showman to authorize setting a special meeting for March 24, 2026 at 4:00pm to have a public hearing for FY27 proposed tax levy, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to set a special meeting for March 24, 2026 at 4:15 to authorize April 14, 2026 to have a public hearing at 5:30pm to adopt budget FY27, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize revising handbook section that states employee shall notify supervisor or clerk no later than one half hour after the start of their shift, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion on No Parking on 5th Street from Elm to W. Walnut.

Motion by Brown to authorize fifteen sick days per year for John Smith, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize forgiving sewer charges for 306 Water Street in the amount of \$592.45, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize a conflict waiver for Ahlers & Cooney for the sewer project, second by Birch, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the sidewalk project on Elm Street. Quotes will be obtained.

Motion by Brown to authorize Ordinance 388 – An ordinance amending the schedule of fees for the collection of cans and containers for garbage and refuse, second by Doree, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Andrew Birch yes, Craig Brown yes, Stacey Doree yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize waiving the second and third readings of ordinance 388 second by Brown, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Andrew Birch yes, Craig Brown yes, Stacey Doree yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to set May 7, 2026 for spring cleanup, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing motion activated lights for the public works building. Derick Clark will obtain quotes.

Public Forum: Don Harness was present to discuss the Cardinal sewer project and racoons living in the storm sewer.

Wendi Livingston discussed parking on Elm Street.

Mike Sorak-Weirbach was present to discuss a notice she received for rocks in the right of way.

Council Discussion: None

Motion by Showman to go into closed session under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of Carrie Teninty whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session, second by Doree, second by Doree, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Andrew Birch yes, Craig Brown yes, Stacey Doree yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to come out of closed session, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty