

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on July 11, 2023 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Carl Culp, Stacey Doree and Brandon Potts. David Showman was absent. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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

Motion by Doree to authorize regular meeting minutes June 13, 2023, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –

Motion by Doree to authorize a fence permit for 811 W Walnut Street, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Consensus was to allow the fence to be thirteen feet from the curb on 9th Street with the understanding that if the city needs access to the water main, the fence may be removed.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – Jerred Reed updated the council on a water leak and the demolition of properties obtained by the city.

Cemetery – No report.

Wapello County Law Enforcement – A written report was received. Don Phillips was present to update the council.

Library – A written report was received. The library parking lot is in the process of being complete.

Engineer – Jim Warner was present to update on the lagoon dredging project. No bids were received from the first advertisement. Motion by Bedford to authorize readvertising for bids for lagoon dredging, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried. Bids will be taken until August 8, 2023 at 3:00pm and may be awarded on August 8, 2023 at 5:30pm.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received. Cari Nicely was present to update the council on projects. Discussion was held on fiber optic at the AGHC. The fiber optic shall be bored underground.

Fire Department – Motion by Potts to authorize new gear for Josh Vose in the amount of \$3,605.00, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize a new fleet card for fuel purchases only, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize a federal excess equipment agreement with IDNR Forestry Section, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – No report.

Old Business – The city received one sealed bid for the used copier. Motion by Bedford to authorize the bid from Tim Richmond in the amount of \$500.00, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

The city received one quote for electrical work for city hall in the amount of \$9,190.00 and \$2,500.00 to update the public works department. Motion by Culp to authorize the bid, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

New Business – Motion by Potts to authorize obtaining quotes for the interior of city hall, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize obtaining quotes for heat and air conditioning, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize September 16th for JJ Tournament, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize GATE to proceed with a disc golf course addition, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on a pickle ball court. GATE is not interested in the project due to the cost. The concrete quote was \$15,300.00. This was tabled until the August 2023 meeting.

Motion by Potts to authorize the B&B Propane contract, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize placing “Children at Play” signs on High Street, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion on dog park on the east side of KD Center. This item was tabled until August 2023.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Mayor Potts stated the city hall project is proceeding and will remain under the \$81,000.00 budget.

During the council meeting, an off the record meeting related to the construction of city hall did take place between Mayor Potts, Jane Sapp, and the city attorney in the clerk’s office.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty