

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on August 8, 2023 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Carl Culp, Stacey Doree, Brandon Potts, and David Showman. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

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

Motion by Bedford to authorize regular meeting minutes July 11, 2023, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Motion by Doree to authorize building permit and variance for 609 Church, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize fence permit and variance for 600 High, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – Brad Benge was present to update the council on projects the public works department has been working on.

Cemetery – Mayor Potts explained that there are weeds and tree saplings at the cemetery. He will contact Charles Knott.

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

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – Jim Warner was present to update on the lagoon dredging project. Two bids were received for the dredging of the lagoons, Hodges Farms in the amount of \$218,000.00 and Wulfekuhle Injection & Pumping in the amount of \$103,000.00. Motion by Doree to authorize the bid to Wulfekuhle Injection & Pumping pending IDNR approval and authorizing the mayor and city clerk to sign all documents, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received.

Fire Department – Motion by Potts to authorize a federal excess equipment agreement with IDNR Forestry, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize obtaining an electrical bid for generator, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize \$500.00 for Supper & Bingo Night, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize \$130.00 for gear name plates, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – No report.

Old Business – Motion by Bedford to authorize the disc golf course addition project by GATE, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried. This project will be done at no cost to the city.

Discussion was held on a pickle ball court. A regulation court is 30 x 60. A quote will be obtained for concrete. Pearl Cloke stated Sam Cloke would donate his time to pour the concrete. Fundraising would need to be done for the project.

Councilman Potts suggested using the current basketball court. Motion by Bedford to authorize \$400.00 for the purchase of a pickle ball line kit and portable nets, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. The kit will be at city hall or possibly a local business and must be checked out.

Discussion was held on a dog park. Quotes will be obtained for fencing.

Quotes for the interior of city hall have not been obtained at this time. A special council meeting will be set once bids are received.

Two bids were received for the boiler and air conditioning at city hall. Motion by Showman to authorize the quote from Jerry's Progas in the amount of \$13,917.23, second by Doree, Potts abstained, all aye, motion carried.

New Business – Motion by Potts to authorize quote for tree removal at cemetery, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize \$500.00 for stump grinding at the cemetery, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize quote for tree removal at 302 Elm Street, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize Ordinance 380: An ordinance creating no parking on West Walnut Street from the intersection of Fourth Street to Sixth Street, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize waiving the second and third reading of Ordinance 380, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, David Showman yes, motion carried.

Discussion on mowing ordinance. Ryan Mitchell will research what other communities are doing.

Discussion on pay increase for mayor and city council. Consensus was to table until further research can be done.

Motion by Bedford to authorize the purchase of new flags and flag poles, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize \$500.00 fine for property owner of Lot 11 in Block 34 on Wood Street, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize \$500.00 fine for property owner at 604 Wood Street, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty