

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on October 10, 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 Potts to authorize the agenda, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Mayor Potts opened the public hearing plans and specifications for proposed land or building, use or occupancy not permitted by the restricted residential district ordinance of the City of Eldon. Said nonconforming use is proposed at the following location: 506 West Walnut Street. No written comments were received. Roger Penrod asked what kind of business the property would be. Carl Culp said it will be a mechanic shop. Mayor Potts closed the public hearing.

Motion by Showman to authorize regular meeting minutes September 12, 2023, special meeting minutes September 20, 2023, and special meeting minutes September 29, 2023, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –

Motion by Potts to authorize a building permit for 208 Elm Street, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize placing a memorial bench by the flag pole at the KD Center, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize a demolition permit and capping the water at the curb stop for 416 1st Street, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Motion by Showman to authorize Carrie Teninty to attend a budget training class on November 17th, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Mayor Potts thanked Carrie Teninty for the grant received for the KD Center renovation project.

Public Works – Ryan Mitchell updated the council on mowing ordinances. Further research will be done.

Cemetery – No report.

Wapello County Law Enforcement – A written report was received.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – Mayor Potts and Carrie Teninty gave an update on the emergency shoreline protection program with the Army Corp of Engineers. Monies will need to be saved for this project in future budgets.

Carrie Teninty updated the council on the lagoon project.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received.

Fire Department – A written report was received.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – Mayor Potts explained the ball field concession stand has been winterized. Councilman Showman will check the ball field lights to make sure no one has access.

Old Business – Motion by Potts to authorize plans and specifications for proposed land or building, use or occupancy not permitted by the restricted residential district ordinance of the City of Eldon. Said nonconforming use is proposed at the following location: 506 West Walnut Street, second by Showman, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp abstained, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize \$5,000.00 additional funds for KD Center renovation project, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried. Monies will come from Alliant Franchise fund and LOST fund.

Discussion on garbage collection and garbage rates. This item is tabled until further notice.

Discussion on mowing of city property. Carrie Teninty will create a list of city owned property to see where the city can eliminate mowing.

No quote was obtained for the electrical quote for generator at fire station.

Motion by Culp to hire Derick Clark for full time public works superintendent, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to set public works superintendent wage at \$24.00 per hour, with a \$1.50 increase per license for water and waste water, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to hire Colton Carter for full time public works laborer, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to set public works laborer wage at \$20.00 per hour, with a \$1.50 increase per license for water and waste water, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize \$6525.55 for insulation and lumber for city hall, plus \$1.50 per mile to deliver, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

New Business – Motion by Potts to authorize \$100.00 donation to Cardinal After Prom, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize the amended employee handbook effective October 10, 2023, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize a contract with Fred Clubb for water & wastewater operator services, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize a contract with Charles Knott for mowing operator, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize ordinance 382 – An ordinance striking Chapter 15.28, rental property maintenance code in the City of Eldon, Iowa, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts abstained, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Doree authorize waiving the second and third readings of ordinance 382, second by Showman, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts abstained, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Culp to dispose of the trencher, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried. Sealed bids will be taken until November 10, 2023 at 4:00pm.

Motion by Doree to authorize Resolution 2023-12 – A Resolution proposing the disposal by sale of the City of Eldon’s interest in real property located and described as 502 Wood Street, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The minimum bid shall be \$1,500.00.

Motion by Doree to authorize Resolution 2023-13 – A Resolution proposing the disposal by sale of the City of Eldon’s interest in real property located and described as 201 Selma Street, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp abstained, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The minimum bid shall be \$1,500.00.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Discussion was held on recycling and equipment maintenance.

Mayor Potts discussed the city obtained property on Cornell Street.

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

Attest: Carrie Teninty