

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on September 12, 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 amended agenda by adding closed session under 21.5 {1} to discuss with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government, second by Culp, roll call, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried. No action will be taken.

Motion by Potts to authorize regular meeting minutes August 8, 2023 and special meeting minutes August 29, 2023, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Wendi Livingston was present to discuss a grant opportunity class she would like to attend, along with a council member. Wendi will research to see if the class can be done by Zoom. The class is for the catalyst grant. Wendi will ask if the applicant must be the city.

Motion by Doree to authorize Chommy’s alcohol license amendment to outdoor service, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize closing alley between 4th Street and 5th Street on September 29th for Cardinal All Class Reunion, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize building permit for 300 Water Street, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize building permit for 204 W Walnut Street, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize building permit and variance for 801 Wood Street, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

The building permit for 600 High Street was tabled until further notice.

City Clerk – Carrie Teninty gave an update on rental inspections and the emergency shoreline protection program with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Public Works – Motion by Doree to accept a resignation from Brad Benge, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to advertise for a full-time position, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Cemetery – Councilman Potts stated Charles Knott contacted him regrading the cemetery mowing. Consensus was to allow the mowing cleanup.

Wapello County Law Enforcement – A written report was received.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received. Cari Nicely was present to update the council.

Fire Department – Motion by Potts to authorize \$556.00 to repair the washing machine, plus shipping, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Trails/Parks – Councilmember Doree updated the council on the addition to the disc golf course.

Eldon Athletics – Discussion was held on the lights at the ball field for the JJ Tournament. The light may be on all night long. Once the tournament is over the ball field concession stand will be winterized.

Old Business – Discussion was held on a pickle ball court. The city did purchase two pickle ball line kits and portable nets that may be used at the basketball court. The kit will be at city hall or possibly a local business and must be checked out.

Discussion was held on a dog park. Motion by Doree to not move forward with the project, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the triangle project. Once the public works department makes the repairs to the storm sewer, Chickering Foundations will do the authorized concrete.

Discussion was held on the parking on the east side of Rock Island Park. The public works department will get stop blocks and drainage tubes, if needed, to complete the project.

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

New Business – Discussion was held on a water issue at 101 S. 6th Street. Chippewa Creek's bank was cut out. Motion by Doree for the public works department to repair the creek bank, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to set fall clean up for October 12th and 13th, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried. Two 30yd dumpsters will be provided by city hall. Residents shall bring items for disposal to the dumpsters. Hours for disposal will be 8:00am to 4:00pm both days. No appliances, metal, building materials, and tires.

Motion by Doree to authorize publishing notice of public hearing for a variance request for plans and specifications for proposed land or building, use or occupancy not permitted by the restricted residential district ordinance of the City of Eldon at 506 W Walnut Street, second by Bedford, all aye, Culp abstained, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Resolution 2023-11 – A Resolution approving the official financial report for city streets and parking from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, second by Doree, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize Ordinance 381 – An ordinance amending compensation for mayor and city council in the City of Eldon, Iowa, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, David Showman yes, motion carried. This ordinance will take effect January 2024.

Motion by Doree to authorize waiving the second and third readings of Ordinance 381, second by Showman, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize a \$500.00 fine for property owner of 107 Hearn Street, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize \$500.00 fine for property owner of 210 E Walnut Street, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize \$500.00 fine for property owner of 807 Elm Street, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Culp to authorize \$500.00 fine for property owner of 105 Caster Street, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize \$500.00 fine for property owner of 707 Elm Street, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Motion by Doree to authorize closed session under 21.5 {1} to discuss with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or

disadvantage the government, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Brandon Potts yes, David Showman yes and Stacey Doree yes, motion carried. The city council went into closed session at 6:09pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty