

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on December 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 Doree to authorize the amended agenda by moving law enforcement first, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Culp to authorize regular meeting minutes November 14, 2023 and special meeting minutes November 30, 2023, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –

Wapello County Law Enforcement – A written report was received. Don Phillips was present to explain a grant that was awarded for two new deputies. Discussion was held on Shop with a Sheriff Program.

Tim Richmond was present to discuss the community first aid concept that would place an AED at city hall. Consensus of the council was to allow. Tim Richmond will present an agreement in the future.

Wendi and Eric Livingston were present to ask the city council to write grants for public individuals and private businesses.

Jim Thompson, with IDEA, was present to explain the catalyst grant process to the city council.

Varsha Borde, with Area 15 Regional Planning, was present to discuss the CDBG grant.

The city council scheduled a work session for December 19, 2023 at 4:30pm. It will be on the agenda to consider authorizing the pre-application for the catalyst grant for Wendi and Eric Livingston.

Motion by Bedford to authorize Dollar General License LG0000136, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Marvin Creech was present to discuss grant money from Ottumwa Legacy Foundation Grant for the Eldon Avenue of Flags project. Eldon Uptown Downtown wrote the grant. Eldon's policy was not followed pertaining to grant writing. Consensus of the council was that Eldon Uptown Downtown shall administrate the project and funds. Eldon Uptown Downtown shall not use Eldon's tax exempt status to purchase items.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – Derick Clark was present.

Cemetery – No report.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – Motion by Showman to authorize extension of lagoon project until January 31, 2024, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Jim Warner was present to update the council on the storm sewer on Elm Street and the sewer on Church and 7th Street.

Jim Warner will get the flow data for the lift station to Carrie Teninty.

Jim Warner will provide the city with utility infrastructure maps that are complete.

Jim Warner updated the council on the school's sewer project. A meter will be installed on the north side of the concrete pad in the cemetery. The school shall not use the sewer system until Eldon's lagoons are dredged.

Discussion was held on the lagoon valve that needs repaired. Repairs will be made when the city draws down the lagoons in the spring.

Discussion was held on CDBG and SFR monies for city infrastructure that needs replaced.

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

Fire Department – A written report was received. Mayor Potts updated the council that no lights are installed on the outside of the building.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – No report.

Old Business – Motion by Doree to authorize Resolution 2023-15 – A Resolution directing the sale of the City of Eldon's interest in real property located and described as 201 Selma Street, second by Potts, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The council set a minimum bid of \$1,000.00.

Discussion was held on the city website. The current provider has repaired their issues.

New Business – Motion by Showman to authorize disposing of maintainer on Govdeals.com, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize quote for two four-yard dumpsters, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Culp to authorize a citation for 107 Hearn Street in the amount of \$750.00, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize a concrete sidewalk for city hall, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize \$950.00 for seamless gutters for city hall, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.
Motion by Potts to authorize statement of work to the True North Agreement, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize Ordinance 383 – An ordinance amending the garbage and dumpster rates, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize waiving the second and third readings of ordinance 383, second by Culp, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Carl Culp yes, Stacey Doree yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried.

Public Forum – Roger Penrod discussed dogs running loose. Mayor Potts explained that the city did purchase a dog kennel and a pole to catch dogs.

Council Discussion – Mayor Potts discussed tree saplings at the cemetery around stones and the water hydrant. The public works department will check into this issue.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty