

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on February 13, 2024 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 4:35pm.

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

Motion by Bedford to authorize regular meeting minutes January 16, 2024, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Jason Bonner was present to discuss placing storage units on Des Moines Street. Jason Bonner will contact Derick Clark once a plan is obtained.

Motion by Bedford to authorize sewer forgiveness for Linda Gill for 64,000 gallons of water, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Carrie Teninty updated the council on the IMWCA inspection. The city site visit revealed facilities were in good order and there were no safety issues identified.

Public Works – Derick Clark explained that Cardinal School District's waste water system will be active on February 26, 2024. The city will sample and measure the lagoons. IDNR will be contacted if drawdown of the lagoons is needed before the authorized date in April.

Carrie Teninty will contact the school to see when the flow meter will be installed at the cemetery.

Cemetery – No report.

Law Enforcement – A written report was received. Don Phillips was present.

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 on projects.

Fire Department – A written report was received. Discussion was held on William Franklin. This was tabled until the required paperwork is obtained.

Motion by Doree to authorize the AFG grant for the fire department, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried. There is a match of \$2,500.00 if the grant is awarded.

Linda Manley updated the council on cpr and stop the bleed training.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – Motion by Potts to authorize 2024 ball expenditures, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Old Business – Motion by Potts to advertise the trencher, dump truck, road grader, and trailer on Govdeals.com, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize the call out pay reimbursement from residents' policy, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize a revised cell phone policy, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize the revised employee handbook, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on revising the garbage policy for residents that pay for dumpsters on a monthly basis. Rayn Mitchell will obtain more information.

New Business – Motion by Showman to authorize new laptop, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Brett Kappel for full-time employment with benefits, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Brett Kappel's wage at \$20.00 per hour, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize additional hour for Tammie Hemm, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree authorize May 2, 2024 for spring cleanup, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried. Dumpsters will be placed on 5th Street for use by residents. Senior citizens and disabled may contact city hall for their items to be picked up.

Motion by Showman to authorize May 2, 2024 for tire amnesty day, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried. This is contingent on authorization from the board of supervisors.

Discussion was held on purchasing tables and chairs. Consensus was to table until more information is obtained.

Discussion was held on installing a handrail at city hall. Consensus was to table until more information is obtained.

Motion by Showman to authorize new door installation at 421 Elm, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize obtaining a fencing quote for the fire station, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize surveying fire station property on the west side only, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize obtaining quote for a truck, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize obtaining an asphalt quote for Cornell Street, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on an agreement with Electric Pump for lift station pumps. An agreement has not been provided to the city at this time.

Motion by Potts to authorize three AMR tablets with cover in the amount of \$595.00 each, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize Resolution 2024-1 – A Resolution approving applications for tax abatement in the City of Eldon, Iowa, 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.

Motion by Potts to authorize Resolution 2024-2 – A Resolution proposing disposal by sale of the City of Eldon's interest in real estate located at 201 Selma 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.

Motion by Bedford to authorize \$1,000.00 citation for Michael Shields {107 Hearn}, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on authorizing a \$750.00 citation for Buck Bibby {807 Elm}. The property has a new owner and is in the process of being cleaned up. The city will review the property in thirty days.

Budget session – Carrie Teninty updated the council on the budget.

Motion by Showman to authorize advertising notice of public hearing for proposed tax levy April 2, 2024 at 4:00pm, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Discussion was held on obtaining a Lowe's credit card. Consensus was to allow.

Discussion was held on disposing of city hall. This will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

Discussion was held on the dog ordinance. Certified letters will be mailed out to the owners of the dogs at large. Citations will be issued if there are further issues.

Motion by Doree to go into closed session under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government, 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.

The city council went into closed session at 6:35pm.

Motion by Showman to come out of closed session, 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 city came out of closed session at 7:00pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty