

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on March 12, 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 4:30pm.

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

Mayor Potts opened the public hearing on the proposed disposal by sale of the City of Eldon's interest in 201 Selma Street. No written or oral comments were heard. Mayor Potts closed the public hearing.

A public auction of real estate located at 201 Selma Street was held. The city received one bid from Joan and Doug Miller for \$1,000.00. The bid was accepted. The city attorney will do the quit claim deed.

Motion by Bedford to authorize regular meeting minutes February 13, 2024, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize the bills, second by Culp, Potts abstained, all aye, motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS –

Tim Richmond was present to discuss the community responder program. Motion by Showman to authorize MOU for Community Responder program, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Jane Sapp was here as president of Eldon Uptown Downtown to discuss minutes from December 13, 2023 regarding Eldon Uptown Downtown. She stated that Eldon Uptown Downtown did not write the grant for the flags at the cemetery and that the city does not control what grants private entities write. Mayor Potts stated the city does support the project for the avenue of flags. Eldon Uptown Downtown did not follow city policy regarding the grant for city property. Carrie Teninty stated the grant was written by Eldon Uptown Downtown and would provide a copy of the grant to her. Mayor Potts stated he would have our city attorney review the city policy regarding grant writing for city property.

Stacey Doree updated the council on Gothic Days events. Mud volleyball will be held on Friday. Discussion was held on the closure of streets. Consensus was to allow.

Motion by Doree to authorize building permit for 105 KD Avenue, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize fence permit for 804 Elm, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize fence permit for 209 E Walnut, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize Wapello County Fairgrounds alcohol license, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – Carrie Teninty reminded the city council of the public hearing budget meeting scheduled for April 2nd at 4:00pm.

Public Works – Derick Clark updated the council on projects the department is working on.

Cemetery – Carrie Teninty updated the council on the contract with Charles Knott for 2024 mowing season.

Law Enforcement – A written report was received. Marty Wonderlin was present.

Library – A written report was received.

Engineer – No report.

Gothic Visitors Center – A written report was received.

Fire Department – A written report was received. Discussion was held on authorizing William Franklin as a fire department member. This was tabled until the required paperwork is obtained.

Motion by Potts to authorize Haley McCarty as a fire department member, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried. There are 20 members on the department. Mayor Potts asked for a complete inventory and equipment list. The department will work on that.

Trails/Parks – No report.

Eldon Athletics – Discussion was held on turning the water on by April 1st.

Old Business – Motion by Culp to authorize Resolution 2024-3, second by Potts, roll call vote taken, Bedford yes, Culp yes, Doree yes, Potts yes, Showman yes, all aye, motion carried.

Consensus was to table the fencing at the fire station until a quote is obtained.

New Business – Motion by Potts to authorize revised open records policy, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize advertising for part-time position, second by Culp, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize pay/benefits for position, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. All part-time public works laborers shall be paid \$17.50 per hour.

Public Forum – None.

Council Discussion – Tom Bedford asked about dumpsters for spring cleanup. The dumpsters shall be placed on 5th Street next to the old city hall building.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty