

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on May 14, 2024 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Stacey Doree, Craig Brown, Brandon Potts, and David Showman. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Motion by Potts to authorize the amended agenda by adding a building permit for 804 Church, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – Members of community affected by Cardinal Community School District waste water service line were present. Don and Diane Harness states that a constant sewer gas smell is in their home and outside their home. This is affecting their quality of life and is a health hazard. Tim and Kathy Fortney were present stating that this has been an issue for almost one year in their home. Sean Coulter was present stating that his home is affected and that Cardinal Community School District waste water line is flawed. Carl and Kasi Culp were present to state that their home is affected. Mayor Potts explained the city did require Cardinal Community School District to shut the service line off and the city consider any action needed to protect the citizens of Eldon.

Kathy Walker was present to discuss garbage rates and being billed for extra garbage.

Jeremy Walker was not present.

Discussion on placing on 14 x 32 shed for living on 207 E Walnut. The city would require utilities.

Discussion was held on a fence permit at 416 1<sup>st</sup> with a variance for 6ft in front yard and 4ft off sidewalk. This item was tabled until more information is obtained.

Motion by Bedford to authorize fence permit at 114 Cornell Street, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize a fence permit at 201 KD North, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize a building permit for 804 Church, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Class C Retail Liquor License for Chommy's, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize cigarette permit for Caseys, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize cigarette permit for Dollar General, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Rick Hindsley was present to discuss his utility bill. The meter shall be tested to verify if it is working properly.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – Motion by Potts to authorize WEX fuel cards for public works, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Cemetery – No report.

Law Enforcement – Don Phillips was present to thank the city for their help with animal neglect case. 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 – A written report was received. Discussion was held on Matt Spurgeon for fire department member. Consensus was to table until more information is obtained.

Motion by Showman to authorize \$2,000.00 for Ragbrai and Gothic Days, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize a new defibrillator in the amount of \$1,844.98, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Trails/Parks – Motion by Showman to authorize \$1,500.00 to replace the missing boat dock section, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried. The remaining funds of \$847.22 in the boat dock project account will be used for the project also.

Eldon Athletics – No report.

Old Business – A public auction was held to sell the Exmark Lazer E Series mower. Following the public auction, motion by Potts to authorize the high bid from Mike Clark in the amount of \$5,500.00, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

New Business – Motion by Potts to authorize an increase of life insurance benefits, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize quote for new lawn mower in the amount of \$11,999.00, second by Doree, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize the disposal of John Deere mower, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried. A public auction shall take place on June 11, 2024 at the regular council meeting.

Discussion was held on security cameras. Consensus was to table until more information is obtained.

Motion by Doree to authorize \$5,000.00 to the Ragbrai budget, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried. Discussion was held on porta potties.

Motion by Potts to authorize changing the July council meeting to July 11<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflict, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion on advertising 610 Wood Street and 103 N KD Avenue for sale. The properties will be sold as is. The buyer shall, one year from purchase, rehab or remove the home. A public auction will be held on July 11, 2024 for said properties. Motion by Potts to authorize, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Brown to authorize closing 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Elm Street to the Eldon Depot for Gothic Days street dance, second by Bedford, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize Garden & Associates for Engineering Services, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize purchase of new banners for Elm Street, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – Cari Nicely asked if the city had a contract for pop services. A pop machine will be placed at AGHC.

Alex Davis asked if golf carts could go on city trails. It was explained that trails in Eldon were paid for with grant money. The trails are for walking and bicycles only.

Motion by Showman 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 Potts, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Stacey Doree yes, Craig Brown yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The council went into closed session at 6:31pm.

Motion by Showman to come out of closed session, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford yes, Stacey Doree yes, Craig Brown yes, Brandon Potts yes, and David Showman yes, motion carried. The council came out of closed session at 7:35pm.

Council Discussion – Discussion was held on the tree dump being open on weekends. A key must be picked up to have access. Discussion was held on a drainage at the fairgrounds. The public works department will clean out the debris.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty