

The Eldon City Council met in regular session on September 10, 2024 at Eldon City Hall with Mayor Potts presiding. Council members answering roll call were Tom Bedford, Craig Brown, 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 adding Resolution 2024-16 – A resolution proposing disposal by sale of 421 W Elm W 8’ for of Lot 2 BLK 26, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

A public auction was held. Several bids were received.

Motion by Doree to authorize minutes from regular meeting August 13, 2024 and special meeting minutes August 28, 2024, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – The building permit for 601 Church Street was tabled until next month.

Motion by Doree to authorize Class B Wine permit for American Gothic House Center second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize planting memorial tree at the American Gothic House Center, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

City Clerk – No report.

Public Works – Discussion was held on the lead report to DNR. Derick Clark will work on getting the report done. Discussion was held on curb stop replacements.

Cemetery – No report.

Law Enforcement – 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.

Trails/Parks – Mayor Potts explained that he discussed the ball field at the fairgrounds with the fair board. The care of the ball field will be given back to the fair board.

Eldon Athletics – Derick Clark will winterize the concession stand once the JJ tournament is over.

Old Business – Motion by Potts died for lack of second to sell 201 American Gothic Street.

New Business – Motion by Bedford to authorize \$2,000.00 for council chambers desk, second by Brown, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to authorize Resolution 2024-16 – A resolution proposing disposal by sale of 421 W Elm W 8’ for of Lot 2 BLK 26, second by Showman, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford aye, Craig Brown aye, Stacey Doree aye, Brandon Potts aye, and David Showman aye, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bedford to authorize Resolution 2024-14 – A resolution approving the official financial report for city streets and parking from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, second by Showman, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford aye, Craig Brown aye, Stacey Doree aye, Brandon Potts aye, and David Showman aye, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize Ordinance 385 – An ordinance amending Chapter 7 by amending section 7.28.120 {J} schedule of fees, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford aye, Craig Brown aye, Stacey Doree aye, Brandon Potts aye, and David Showman aye, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to authorize waving the 2nd & 3rd readings of ordinance 385, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford aye, Craig Brown aye, Stacey Doree aye, Brandon Potts aye, and David Showman aye, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize a probationary period for benefits in the employee handbook, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Consensus was to table hiring for full time public works laborer until further notice.

Motion by Potts to authorize final payment of USDA Fire Station loan, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Doree to authorize sale of 2006 International truck on Govdeals, second by Potts, all aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on citations for nuisance abatement orders. Ten-day notices will go out to the six oldest orders not complied with.

Discussion was held on Cardinal sewer line, flow meter, and infiltration. The city will not allow Cardinal's sewer service line to be active until the flow meter is installed, the chemical and aeration system is installed, and the infiltration is repaired.

Discussion with KD Board regarding air conditioning and gutters. The KD Board can contribute \$2,000.00 towards the air conditioning. The Mason's paid \$1,000.00 towards the air conditioning. The KD Board will pay for the gutter installation in the amount of \$2,825.00.

Motion by Bedford to table authorizing compensation and benefits for employees, second by Showman, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to go into closed session under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of Carrie Teninty whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session, second by Showman, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford aye, Craig Brown aye, Stacey Doree aye, Brandon Potts aye, and David Showman aye, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to come out of closed session, second by Bedford, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford aye, Craig Brown aye, Stacey Doree aye, Brandon Potts aye, and David Showman aye, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Showman to go into closed session under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of Derick Clark whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford aye, Craig Brown aye, Stacey Doree aye, Brandon Potts aye, and David Showman aye, all aye, motion carried.

Motion by Potts to come out of closed session, second by Showman, roll call vote taken, Tom Bedford aye, Craig Brown aye, Stacey Doree aye, Brandon Potts aye, and David Showman aye, all aye, motion carried.

Public Forum – Discussion was held on selling walkways in Section 1 of cemetery. Consensus was to allow the sale of two walkways.

Council Discussion – None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Attest: Carrie Teninty