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**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, July 8, 1997
9:00 AM
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Regular Meeting June 24, 1997

OLD BUSINESS

1. Authorizing for signage to Historical District at 23 N at Planer Hill,
Committee Report
2. Annexation of Lake Leatherwood

NEW BUSINESS

1. Old Police Building/Renovation of City Hall, Mr. Johnson
2. Addressing; 911 program, Chief Jordan
3. Metro-Site Agreement, Mr. Miner
4. Ordinance No. 1760
5. Set workshop date of July 23, 1997, 9:00 AM for Vision Plan
6. Basin Park parking problems, Committee Report.

MAYORS COMMENTS**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:****COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORITY REPORTS:**

1. Auditorium Commission, Nominated Shirley Cantrel for Position 7
expires July 11, 2001.
2. C.A.P.C. Commission, Nominated Randy Wottinbarger, for
Position 1, expires, June 30, 2001
3. Cemetery Commission,
4. Historic District Commission.
5. Hospital Commission,
6. Parking Authority
7. Parks and Recreation Commission,

8. Planning Commission, Re-appointment of Auddie Autry, for Position 4, expires, 7-1-2000
9. Carroll County Solid-Wastes Authority
10. Four-Courty Solid-Wastes Management District
11. Eureka Springs Solid-Wastes Advisory Committee
12. Tourism Advisory Committee:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Position open with the equalization board.
Nominated Genes Bland, Term expires 7-31-2000

ADJOURNMENT

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Mayor Barbara A. O'Harris called the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting to order at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5th, 1997. The meeting was held in the jury room of the Western District Courthouse.

PRESENT:

Mayor Barbara A. O'Harris, Aldermen Freeland and Jeffrey, and Alderwomen Seratt, Watson, and Dickens. Alderman Christman was absent.

ALSO PRESENT:

Don Matt, Earl Hyatt, David McNeal, Marji Anderson, Sharon Hamm, Jack Moyer, Kurt Jordan, Steve Miller, Don Young, Jay Miner, and Clerk Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Don Young led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda. All were in favor, 5/0/0.

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Clerk had passed out an amended set of minutes, mostly with typos corrected. Mr. Jeffrey pointed out an error about the ISTE grant not being the same grant as the one for beautification of areas around our highways. The Clerk will correct it before the Mayor signs the minutes for the book.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor, 5/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Authorization for signage to Historical District at 23 N. and

Planer Mill:

Mr. Shepard came and explained that he and Mr. Runge had decided to put the sign pointing out the Historic District on the top of the existing signboard.

After quite a lot of discussion, the Council decided to give Mr. Shepard time to run the idea past the Planning Commission and MDC again. The concept had changed enough that they felt the Planning Commission should look at it again. They decided to discuss it at the July 15th Agenda-setting Meeting again. The motion was made and seconded to do so, and the vote was 5/0/0.

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Annexation of Lake Leatherwood:

The motion was made and seconded to postpone talk about this until such time as there is more to discuss. It is still waiting for the county to release the property. The vote was 5/0/0, to postpone.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

Old Police Building/ Renovation of City Hall, Mr. Tom

Johnson:

Mr. Johnson hadn't arrived, to the council went on to item 2.

2.

Addressing 911 Program, Chief Jordan:

Chief Jordan came and asked to be allowed to number Pivot Rock Road, Hayes, and Martz Lane. Alderwoman Seratt made the motion what they asked for at the meeting, and Alderwoman Watson seconded. All were in favor, 5/0/0.

1.

Back to item 1, Tom Johnson:

Mr. Johnson showed drawings of the space in the old police building. Basically, there would be two ADA assessable restrooms in the front of the building. There will be some storage for maps and the tools of the trade for a City Planner and a Building Inspector along with office for both. The meeting room in the back will seat 34 people, with 2 places for the disabled, along with a table up front for the Mayor, the Council, the City Attorney, the Administrative Assistant and the Clerk.

There will be plenty of wall space to hang City maps. Mr. Johnson said that the roof is in good shape. The outside of the building will be water proofed. He said that with careful use of materials, the building can be done within the \$38,000 figure. The budget has \$50,000 set aside for the renovation of this building.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the project. The vote was 4/1/0, with Alderman Freeland voting against. Alderman Freeland says that if the space is there for the State Auditor, the City does not need to spend a lot of money to make the space available for a planner, and then when the City has a planner, he could be involved in the process.

3.

Metro-Site Agreement, Mr. Miner:

Mr. Miner and some of the Council members talked to people at the Municipal League who have these contracts, and they feel they are in the City's best interests. The antennae are small enough to be unobtrusive and they bring in good money.

The Mayor read a fee schedule to the Council. There will be discounts to member cities from the Company, according to the agreements and lengths of time of the agreements.

The Mayor asked Alderman Jeffrey to explain what Metro-Site is. Alderman Jeffrey explained that Metro-Site is a company which would lease easements around the City for the antennae for the wireless communications that everyone seems to be getting into.

The company negotiates the leases to the City's specifications so they are not objectionable. The leases would be approved by the Council. The Mayor was looking for

the antennae when she was in Little Rock and she could hardly see them.

The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Metro-Site. The vote was 5/0/0.

4. Ordinance #1 760:

The motion was made and seconded to place Ordinance #1 760 on its first reading in its entirety.

All were in favor, 5/0/0.

Mr. Young read the ordinance in its entirety.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. All were in favor, 4/0/1, with Mr.

Freeland

abstaining.

5. Set Workshop date of July 23, 1997 at 9 a.m. for the Vision Plan:

The motion was made and seconded to approve the date and time to hold a workshop on the Vision

Plan. All were in favor, 5/0/0.

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6. Basin Park parking problems, Committee Report:

Fire Chief Kurt Jordan said that he and Police Chief Earl Hyatt and Mr. Murray all agreed that the white zone is not working. He also said that there really is not enough red zone to accommodate emergency vehicles should they be needed.

There were a lot of comments about the abuse of people using loading zones, and red zones to park in.

Everybody agreed that the Basin Park Hotel has a unique situation in that they have no parking in their hotel. Also, it was established that the small vehicle, with which the hotel carries guests and luggage, is street safe, or it wouldn't be allowed to be used. Mr. Jack Moyer, manager of the hotel, said that he would put a stop to the u-turns of that vehicle. He also said that the hotel provides lodging for upwards of 20,000 tourists per year, and they are right there to shop in the surrounding downtown area. It was also established that the people who abuse the loading zones, and short term parking zones are not tourists. They are locals.

The recommendations that the Fire Chief and Police Chief had were to make the zone a yellow zone, which everyone understands and to extend the red zone. Then anyone abusing these should be ticketed on a regular basis.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to amend Ordinance #1750, with an emergency clause. Alderwoman Seratt seconded. The vote was 5/0/0.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor O'Harris reported on Mrs. Janet Huckabee's visit. We all agreed that she was a delightful lady, and very friendly and caring with everyone. She enjoyed all of the activities that had been planned for her. She did four public

service announcements to help Eureka Springs. One was on the Ozark Folk Festival, one was the Jazz Festival, and two more.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

The sales tax check that we received for the month of April is down \$4054.18 from last year.

We are still down for the year 1.93% or \$7718.90.

Mr. Jeffrey reported that for the month of May, the CAPC collected \$104,000 compared to last

year which was \$93,000. It is down less than one per cent from last year.

Surray Services had sued the 4-County Solid Wastes Authority. The Court has ruled against the

authority for some important issues and they are going to appeal. The 4-County Solid Wastes

Authority has spent \$100,000 in legal fees so far, and this appeal will be another \$12,000.

The state is acting as intervenor for us, which will help.

Alderman Watson asked about Department Head raises. The evaluations are not complete yet, and the Mayor said that the Department Head raises will be discussed at the time the Council goes over the budget. It will be taken care of as soon as everything is ready.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORITY REPORTS:

1. Auditorium Commission: Shirley Cantrell, Position 7, expires July 11, 2001.

There was a motion and a second to postpone any votes on these nominations. The vote was 2/3/0, with Freeland and Dickens voting yes. The postponement vote failed.

Alderman Jeffrey made a motion to accept Shirley Cantrell for the Auditorium Commission, only because, if the Mayor felt she needed to vote, she could vote yes. Alderman Seratt seconded. They later withdrew the motion and second.

There was some confusion about the vote for commissions, etc. It takes four votes, which is a majority, to go against the Mayor's suggestions. The Mayor also made the point that she doesn't do this lightly. It takes a lot of time and effort to find people who are suitable for a commission and willing to serve. The vote on Shirley Cantrell was 5/0/0. Shirley Cantrell will fill the Position 7, until July 11, 2001.

2. CAPC:

The Mayor nominated Randy Wolfenbarger for Position #1. The vote was 3/1/1, with

Alderman Dickens abstaining and Mr. Freeland voting no. Since it takes four votes to keep

Mr. Wolfenbarger from being seated, Mr. Wolfenbarger will serve in Position #1, until June 30, 2001.

3. Planning Commission:

Audie Autrey will serve in Position #4 until July 1, 2000, the vote being 5/0/0.

Genes Bland was nominated by the Mayor for the opening on the Equalization Board, to serve until 7-1-2000. This position was filled by David Jeffrey for ten years. The vote was 3/2/0, with Alderwoman Dickens and Alderman Freeland voting no. Mr. Bland will fill the position until 7-1-2000.

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Several Council Members said that they vote according to the input they get from the people who call them. The Mayor said that this is what the system is about. You vote the way your heart tells you to. She said that always the Council is told in plenty of time so they can call and have conversations with the people who are nominated, and that it is a system that has worked.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor, 5/0/0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

BARBARA A O'HARRIS, MAYOR