

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1997**

9:00 A. M.

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 November 12, 1997 Special Council Meeting November 18, 1997

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 1770. amending the sidewalk ordinance, (first reading, to be postponed and handled by the Planning Dept.)
2. Award of the Gas Bid.
3. Solid Waste Issues, (next step December 9, Council Meeting, to be discussed December 2, 1997)
4. Auditorium Dept., Hall of Fame

MAYORS COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

DEPARTMENT HEADS COMMENTS:

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORITY REPORTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lake Leatherwood Annexation, Order has been signed and we are waiting the 30 days as required by law.

McClelland Engineering, Sewer, Sidewalks, Parks, Grant Work in Progress

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1997, 9 am.

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Barbara A. O'Harris at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 1997, in the Jury Room of the Western District Court House.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Nikki Salazar, Julie Mosby, Kathy Harrison, Jay Miner, Don Matt, Don Young, and Clerk Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Young led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes from Wednesday, November 12th Council Meeting. On page 4, Alderman Freeland made a correction that the ambulance had a price of \$18,000 on it and not \$1800. The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended.

All were in favor, 5/0/0.

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The minutes for November 18th's Special Meeting will be ready for the next Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance #1770, amending the sidewalk ordinance, (first reading, to be postponed and handled by the Planning Department):

Alderswoman Watson made the motion to postpone to the January 13th meeting to be discussed at the Agenda-setting Meeting on January 6th. All were in favor, 5/0/0.

2. Gas Bid, K-Way Texaco:

Mr. Young explained that the City received two bids. One was from K-way Texaco for 4 cents discount on the pump price plus waiving the federal tax. At the time of the bid, the pump price was \$1.129 so this would bring the price down to 90.5 cents per gallon. The Country Market submitted a bid for 2 per cent discount per gallon plus waiving the federal tax. When they submitted their bid their pump price was \$1.159. The actual price at the pump for the City would be 95.182 cents per gallon. He said that obviously

the pump prices will fluctuate over the year.

The gas that is supplied is regular. The diesel fuel will have to be bought from Bunch's. The Transit Department has their own diesel pump, but Public Works doesn't have its own pump. There is a lot of liability involved with the City storing gasoline.

Alderman Watson made the motion to award the gas bid to K-Way. Alderman Jeffrey seconded. By roll call, the vote was 5/0/0.

3. Solid Wastes Issues:

Alderman Seratt made the motion to postpone until December 9th and Alderman Watson seconded. By roll call, all were in favor, 5/0/0.

The Mayor mentioned a hand-out about how many claims had been paid since 12-15-92. Total claims were \$23,888.28, and of that, a lightning strike caused \$9,500. That is not a lot of claims in five years. The \$9500 was when the communications for the Fire Department got hit by lightning.

4. Auditorium Dept.:

Word has it that the Arkansas Hall of Fame will go to Pine Bluff. It is not official as yet.

One of the main concerns, the Mayor said, was that from the money they would give us, we would be using some to work on the building. Pine Bluff has their building completely finished and all of the money would be used to enhance it.

Some of the interviewers didn't seem to think that it was important to have tourism involved in the Hall of Fame.

Rather than getting discouraged about this, the Auditorium Committee met with Don Young and the Mayor and they are all excited because they want the City to do the renovations on their own. They will be coming to the Council with ideas, etc. They are looking for a Marketing Person to be the Director of the Auditorium Department. This person will be contacting all of Carroll County and letting them know that the Auditorium will be available for use. This person will travel and promote Eureka Springs, and will be in charge of contacting all of the festivals in town. They will be working with them and the Chamber of Commerce and CAPC. The Auditorium Committee is working now to come up with a job description so that it can go to the paper.

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Mayor O'Harris said that for right now they are going to look for some used movie equipment. They would like to show old movies to show on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The ones that get the best crowds are generally childrens' programs. They will be looking for Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse and the old cartoons. Anytime that the Auditorium is not taken up with something else, they would like to show old movies. Alderman Watson said that the good thing that happened was that this project put the Auditorium on a direction. She said that she felt good about how hard everyone worked to get the chance and she said that she

believes it will work. She said that Pine Bluff has the money, the people and the clout. The three members working on the Auditorium Committee are Carol Heath, Georgia Rubley, and Gail Larimer. They will be working closely with Don Young. They will be forming a non-profit volunteer committee to raise funds for the Auditorium renovation.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor O'Harris announced that Kim Dickens, City Planner, will be working out of Public Works. November 19th was her effective date of hire. That was the date that she gave the Council her resignation.

Tom Johnson apologized. He has been working on the new hospital in Berryville. Mayor O'Harris asked Kim Dickens, City Planner, to give a report on his progress since she had just talked to him the day before.

Kim said Mr. Johnson said the plan for the Old Police Building would be out for bid sometime in the next two weeks, and then it will take two and a half, possibly three months to complete the building. She said the plans for the building are really a great layout. She said it could possibly be ready in February.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to nominate Joyce Zeller for Ward #3 Position #2 on the Council. Alderman Christman seconded. Alderman Freeland said it should have some time for discussion. Alderman Jeffrey if the Council wants to discuss, fine. He said, also, that should the Council want to vote at that time, the Council could.

The motion was made and seconded to postpone a vote to the December 9th Council Meeting with discussion at the December 2nd Agenda-setting meeting.

The question was raised about how many meetings would be held in December. The Mayor named the dates, December 2nd for an Agenda Meeting, December 9th for a Council Meeting, and December 16th would ordinarily be another Agenda-meeting. She said it might be necessary to have a short meeting following the agenda meeting.

The Mayor commented on the nice gathering at the Mosby's for the Boys and Girls Club. It was nice and several of us attended.

She said that Saturday was the ground breaking for the Ridgeway Retirement Center and it also was a nice gathering.

Alderman Freeland asked about budget and was told the Council will get a copy next week. He said the City should be getting their copies of the Legislative Audit. Mayor O'Harris said that the State seems to be very pleased with us. She heard in Little Rock that our city is way ahead of a lot of Arkansas cities, and we should be very proud of Eureka Springs, which, of course, we are.

Alderman Jeffrey mentioned the Volunteer City Award. He said that he can't believe that any of the cities mentioned could have more volunteers than Eureka Springs. He asked that we

place special emphasis on it for 1998.

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Mayor O'Harris said that all of our people were turning in their time —separately. She said in 1998 we will turn all of the names and hours in together and we will win!

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

Lake Leatherwood's thirty day time period will be up December 3rd. Then Mr. Miner has some paperwork to finish up and an ordinance will be drafted to accept the property into the City.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to adjourn and Alderwoman Seratt seconded it. All were in favor, 5/0/0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

BARBARA A. O'HARRIS, MAYOR

ATTEST: