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**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1999**

Mayor Beau Satori called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 1999. The meeting was held in the Courtroom of the Western District Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was to finish discussion of the 1999 Budget, and vote on Ordinance No. 1806, The Budget Ordinance. The 1999 Budget must be in place by February 6, 1999 according to State Law.

PRESENT: Mayor Satori, and Alderpersons Jeffrey, Taylor, Sumpter, Freeland, Stoppel and Schrader.

ALSO PRESENT: Alan Long, David Beauchamp, Diane Murphy, Bob McVey, Don Matt, Kim Dickens and Clerk Lee.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

Ms. Dickens led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Alderman Sumpter made the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Alderman Stoppel seconded. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Beauchamp for spending the time to get the material all collected together into one final draft. As requested, the 1999 budget, the 1998 budget, and the actual expenditures were all collected to give a clear picture to the Council.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to place Ordinance No. 1806 on its first reading in its entirety. Alderman Freeland seconded. The vote was 6/0/0. Ms. Dickens read the ordinance in its entirety.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to approve. Alderman Schrader seconded.

Alderman Jeffrey suggested that the since Alderman Stoppel should not vote on the Fire/EMS portion of the budget, and Alderman Freeland should not vote on the Auditorium portion of the budget, they should be separated out and not voted on by the two Aldermen to exonerate them from conflict of interest. Alderman Jeffrey said that if the two Aldermen voted to abstain from voting on the two sections of the budget, then they can go ahead and vote on the rest with the rest of the Council. That part would be set aside.

Alderman Freeland made the motion to postpone the vote on Ordinance No. 1806, until later in the meeting. Alderman Schrader seconded, and the

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Alderman Freeland made the motion to divide the budget into two sections, one for Fire/Ems, and Auditorium items, and the other would be

the rest of the budget, for the purposes of voting. Alderman Schrader seconded. All were in favor, 6/C/0.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to approve the portion of the budget that deals with Fire/Ems and Auditorium items. Alderman Sumpter seconded. The roll call vote was 4/C/2, with Aldermen Stoppel and Freeland abstaining.

Alderman Freeland made the motion to approve the balance of the budget. Alderman Stoppel seconded.

There was some more discussion about what has been decided, and items that should come up in the adjustments that are traditionally done in July. The roll call vote on the budget was 6/0/0.

The motion was made by Alderman Jeffrey to re-visit Ordinance No. 1806 on its first reading. Alderman Stoppel seconded.

Alderman Schrader explained why he could not support the budget as it stands. He felt that the Parks should have gotten more money than was allotted, and that the tax money that was voted in was never intended to take the place of the money the City gave The Parks and Recreation Commission.

By roll call, the vote on the first reading was 5/1/0, with Alderman Schrader voting no.

Alderman Freeland made the motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1806 on its second reading by title only. Alderman Stoppel seconded. By roll call, the vote was 6/C/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to approve. Alderman Freeland seconded. By roll call, the vote was 5/1/0, with Alderman Schrader voting no.

Alderman Taylor and Schrader stated that they ordinarily do not believe in emergency clauses, but they understand, under the circumstances why one is needed for this ordinance. Alderman Jeffrey said that he was glad that the new council people could see that emergency clauses are necessary under some circumstances.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1806 on its third and final reading by title only. Alderman Stoppel seconded. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to approve. Alderman Taylor seconded. The roll call vote was 5/1/0, with Alderman Schrader voting no.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to read the emergency clause.

Alderman Taylor seconded. All were in favor, by roll call, 6/0/0. H

Ms. Dickens read the emergency clause.

Alderman Stoppel made the motion to approve. Alderman Jeffrey seconded. By roll call, all were in favor, 6/0/0.

Mayor Satori thanked the Council for the 25 hours of time that they used to hammer out an acceptable budget.

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Alderman Freeland made the motion to adjourn, with Alderman Stoppel seconding. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Satori, Mayor

Lee, City Clerk-Treasurer