

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2000**

The December 21, 2000 meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Beau Satori. It was held in the courtroom of the Western District Courthouse.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kirby Murray, Bobby Thurman, Charissa Cato, Kate Allen, James DeVito, Kathy Hamison, Jack Dozier, Sandy Bass, Kim Dickens, Sherry Wilson, Don Matt, and Clerk Lee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Satori led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes were not ready.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORITY REPORTS AND VACANCIES:

Mayor nominated Penny Carroll for Parks and Recreation Commission Position No. 3.

Alderman Schrader made the motion to approve Pat Matsukis for position No. 7 on the Planning Commission. Alderman Freeland seconded.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to postpone the approval until the January 4th, 2001, Council Meeting. Alderman Stoppel seconded. The vote was 4/2/0, with Aldermen Freeland and Schrader voting no.

Alderman Taylor made the motion to postpone all nomination approvals until the January 4, 2001, Council Meeting. Alderman Stoppel seconded. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

There were none.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

Ms. Dickens announced that she would be out of town from December 25 through the 29th, 2000. Staff has her phone number.

She gave an update on the projects the City is working on.

The police facility is out for bid. Bids are due by January 9th, 2001.

The contractor doing the main sewer line is waiting for materials to be delivered. Construction will start in January, 2001.

The construction on Highway 23 North has started. They will be adding additional detouring in January. The project may go until May 1, 2001 instead of April 1, 2001.

The Planer Hill sidewalk design work is completed, and is at the Arkansas State Highway Department for approval. As soon as it is approved it will go out to bid.

The Lake Leatherwood Dam project is out for bids. The Parks Commission is deciding whether to make a new road to the dam, or whether to do the repairs from a barge in lake access.

The 911 re-addressing has been a real mess. James Clark has been invaluable to Ms. Dickens in working with the new company. The new council will make any decisions that will need to be made.

Mayor Satori said the new company had turned in a proposal and had renumbered every address in town, even after they had been told to respect the historic addresses in town.

Ms. Dickens explained that she was asking for Ordinance No. 1858 to be read and passed at this meeting. Some time ago, a home at 61 Peerless was damaged in a major way. A sewer valve was jammed with a piece of clay pipe, and this home was flooded in a major way. The City is asking the Council to waive competitive bidding since there is no one in this immediate area that is equipped to sanitize the house. A company has been found that is equipped to do so. The ordinance has an emergency clause, also, so that the job can be done as soon as possible.

The motion was made and seconded to place Ordinance No. 1858 on its first reading in its entirety. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance in its entirety.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

The motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules, and place Ordinance No. 1858 on its second reading by title only. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance by title only.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

The motion was made and seconded to further suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1858 on its third and final reading by title only. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance by title only.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

The motion was made and seconded to read the emergency clause. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the emergency clause.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consideration of Ordinance No. 1856. Rezoning, Drennon Property, Highway 62 and East Mountain St., (Second reading):

The motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1856 on its second reading by title only. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance by title only.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Discussion Regarding Legal Issues: Private Sewer Lines that haven't been repaired, Private parking lots, and Private parking on City Property:

Alderman Sumpter made the motion and Alderman Taylor seconded to turn these legal items over to the City Attorney to follow up with legal remedies. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Planer Hill Sidewalk Easement Issues:

Both Sandy Bass and Bobby Thurman were present to talk over their problems with giving

easements to the City. Theirs are the easements that the City doesn't have yet. Sandy Bass is concerned that she will be responsible for 350 feet of sidewalk in front of her property.

Mr. Thurman's main concern was being able to get in and out of his property should he decide to develop it.

The Council decided that Mr. Thurman, Ms. Bass, Kirby Murray, Public Works Director, and Sherry Wilson, City Attorney should sit down together and work out the kinks since both people feel that the sidewalk will enhance their property.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

.The Council members thanked each other and wished each other well.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Satori thanked the Council. He said he appreciated the hours and efforts put into the job for the last two years. He said they could be proud of their achievements with regard to the waste water treatment plant, the Police Department building, Lake Leatherwood Dam, and re-structuring the Finance Department to name a few.

ADJOURNMENT:

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor, 6/0/0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Beau Zar Satori, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Lee, City Clerk-Treasurer