

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2000**

Mayor Beau Satori called the December 7, 2000 meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. It was held in the courtroom of the Western District Courthouse.

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

ALSO PRESENT: James DeVito, Mary Jean Sell, Darrell Bunch, Bruce Levine, Lisa Liggett, Kelly Simon, Pat Millam, Don Matt, Sherry Wilson, Kim Dickens and Clerk Mary Ann Lee.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda and place Item #1 under Unfinished Business before the Approval of the Minutes. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 1857, an Ordinance Establishing Maturity Schedule for Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds. (all readings):

Alderman Stoppel made the motion and Alderman Sumpter seconded to place Ordinance No. 1857 on its first reading in its entirety. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Mr. Shep Russell read the ordinance in its entirety.

Alderman Stoppel made the motion and Alderman Jeffrey seconded to approve the ordinance on its first reading. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion and Alderman Stoppel seconded to suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1857 on its second reading by title only. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Mr. Russell read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion and Alderman Stoppel seconded to approve. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion and Alderman Stoppel seconded to further suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1857 on its third reading by title only. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Mr. Russell read the ordinance by title only.

Alderman Stoppel made the motion and Alderman Jeffrey seconded to approve the final reading. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion and Alderman Stoppel seconded the motion to ratify the emergency clause, which was read with the body of the ordinance. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

November 16th, 2000 Council Meeting Minutes: The amendments were noted and the minutes were approved as amended, 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND AUTHORITY REPORTS AND VACANCIES:

Alderman Jeffrey said he did not feel it was right for the present Council to vote on vacancies for the next year. He felt that it should be left to the new Council to make these decisions.

Mayor Satori had nominated Pat Matsukis for the Planning Commission.

Alderman Stoppel made the motion and Alderman Jeffrey seconded to postpone voting on her

nomination to the December 21st, 2000, meeting. The vote was 6/0/0.

Mayor Satori said that Butch Berry had agreed to continue in his position on the Planning Commission.

Alderman Stoppel said that since Mr. Berry had already been serving, and didn't need approval by the public, he felt comfortable in voting on Mr. Berry's nomination immediately. *The motion was made and seconded to approve Butch Berry's continuation in his position on the Planning Commission. The vote was 5/C/1, with Alderman Jeffrey abstaining.*

Mayor Satori then nominated Bill Rubley for Position 6 of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Satori had nominated Pat Milam for Position 6 of the Parks and Recreation Commission, which will expire November 22, 2004.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. The vote was 6/0/0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

There was no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consideration of the 2001 Fuel Bids:

There were two bids: one from the Exxon Station, and one from Bunch's Quick Check.

After discussing the bids, the motion was made and seconded to approve the bid from Bunch's Quick Check. The vote was 5/1/0, with Alderman Stoppel voting no.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 1853, Amending Chapter 106, Traffic and Vehicles, (Third reading):

The motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules place Ordinance No. 1853 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.

Consideration of 2001 Transit Decisions, (Fares, Routes, Hours, etc.):

Ms. Liggett said that Trolley No. 6 was expired this year, and it will be used as back up.

Alderman Jeffrey made the motion to purchase a new trolley with the State's putting in 80% of the price and the City paying 20%. Alderman Schrader seconded.

The vote on the purchase of a new trolley was 6/0/0.

Alderman Taylor made the motion and Alderman Jeffrey seconded to sell Trolley No. 1. The vote was 6/0/0. The money from the sale will help to pay the approximately \$55,000 the City will have to pay for its share for a new trolley. Ms. Liggett hopes to sell Trolley No. 1 for \$40,000, which will then only take \$15,000 more of the City's money to buy a \$275,000 trolley.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of the Transit 2001 Budget:

Alderman Freeland made the motion and Alderman Taylor seconded to approve the 2001 Transit Budget.

Ms. Dickens explained that the paperwork that the Council had received listed a deficit in the Transit Department of \$34,402. *She said that she and Diane Murphy, the Finance Director, would be meeting with Ms. Liggett to see if the deficit could not be reduced. Alderman Freeland then amended his motion to say that the amounts of money not exceed*

\$34,402.00. Alderman Taylor seconded.
Ms. Liggett answered questions from the Council about the budget.

The vote was 6/0/0, on the amendment. The vote on the amended motion was 6/0/0.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 1856- Re-Zoning Drennon Property on Highway 62 East and East Mountain. (First Reading):

The motion was made and seconded to place Ordinance No. 1856 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.

The Council discussed concessions made by the Drennon family such as the buffer zone of trees on the edge of their lot next to the residences.

The vote on the first reading was 6/0/0.

Consideration of Building and Personal Property Insurance Bid:

David Stoppel made the motion and Becky Taylor seconded to approve.

There was only one bid this year. The Clerk sent out memos to the Department Heads to advise her of any changes. Several items were added and changed. The ad went into the paper earlier so that the insurance companies would have more time, as was suggested by Alderman Schrader in 1999. The bid was from Bare and Swett for \$14,524.

After some discussion, the vote was 5/0/1, with Alderman Schrader abstaining.

Consideration of Resolution No. 479, Sale of Property owned by the Volunteer Firefighters, on Passion Play Road:

The motion was made and seconded to read Reslution No. 479. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the resolution.

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

Consideration of Resolution 480, Extension of Lease on Current Police Facility:

The motion was made and seconded to read Reslution No. 480. All were in favor, 6/0/0.

Mayor Satori read the resolution.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Alderman Sumpter said he had people constantly asking about the Police Station and when it will be started and when it will be done, and he asked for monthly updates.

Ms. Dickens said there was still some civil engineering that needed to be done and the plans are almost finished. It will be put out for bid between now and Christmas and the bids will be due sometime in January.

Alderman Schrader asked that the reports include Leatherwood projects, the dam, the wastewater treatment plant and the highway construction at the north end of town.

He asked, also, if more signage could be at the bottom Flint St., to keep large trucks and eighteen wheelers from getting lost and going into that area at the top of Flint. The latest incident cost the Preservation Society a good deal of money, and the neighbors were really upset about the damage. It was decided to look into the problem.

Alderman Stoppel said he would report on the Hospital Commission meeting at the next meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT:

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor, 6/0/0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Beau Zar Satori, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Lee, City Clerk-Treasurer