

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS  
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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 4th, 2001**

Mayor Beau Z. Satori called the June 4th, 2001, meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Carroll County Courthouse.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Satori, and Aldermen DeVito, Dozier, Stoppel, Harrison, and Sumpter. Alderman Simon was late,

ALSO PRESENT: Kirby Murray, Mary Jean Sell, Vicki Rose, Henrietta Hawkins, Frank Green, Madge Terrell, Jean Elderwind, Rhonda Tanton, Sherry Wilson, Kim Dickens, and Clerk Lee. Others were present who did not sign in,

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Satori led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Ms. Dickens asked to add "Lane House" as item no. 3 under Unfinished Business.

Mayor Satan added "Transit Committee" as item no. 5.

*The motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was 5/0/0.*

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

*The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 21, 2001. With no amendments, the vote was 5/0/0.*

**COMMISSION, COMMITTEE: AND AUTHORITY REPORTS AND VACANCIES:**

Planning Commission- Position 3- Expires 7-1-01---Mayor Satori nominated Butch Berry to serve another term. Mr. Berry had said he would. *The motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Berry for another term. The vote was 5/0/0.*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

None.

**CITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:**

Ms. Dickens gave the Council a "Heads Up" on what is going on with the Western Ambulance District. The District has hired an attorney and they are examining their agreement with the City of Eureka Springs. There are several residents in Western Carroll County who are unhappy about the bidding process. Ms. Dickens said she and the Fire Chief and whatever personnel are on duty have been attending those meetings and will continue to do so. It seems that the Western Ambulance District may put together a new bid package and put it out for bids.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 1872, CAPC tax on attractions. (Third**

**reading):**

*The motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1872 on its third and final reading by title only. All were in favor, 5/0/0.*

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance by title only.

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

**Discussion regarding the Eureka Springs Library funding request:**

Ms. Dickens said that it is a little early in the year to re-visit this request. The revenue is in through March, and it is 7% under projected revenue.

Alderman Simon came in at this time.

Alderman Dozier asked about the insurance for City employees. He said that money was set aside for the whole year to pay for that insurance, and that it looked like there would be more than would be needed. Ms. Dickens said that those figures would be given to the Council in July when the Council starts to work on budget amendments.

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Ms. Jean Elderwind, Director of the Carnegie Library of Eureka Springs, said the money was to be targeted for acquisitions. She said she buys books all year long. They are looking for ways to cut corners for the summer programs and are receiving help from Friends of the Library with summer programs.

*The motion was made and seconded to go through the budget and prepare to award the funds to the library. All were in favor, 6/0/0.*

**Funding for the Lane House.**

Alderman Harrison made the motion that if there was any money available to award it to Lane House. There was no second. Vicki Rose, Program Director for Lane House, said there will be no summer camp program for Eureka Springs. She said it seems to be the only game in town, and it is distressing to think that there will be no funds to implement the program.

**Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 1873, issuance of bonds for repairing Lake Leatherwood Dam. (First reading):**

*The motion was made and seconded to place Ordinance No. 1873 on its first reading in its entirety. The vote was 6/0/0.*

Ms. Dickens and Mayor Satori took turns reading the very lengthy ordinance.

*The motion was made and seconded to approve. With little discussion, the vote was 6/0/0.*

Ms. Dickens said there was no hurry on this ordinance. The second and third readings can be done at the June 18th, 2001, meeting.

**Discussion of survey results on fluoridation of water:**

The results of the survey done on the back of the water bills was that 548 people voted and 507 did not respond. 336 households said they did not want fluoridation and 212 said they did.

The general consensus was that the subject should go to a vote of the people.

*The motion was made and seconded to calendar the subject for the 2002 General Election.* The vote was 3/3/0. Motion failed.

*The motion was made and seconded to not put fluoride in our water.* The vote was 4/2/0, with Aldermen Dozier and DeVito voting no. (In this case, a yes vote was against fluoridation).

**Transit Committee:**

Mayor Satori said that Jack Dozier would be the Council's representative on the Transit Committee. Pat Matsukis, from the Planning Commission, volunteered. His nominees were Pat Matsukis, David Jefftey, Jack Byrne, Dan Bennett and Ed Dozier. He needs one more interested party to fill the seventh spot.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:****Discussion regarding 2001 Street Paving Program:**

Kirby Murray had presented the Council with his recommendations at the last meeting. He said he is not telling the Council what to do, but recommending what he thinks would be in the best interests of the City.

Alderman Sumpter said he and Alderman Dozier had each gone with Kirby and looked at the different areas recommended. He said he would like to see the City black top the top portion of lower Wall St., and not do Wood Circle this year. Otherwise he thought that the rest of the list was important to get done, instead of \$17,640 for Wood Circle, the top portion of lower Wall St. would cost \$13,739.

Alderman Simon said that there should be a study of Lower Wall and Armstrong before anything is done, so that it will be done right.

Alderman DeVito said he thought the Council should follow Mr. Murray's recommendations.

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*The motion was made and seconded to drop Wood Circle, and do the upper portion of lower Wall Street instead, and then do Jordan, Judah, Public Works, Recycle, the Mill Hollow Bridge, and the stairway from Main St. to Center St.*

Frank Green spoke for the people who want lower Wall Street paved. He said he has been fighting

this battle for sixteen years. He said they paid high taxes, both City and County, **and they have a right to have a paved street there. He said that** if it will get started by doing the top portion, fine. They will accept that for now. The vote on the motion was 5/1/0, with Alderman Simon voting no.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Alderman DeVito asked about Senator Fitch Day. Mayor Satori said it is July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001, and will be held at the Crescent Hotel.

Alderman Harrison voiced her dismay that the Council didn't vote to appropriate funds for Lane House.

*The motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session on a personnel matter. All were in favor, 6/0/0. The session started at 8:55 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 9:30 p.m. The Mayor said no action was taken.*

Alderman Stoppel thanked the Police Department for the good job they did during Blues Festival.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Satori said that July 1<sup>st</sup> 2001, is Senator John Fitch Day. Anyone wanting information, or to help with the celebration, can call Lynn Carrington at 253-7333, the CAPC office.

He reminded everyone to go to Lake Leatherwood on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

*The motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor, 6/0/0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.*

This is the signature sheet for the minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup> 2001.

**ATTEST:**

Mary Ann Lee, City Clerk-Treasurer