

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22nd, 2002**

Mayor Satori called the January 22nd, 2002 meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jury Room of the Western District Courthouse.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jean Elderwind, Kirby Murray, Gail Money, Glenn Strange, Bill King, Mary Jean Sell, Bill Ames, Kim Dickens, Sherry Wilson, 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 approve the agenda with the addition under new business to approve the disposal of obsolete audited records from 1996. The vote was 4/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The motion was made and seconded to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from January 7th, 2002. The corrections were noted. All were in favor, 4/0/0.

At this time the Mayor gave his State of the City address which is required by law. It will be attached to these minutes.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORITY REPORTS AND VACANCIES:

Mayor Satori said that Frank Green, Position No. 4, and Joe Head, position no. 5, had agreed to renew their service on the cemetery commission.

The motion was made and seconded to approve them. All were in favor, 4/0/0.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

Ms. Dickens reported to the Council that the addition to the City property insurance brings the values up to 90% of the value to rebuild. The new cost is \$35,322, with a difference of \$11,065. The two areas that were hit hard by the increase were the Auditorium, and the Hospital. The City is talking to them about how the money will be paid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding Ordinance No. 1889, an ordinance adopting the 2002 Budget:

The motion was made and seconded to place Ordinance No. 1889 on its first reading in its entirety. All were in favor, 4/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance in its entirety.

The motion was made and seconded to approve.

All were in favor, 4/0/0.

The motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1889 on its second reading by title only. By roll call, the vote was 4/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance by title only.

The motion was made and seconded to approve.

The vote was 4/0/0.

The motion was made and seconded to further suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 1889 on its third and final reading by title only. By roll call, the vote was 4/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the ordinance by title only.

The motion was made and seconded to approve.

The vote was 4/0/0.

The motion was made and seconded to read the emergency clause. All were in favor, 4/0/0.

Ms. Dickens read the emergency clause.

The motion was made and seconded to approve. All were in favor, 4/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding disposal of 1996 audited and obsolete records:

The motion was made and seconded to approve the disposal of the 1996 audited and obsolete records. All were in favor, 4/0/0.

Discussion regarding Planer Hill property:

The Mayor said he brought it up to the ad people to consider putting a sign at the top of Planer Hill to direct people to the Historic downtown. He said it will be especially needed with all of the work that will be going on with construction of the highway and the sidewalk.

Mr. DeVito said the Community Development people might be interested in paying for the sign.

Alderman Simon said it would be nice to have a minimal plan for some landscaping at the top of the hill.

The Mayor said the City has received a \$120,000 grant to bury the utility lines from Planer Hill down. Through the T-21 enhancement program, this will pay for burying the utilities from the Queen Anne Mansion down to the museum. Swepeco will pay the engineering costs to know what has to be done and how to go about doing it. They will then let the City do the work, to save money. They will also save money on the dirt work in the sidewalk construction so we can do more with the money we'll receive. We have \$315,000 in grants for the sidewalk. 20% of the sidewalk work has already been done.

Discussion regarding the City Council Vacancy:

Mayor Satori announced the names of the people who have requested to be considered to fill the Council seat for the remainder of the year. The names are Terry McClung, Glenn Strange, and Gayle Money.

The State statutes say that a name will be chosen at the next regular meeting, according to City Attorney Sherry Wilson. She said, however, that it would be within the statutes to wait and vote in two weeks at the next regular meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The Mayor announced Ms. L.J. Smole as the new Director of the Transit Dept. He said change your area code to 479.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor, 4/0/0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Beau Z. Satori

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Lee, City Clerk-Treasurer