

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Mayor Pate called the special meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order Thursday, February 9, 2012 in the jury room on the second floor of the Western District Carroll County Courthouse. Mayor Pate noted the purpose of the meeting: **Discussion of the 2012 Budget Resolution.**

PRESENT: Mayor Pate, Aldermen James DeVito, Lany Ballance, Dean Kirkpatrick, Parker Raphael, Ken Pownall, Butch Berry, City Attorney Tim Weaver, and City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong

Mr. DeVito moved to discuss. Mr. Berry seconded. Ms. Ballance requested that the City Attorney to go on record saying this is "totally legal and aboveboard". She expressed concern regarding the previous vote and veto of the proposed budget. Mr. Weaver said he understood this was to direct an action and was not a vote on a particular budget. He saw no problem in the Council addressing the budget and said the veto can be addressed at the next regular session.

Mr. Berry noted a typing error. In answer to his noting a change in the Transit fund appropriation, Finance Director Lonnie Clark said this figure included an economic stimulus disbursement that had been left out. Mayor Pate noted a typing error.

Mr. Pownall moved to assign a number to the resolution and read it for discussion. Mr. DeVito seconded. A voice vote followed.

Motion carried 5/0/1, with Ms. Ballance voting "Present".

Ms. Armstrong read **Resolution 593 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR.**

Mr. Pownall said he would like to see Capital Fund 12 appropriations reduced by \$25,000 (line 12-00-5881) for a new police vehicle until such time (Council) can be shown the need for ten vehicles for ten uniformed officers. Mr. Raphael seconded. Mr. DeVito expressed his understanding that (Council) would pass the budget and then adjust the figures accordingly. Mr. Pownall noted the fixed assets list includes 10 vehicles and felt it imperative this is reviewed and justified.

Chief Earl Hyatt assured Council the vehicle would not be purchased now. He explained that vehicles last longer if driven by one person. A voice vote on the amendment followed.

Motion carried 4/2/0, with Mr. Berry and Mr. DeVito voting "No".

Mr. Pownall moved to approve Resolution No. 593 as amended. Mr. DeVito seconded. A roll call vote followed: Dr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Berry, Mr. Pownall, Mr. Raphael, and Mr. DeVito – "Aye". Ms. Ballance – "Present".

Motion carried 5/0/1.

Mr. Berry moved to adjourn. Mr. Pownall seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

This is the signature page for the minutes of the special meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council on February 9, 2012.

ATTEST:


City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:


Mayor Morris Pate