

Mayor Pate called the special meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 2 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2013 in the jury room on the second floor of the Western District Carroll County Courthouse. Mayor Pate stated the purpose of the meeting: **An Ordinance waiving the requirements of competitive bidding for the purpose of changing Health Care providers**

PRESENT: Mayor Morris Pate, Aldermen Joyce Zeller, Terry McClung, Mickey Schneider, Dee Purkeypile, and City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong
Alderman David Mitchell arrived at 2:05 and Alderman Mickey Schneider left at 2:33.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

ACTION:

Mr. Purkeypile motioned to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Finance Director Lonnie Clark spoke briefly about the Municipal League self-insured insurance program. In looking for a better plan, Mr. Clark contacted four agencies for quotes. Brown, Hiller, and Clark responded with research and a proposal.

Scott Taylor, from B.H.C., reviewed the proposal. United Health Care would cover the medical insurance, Met Life the dental portion, and Superior Vision the vision portion. Coverage would be improved but the cost per employee would increase \$35.85 per month. Deductibles would be less. Maximum pay-out per year for dental care would match previous coverage. Coverage for vision care would be improved. The new plan would be a four-tier structure rather than two-tier. Coverage for domestic partners could be included.

Mr. Taylor said all of the major facilities and the majority of doctors in the area would be in-network providers. Discussion followed regarding the quote being good until June 1 and credit for portions of deductibles employees have already paid. Mr. Taylor said he would serve as the consultant and bridge the gap between the insurance company and the individual. Mr. Clark confirmed the City will cover the increased cost for individual employees. An additional \$12,500 would cover the rest of 2013.

Mr. Mitchell motioned to suspend the rules, assign the ordinance a number and place it on the first reading. Mr. Purkeypile seconded. Discussion followed regarding an emergency clause.

Ms. Schneider left the table. An emergency clause was added. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read **ORDINANCE NO. 2182 AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.**

Mr. Purkeypile moved to approve Ordinance No. 2182 on its first reading. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A voice vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Mr. Purkeypile moved to suspend the rules and read Ordinance No. 2182 by title only. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read the Ordinance title. Mr. McClung motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2182 on its second reading. Ms. Zeller seconded. A voice vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Mr. Purkeypile moved to suspend the rules and read Ordinance No. 2182 on its third and final reading by title only. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read the ordinance title. Mr. McClung motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2182 on its third and final reading. Mr. Purkeypile seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Mr. McClung motioned to read the emergency clause. Mr. Purkeypile seconded. A voice vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0.

Ms. Armstrong read the emergency clause.

Mr. Purkeypile moved to assign a number to the resolution and read. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read **RESOLUTION NO. 619 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2013 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**

Mr. Mitchell favored annual review of insurance during the budgeting process.

Mr. Purkeypile moved to adjourn. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0.

The meeting was reconvened to address the vote on the emergency clause.

Mr. Purkeypile motioned to approve the emergency clause as read. Ms. Zeller seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McClung moved to adjourn. Mr. Purkeypile seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Ann Armstrong, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:


Morris Pate, Mayor

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