** 5:00 p.m. Finance workshop

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2015 6 p.m.
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: March 23, 2015

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 2 – Mickey Schneider (temp.) – expires 1/1/17. Pos. 6 – Ed Leswig – expired 1/1/15

CAPC
Hospital
Parks – Pos. 6 – vacant -- expires 5/1/19
HDC –
Cemetery – Pos. 2 – vacant – expired 2/15/15

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Council meeting room – Mr. DeVito and Mr. Mitchell

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update on water meter installations – Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Schneider
2. Update on Black Bass Dam – Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Zeller
3. Application for new Moped Franchise – Mr. Thomas and Ms. Schneider
4. Discussion of fluoride at the Department of Health meeting

AGENDA SETTING
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
MAYOR'S COMMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING **MONDAY** **APRIL 13, 2015**

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2015 in the jury room in the Western District Carroll County Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Aldermen Bob Thomas, Joyce Zeller, Terry McClung, David Mitchell, James DeVito, Mickey Schneider, and City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. DeVito moved to approve. Mr. McClung seconded. Mr. Thomas moved to add an application for a Moped Franchise. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mr. Mitchell moved to add an update on fluoride and the Arkansas Department of Health meeting. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mayor Berry called for approval of the amended agenda.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: March 23, 2015

Mr. DeVito moved to approve. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Mayor Berry noted there are open seats on the HDC, Planning, Cemetery and Parks Commissions.

Planning – No report
CAPC – No report
Hospital – No report
Parks – No report
HDC – No report
Cemetery – no report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jackie Wolven, Executive Director of the Eureka Springs Downtown Network Main Street Program, brought the accreditation given by National Main Street Center. She provided a written summary of resources available to businesses in the Main St. area and a list of attractions and upcoming events.

Jack Moyer, Chairman of the Main Street Program, spoke about the Board using social media to provide information about shop space and real estate in the District. He spoke about the "Reimagine Main Street" component for improving gardens and stairway arches, to improve consumer confidence.

Laura Coker spoke about civil rights vacated improperly by the Public Health Committee with one member leaving before the vote regarding local control for optional fluoride, and two entering immediately after. She considered their behavior dereliction of duty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Update on Council meeting room**

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Mr. DeVito seconded. Mayor Berry noted the "pros" for using the Court Room are more room and parking while the "cons" are accessibility, moving and operating the equipment, and occasional Court sessions. Regarding Transit, the "pros" are parking, room for permanent equipment, and handicap access. Possible restrictions on use of the Transit building, due to Federal funding, is being investigated. Moving a wall could possibly gain room for 15 people. Mayor Berry said the Police Station and Fire Stations have room but parking is limited.

Discussion followed regarding acoustics in the Court Room, other commissions' needs, purchasing

another camera, and moving City offices to Transit. Further discussion included using the old High School sometime in the future, not broadcasting meetings live, future use of the Hospital, and Main Stage.

Mayor Berry agreed to investigate the cost of additional equipment and use of the Fire Station. Mr. DeVito moved for him to do so. Ms. Schneider seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update on water meter installations**

Public Works Director Dwayne Allen provided a written recap on progress with the plan to replace approximately 95% of the active water meters in town by the end of the year. Mayor Berry agreed to work toward providing an estimate of projected revenues. He noted the Carroll Boone water rate increase.

Mr. Mitchell recalled the requirements regarding the Bonding company. It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda.

2. **Update on Black Bass Dam**

Mayor Berry spoke about the plan to reduce the water level approximately 8-10 ft., to the level of the original dam, to keep leakage and damage to a minimum. A meeting with members of the Natural Resource Commission to seek funding for repairs was not encouraging. The City is now eligible for a Community Development Block Grant and Mayor Berry said he plans to apply.

Referencing grant funds, Mayor Berry noted the long County and City crew hours invested in the recent drainage tunnel repair. He spoke about the impending problem with drainage near the intersection of Flint St. and Main St. Mr. McClung referenced the erosion beneath the Auditorium due to water drainage from First St.

3. **Application for new Moped Franchise**

Ms. Schneider moved to discuss. Ms. Zeller seconded. Tony and Holly Lillig provided a complete application for a Moped Franchise. Former owner Phillip Thomas confirmed Mr. Lillig worked with him to learn the business and safety requirements. The new location would be on Judah St. A building for storage and a training area are planned, with approval from the Building Inspector and Historic District Commission.

Discussion followed regarding motorcycle endorsements for larger scooters and the absence of franchise requirements for businesses renting them.

Ms. Zeller motioned to approve the application for a franchise. Ms. Schneider seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

4. **Discussion of fluoride at the Department of Health meeting**

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mr. Mitchell spoke about the opportunity for the City to have one speaker at the April 22 meeting. He referenced the chemical analysis from the company in Belgium that will provide the fluoride. Mr. Mitchell said the lead content is so minute that it falls under the limit that the Arkansas Department of Health requires.

Mr. Mitchell said he will address at least allowing local districts to not fluoridate the water until they can get a letter from the supplier saying the chemicals that are being added to the water are safe for human consumption. He noted many districts have not fluoridated the water because they can't find any supplier of fluoride chemicals anywhere in the world who will write that statement.

AGENDA SETTING: no new items were added

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomas encouraged everyone to remember to vote as soon as they can.

Mr. McClung apologized for missing the finance workshop.

Mr. DeVito spoke in support of voting for Ordinance No. 2223 and noted early voting starts on May 5.

Ms. Schneider noted yard signs regarding the vote are within the legal time frame.

Ms. Zeller said her book, Lost Out of Time, will be on sale for three days as a kindle book.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry praised Public Works and the Fire Department for their response to the recent flood, noting extensive hours in water rescues and clean up.

Countering rumors, he noted there are no cracks in the foundation of the Auditorium. An update on progress with the drainage tunnel was provided and Mayor Berry noted Bill Hathaway provided structural engineering for the project.

Mayor Berry read a list of upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McClung moved to adjourn. Mr. DeVito seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

ATTEST:

Ann Armstrong

Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong