CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2015 6 p.m.
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
******TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AWARD – Crews and Associates******
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 13, 2015

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Fire Chief Introduction: Randy Ates

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 – Pos. 6 – vacant – 3/7/17

Cemetery – Pos. 2 – vacant – expired 2/15/15

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Council meeting room – Mr. DeVito and Mr. Mitchell
2. Update on water meter installations – Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Schneider

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of the May 25 meeting date

AGENDA SETTING
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
MAYOR'S COMMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING **MONDAY** **APRIL 27, 2015**

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2015 in the jury room in the Western District Carroll County Courthouse.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AWARD:

Dan Lovelady, from Crews and Associates, commended the Arts Council for their energetic volunteer work and presented the City an award for Tourism Development for cities under 5,000 in population.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. DeVito moved to approve. Ms. Zeller seconded. Ms. Schneider added discussion of the May 25 meeting date. Mayor Berry called for approval of the amended agenda.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 13, 2015

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

Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Mayor Berry introduced the new Fire Chief, Randy Ates. Chief Ates provided the first quarter 2015 report, and said he welcomes calls.

Planning – Ms. Schneider noted the Commission heard at the last meeting from an expert regarding size of homes. She relayed his understanding that the City would do well to not pursue minimum size requirements. Ms. Schneider also said she's stepping down from her seat on the Commission.

CAPC – No report
Hospital – No report
Parks – No report
HDC – Mayor Berry nominated Ronnie Fanning for Position 6.
Cemetery – no report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Laura Coker, said she would like to apply for a temporary domicile residency permit and referenced an incident with a police officer. Ms. Coker spoke about misconduct in State action regarding fluoride. She spoke favorably of the Governor's handling of equal rights legislation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Update on Council meeting room**

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Mr. DeVito seconded. Building Manager Don Matt provided a written summary of current developments with Court Room use, and cost estimates for equipment that could be stored there for set-up before each Council meeting. He confirmed the Court Clerk sometimes sets up equipment that would prevent use of City equipment. Mr. Matt also noted there must be time for testing after set-up. He confirmed no equipment on the list could be eliminated by tape delaying.

Mr. DeVito spoke in support of an arrangement that would allow Council to face the public. He moved to set aside and earmark $3,000 to go against the purchase of equipment for next year. There was no second. Discussion followed regarding budgeting for the first of the year and other possible locations for meetings. Mayor Berry agreed to keep looking.

2. **Update on water meter installations**

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Public Works Director Dwayne Allen sent a summary of completed meter installations. Approximately 37% of the commercial meters and approximately 20% of the residential meters have been changed out. Increased revenues are estimated at between 15 and 25%.

Discussion followed regarding Carroll Boone's rate increase and reasons for doing the installations in-house rather than hiring a contractor.

Mayor Berry invited Mr. Mitchell to update Council on the meeting in Little Rock regarding fluoride. Mr. Mitchell offered some background on political relationships, decisions made thus far, and the Department of Health's written statement in support of fluoride.

During his presentation, he asked the Health Department to write a rule to allow local water districts and the consumers to have in writing from any supplier of fluoridation chemicals that those chemicals are safe for consumption and for external use. The second suggestion was that they follow the Federal Safe Drinking Water mandate that says "No lead." Mr. Mitchell added that Eureka Springs requested that this be done by order or by requirements in their regulations.

Mr. Mitchell expressed interest in random water sampling throughout the City to check for lead.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion of the May 25 meeting date**

Ms. Schneider moved to discuss. Mr. Mitchell seconded. May 25 is Memorial Day. Following several suggestions, Mr. DeVito moved to evaluate at the next meeting. Mr. McClung seconded. There was no vote.

AGENDA SETTING:

Mr. McClung added an update on the Hospital. No Council member seconded, but Mayor Berry agreed to provide that.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. DeVito spoke about having suggested that people with concerns about Ordinance No. 2223 come and speak with Council, and he encouraged everyone to remember to vote.

Mr. Mitchell thanked those who participated in painting the stairway.

Ms. Schneider expressed exhaustion with the fear mongering and disinformation regarding Ordinance No. 2223.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry said a $249,000 grant from Winrock International has been awarded to Eureka Springs, Berryville and Mulberry for economic development and technical assistance for planning. He read a list of upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. DeVito moved to adjourn. Mr. McClung seconded.
Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

ATTEST:

Ann Armstrong

Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong