CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 10, 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: July 27, 2015

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning
CAPC – Vote on Ken Ketelsen – Pos. 3
Hospital
Parks – Pos. 6 – vacant -- expires 5/1/19
HDC
Cemetery – Pos. 2 – vacant – expired 2/15/15

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of ordinance re: 2008 and 2010 Bonds – **tabled until meeting with bonding company has taken place** -- Mr. McClung and Mr. DeVito
2. Second bid on the Public Works building – Mayor Berry
3. Resolution for tram purchase – Mr. McClung and Ms. Schneider

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of mid-year budget review – Mr. Thomas and Mr. Mitchell
2. Second "Up" project (stairs across from the Grand Central) – Mayor Berry for the Arts Council
3. Installation of "Love Seat" (N. Main Music Park) – Mayor Berry for the Arts Council
4. Discussion of Council meetings and holidays – Ms. Schneider and Mr. Mitchell
5. Brief discussion of fluoride – Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Schneider

AGENDA SETTING
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
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ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING **MONDAY** **AUGUST 10, 2015**

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2015 in the jury room in the Western District Carroll County Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Aldermen Terry McClung, Bob Thomas, Mickey Schneider, Joyce Zeller, David Mitchell, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. DeVito moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. It was confirmed Unfinished Business #1 would remain tabled. Ms. Schneider added discussion of two holidays on meeting nights. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Mayor Berry postponed New Business #2 until further notice and cancelled New Business #3. Mr. Mitchell added a brief explanation of fluoride. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mayor Berry called for a vote on the amended agenda.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 27, 2015

Mr. DeVito moved to approve the July 27 minutes. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – No report

CAPC – Vote on Ken Ketelsen's re-nomination will be occur at the next CAPC meeting.

Hospital – No report

Parks – There is one vacancy.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – There is one vacancy. Mayor Berry encouraged members of the public to serve on the Parks and Cemetery Commissions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Becky Gillette spoke about the contract with Carroll Boone wherein they are forbidden from putting corrosive chemicals in the water. Ms. Gillette referenced the Administrative Procedures Act and also said she'd learned that Carroll Boone is not testing for the most common contaminants in fluoridation chemicals -- arsenic, barium, lead and aluminum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion of ordinance re: 2008 and 2010 Bonds – tabled until meeting with bonding company has taken place**

Will remain tabled, as confirmed during approval of the agenda

2. **Second bid on the Public Works building**

Mayor Berry expressed his understanding that all public buildings have to be bid. He proposed separate bid packages for 1) concrete, the metal building and insulation, and 2) mechanical, electrical and plumbing. Repair of the old maintenance building was considered a separate issue and well under the $20,000 limit that requires bids.

Mr. DeVito motioned to approve the bidding on the Public Works building in component bids. Ms. Schneider seconded. Discussion followed regarding some design modifications and oversight of the foundation, footings and steel work by a structural engineer. Further discussion included oversight by an engineer for the mechanical, electrical and plumbing portion, and proceeding with repairs for the existing building before winter. A vote on the motion followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

Mayor Berry spoke about the possibility that the building could be constructed without money from reserves or from Public Works.

3. **Resolution for tram purchase**

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mr. Mitchell motioned to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Ms. Schneider seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read **RESOLUTION NO. 664 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY TRANSIT DEPARTMENT TO SEEK FINANCING FOR PURCHASE OF A TRAM.**

Mayor Berry said bids will go out for financing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion of mid-year budget review**

Mr. Thomas moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. Mr. Thomas expressed concern with the time restrictions in the workshop and suggested a second workshop at least 90 minutes long. Mayor Berry suggested letting him know if there are questions for department heads so they can answer. Discussion followed regarding personal schedules, budget surplus, and funds in the budget reports the City will not be accessing. Further discussion included a 7.7% increase in collections from lodging and restaurants, and property tax revenues that will come in late in the year. It was agreed to seek a date for a 3-5:00 p.m. budget workshop, not on a Council meeting day.

2. **Second "Up" project (stairs across from the Grand Central)**

Postponed until further notice, during approval of the agenda

3. **Installation of "Love Seat" (N. Main Music Park)**

Cancelled during approval of the agenda

4. **Discussion of Council meetings and holidays**

Ms. Schneider moved to discuss. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Ms. Schneider noted Columbus Day, October 12, will be on the second Monday of the month. After discussion, no changes in meeting dates were made.

5. **Brief discussion of fluoride**

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mr. Mitchell spoke about people who have been working behind the scenes on the fluoride issue. He read a letter from Public Works Director Dwayne Allen regarding testing water for lead, aluminum and fluoride. Ten locations were sampled for copper and lead before fluoridation began. He expressed his intent to solve the problem while maintaining a working relationship with all involved agencies.

Mr. Mitchell wanted the public to know of Mr. Allen's efforts in this area.

Ms. Zeller expressed her views on the absence of Carroll Boone's testing each batch of fluoride chemicals as required by law.

AGENDA SETTING: No new items were added.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. McClung asked about the fountain at the top of Planer Hill. (Mayor Berry said he's in discussion with Community First Bank about repairs.)

Mr. McClung addressed the street repairs schedule. (Mayor Berry responded he's requested a priorities list from the Public Works Director.)

Mr. DeVito thanked the visitors and local people who came out for the weekend. He commended the Mayor for being the first Mayor to speak at the Diversity gathering in Basin Park.

Mr. Mitchell acknowledged and thanked Joyce Zeller for her part in the *Daily Show* and the resulting good will and advertising for the town.

Ms. Schneider spoke about having greeted her 14th grandchild. She said volunteers are needed for the Eurekan. Ms. Schneider noted the August 24 workshop on food trucks.

Ms. Zeller spoke about the fun of being downtown on Saturday and all the "selfies" taken with her. She said she's received over 100 emails, some from Japan, Australia and Germany.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry spoke about the 8 in. water line that broke the previous day, Sunday. Repairs were made

and pressure has been restored. A boil order is in effect for East Mountain until the results of water testing are in. He spoke highly of the Public Works crew.

Mayor Berry read a list of upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

ATTEST:

Ann Armstrong

Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong