

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

DECEMBER 14, 2015

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, December 14, 2015 in the jury room in the Western District Carroll County Courthouse.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Schneider moved to approve. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Approval of the November 30, 2015 special meeting minutes was added. Mayor Berry called for a vote on the amended agenda. Motion carried 4/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 23, 2015 and November 30, 2015 special meeting

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the November 23 minutes. Ms. Schneider seconded. Motion carried 4/0/0.

Mr. Mitchell motioned to approve the special meeting minutes. Ms. Schneider seconded. Motion carried 4/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Vote on Melissa Greene for Position 5: Ms. Schneider moved to renew Melissa Greene. Ms. Zeller seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0.

CAPC – No report

Hospital – No report

Parks – No report

HDC – No report

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2234 Raising water rates – 3rd reading

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Ms. Schneider moved to read by title only. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. The title and body of the Ordinance were amended to delete references to the sewer system.

Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the amendments to Ordinance No. 2234. Ms. Schneider seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read the Ordinance title.

Ms. Schneider moved to approve the third reading. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0.

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Ms. Schneider moved to invoke the emergency clause. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/1/0 with Mr. Thomas voting "No" and Mayor Berry voting "Aye" to carry. Ms. Armstrong read the emergency clause.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution for parking lots lease

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mayor Berry noted the lease is from year to year and the resolution would allow him to negotiate with the County Judge. Discussion followed regarding the drainage tunnel repair, and expenses involved in maintenance and enforcement of the lots. Mayor Berry said he would come back to Council if the County chose to increase the lease rate.

Ms. Zeller made a motion to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Ms. Schneider seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read **RESOLUTION NO. 673 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE CARROLL COUNTY WESTERN DISTRICT COURTHOUSE PARKING LOTS BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AS "LESSOR" AND THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS AS "LESSEE."**

2. Schedule workshop for 2016 budget review

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider. It was decided that the Mayor would ask Kim Stryker to arrange a date.

AGENDA SETTING: no items were added

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ms. Zeller complimented Parks on the Christmas decorations, especially those on Planer Hill and the refurbished wreaths.

Ms. Schneider wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, encouraging all to be safe.

Mr. Mitchell said he thought town has a refreshing, clean and lively look to it. He did not recall the springs ever looking that dynamic.

Mr. Thomas said he heard that people thought the Christmas parade was the best they'd seen in a long time.

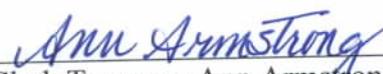
MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry thanked the City Council for what they've done to help in his transition. He spoke of the LED lights used in the wreaths and the welcoming feeling for visitors and residents. Mayor Berry read a list of upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mitchell moved to adjourn. Ms. Schneider seconded. Motion carried 4/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:


Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:


Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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Monday, December 14, 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: November 23, 2015**

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 5 – expires 1/1/16 – **vote on Melissa Greene’s renewal**
CAPC
Hospital
Parks – Pos. 1 – vacant -- expires 5/1/17
HDC
Cemetery – Pos. 2 – vacant – expired 2/15/15. Pos. 4 – vacant – expires 2/15/17

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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