CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 11, 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: April 27, 2015

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 2 – vacant -- expires 1/1/17. Pos. 6 – Ed Leswig – expired 1/1/15
CAPC
Hospital
Parks – Pos. 4 – Ferguson Stewart – expired 5/1/15. Pos. 6 – vacant -- expires 5/1/19
HDC – Pos. 6 – vacant – 3/7/17. **Vote on Ronnie Fanning**
Cemetery – Pos. 2 – vacant – expired 2/15/15

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding May 25 meeting date – Mr. DeVito and Mr. McClung

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update on the hospital – Mr. McClung
2. Potential Refunding Opportunity -- Refunding Water and Sewer Bonds, Series 2008 and Series 2010 -- Mayor Berry

AGENDA SETTING
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ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING **MONDAY** **MAY 11, 2015**

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2015 in the jury room in the Western District Carroll County Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Aldermen David Mitchell, Bob Thomas, Joyce Zeller, Mickey Schneider, Terry McClung, 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 approve. Mr. Mitchell seconded.
Motion carried 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 27, 2015

Mr. McClung moved to approve. Mr. Mitchell seconded.
Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Mayor Berry introduced applicant Tom Buford. Mr. Buford said he's an attorney by profession and has worked with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and in multi-family housing. Mayor Berry said the application will be brought up at the next meeting.

CAPC – No report

Hospital – No report

Parks – Ferguson Stewart reapplied for Position 4 and Bill Featherstone reapplied for Position 7. Mr. Thomas moved to vote on these at the next meeting so as to have time to visit with them. Mr. Mitchell seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

HDC – Mr. McClung moved to approve Ronnie Fanning. Ms. Zeller seconded.
Motion carried 6/0/0.

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Randall Christy expressed his belief that Ordinance No. 2223 has paragraphs that attack churches and ministries, and that several members of Council oppose the existence of the Passion Play. Mr. Christy also said it's unconstitutional to require a defendant to provide burden of proof.

Laura Coker spoke about global climate change, the weaponizing of Tesla technologies, and Eureka as an immensely powerful and spiritual place. She spoke for civility, equality, love and healing. Ms. Coker suggested becoming a Sister City with Sacramento, CA and asked people to call her at 479-244-7204.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion regarding May 25 meeting date**

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Mr. DeVito seconded. Ms. Zeller motioned to cancel the date. Mr. DeVito seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0. Mayor Berry noted the next meeting date will be June 8.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update on the hospital**

Mr. DeVito moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. Mayor Berry said a project manager has been hired to help get the budget more in line. He noted the property has not been closed on. Discussion followed regarding the schedule for water and sewer bonds, borrowing money from another source with better rates, and the City "getting out of the hospital business."

2. **Potential Refunding Opportunity – Refunding Water and Sewer Bonds, Series 2008 and Series 2010**

Mr. DeVito moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. A letter from Bo Bittle, with Stephens Inc., was provided to explain a method for lowering the annual debt service. Mayor Berry suggested talking with him about the possibility of doing the new sewer line under a bond issue. Discussion followed about the schedule of events and the proposed resolution to engage the services of Stephens Inc.

Ms. Schneider moved to ask Mr. Bittle to attend the next Council meeting. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Discussion followed about interest rates, more information from Chris Bariola, and the debt service comparison figures.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

AGENDA SETTING: No new items were added.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomas spoke about voting for Ordinance No. 2223 and then making changes as necessary.

Mr. McClung encouraged voting with your heart, and said the Ordinance divided the town.

Mr. DeVito spoke about the Ordinance as bringing civil rights to all who call Eureka Springs home.

Mr. Mitchell said the people know why the Ordinance was passed when and how it was, and noted his B&B web site has a section advertising the Passion Play.

Ms. Schneider said it is people who want discrimination who have come up with classes of people, and of the time she enjoyed working at the Passion Play.

Ms. Zeller suggested that passing the Ordinance might put an end to the outside assaults.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry agreed with Mr. McClung about the effects of the Ordinance. He said it will be a long healing process, and said it will for all of us to reach out. 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 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

ATTEST:

Ann Armstrong

Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong