CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 26, 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: October 12, 2015

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on winterizing exiting Public Works building – Mayor Berry

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance for financing new tram – **postponed until mid-November** -- Mayor Berry
2. Resolution amending Transit budget – **postponed until mid-November** -- Mayor Berry
3. Resolution for Indigenous Americans Day – Mr. DeVito and Mr. Mitchell
4. Resolution for disposal of City property – Mayor Berry
5. Discussion of a water rate increase – Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Thomas

AGENDA SETTING
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
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ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING **MONDAY** **OCTOBER 26, 2015**

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, October 26, 2015 in the jury room in the Western District Carroll County Courthouse.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Mayor Berry led the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
Mr. McClung moved to approve. Mr. DeVito seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: October 12, 2015
Mr. DeVito moved to approve. Mr. McClung seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:
Planning – No report
CAPC – Mr. DeVito moved to approve the nomination of Ken Ketelsen for Position 3. Mr. McClung seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0.
Hospital – Mr. McClung motioned to re-nominate Mary Jean Sell (Position 6). Mr. DeVito seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0. Mr. McClung moved to approve Robert Walling (Position 7). Mr. DeVito seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0.
Parks – No report
HDC – Mr. Mitchell moved to reappoint Melissa Greene to the HDC (Position 1). Mr. DeVito seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0.
Cemetery – Mayor Berry encouraged people to help on this Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
1. **Update on winterizing the existing Public Works building**

Mr. DeVito moved to discuss. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Mayor Berry noted the core borings for the new site were completed the previous week. In the existing building, the heaters and roof are ok. Some doors in the back will be sealed up. He estimated the cost of winterization will be $3-4000.

Referencing the new building, Mayor Berry said an electrical engineer designed a solar energy system. A grant application has been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance for financing new tram**

Postponed during approval of the agenda until mid-November

2. **Resolution amending Transit budget**

Postponed during approval of the agenda until mid-November

3. **Resolution for Indigenous Americans Day**

Following discussion of various terms used to describe the people of the Western Hemisphere prior to the arrival of Europeans, Mr. DeVito moved to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Mr. Mitchell seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read **RESOLUTION NO. 669 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS DECLARING AND PROCLAIMING THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH OCTOBER TO BE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY.**

4. **Resolution for disposal of City property**

Mr. DeVito moved to approve. Mr. McClung seconded. Mayor Berry said the City can transfer/give property without putting it up for auction if it is given to another government entity. He said the Airport Commission puts a sign on the door noting vehicles donated by the City of Eureka Springs. Citing a conflict in State law regarding disposal of property, it was decided a resolution for donating a Crown Victoria worth about $800 to the Airport Commission would be prepared.

Mr. Mitchell motioned to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Mr. DeVito seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0. It was confirmed the vehicle had been offered to other City departments.

Ms. Armstrong read **RESOLUTION 670 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO DISPOSE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY WITHOUT RECEIVING MONETARY COMPENSATION.**

5. **Discussion of a water rate increase**

Mr. Mitchell motioned to discuss. Mr. DeVito seconded. Discussion followed regarding the 25 cents per 1000 gallons cost increase from Carroll Boone and water rates charged by other cities. Further discussion included raising consumer rates more than 25 cents, waste water rates, and the bond debt service. Impact on larger consumers was considered. Mr. DeVito favored calculating the impact of a 25 cent and a 50 cent increase on the bond debt.

Finance Director Lonnie Clark said a 50 cent raise would still have the City running short of the bond debt.

Noting about half of the new meters have not been installed, Mr. DeVito made a motion to draft an ordinance with the rate increase amount not put in the ordinance. Council would decide what the increase would be based on the numbers Lonnie brings. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0.

AGENDA SETTING:

Mr. Mitchell added discussion of sewer rates. Mr. DeVito seconded.

Ms. Armstrong added an ordinance to correct Code regarding initiative petitions.

Ms. Armstrong added the third quarter report.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. McClung said he appreciated the Mayor's efforts to fix the fountain at the top of Planer Hill. He referenced Black Bass Lake Dam and the need to deal with that issue.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry said he's working on a grant for Black Bass Dam. Repairs to the water drainage system at the intersection of Flint and Main are next in line and scheduled for the off-season.

He read a list of upcoming events and noted the December Municipal League conference will be held in Rogers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. DeVito moved to adjourn. Mr. McClung seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

ATTEST:

Ann Armstrong

Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong