

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2016 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: December 14, 2015**

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning

CAPC – two Council members for 2016

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:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Set meeting dates for 2016
2. Pro tempore for 2016
3. Rules of procedure for 2016
4. Ordinance re: collection of District Court fines – Mayor Berry
5. Discussion of taxis – Ms. Zeller and Mr. Mitchell

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MONDAY

JANUARY 11, 2016

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, January 11, 2016 in the jury room in the Western District Carroll County Courthouse.

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

ABSENT: James DeVito (with notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. McClung moved to approve. Ms. Schneider seconded.
Motion carried 5/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: December 14, 2015

Mr. McClung moved to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes. Ms. Schneider seconded.
Motion carried 5/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – No report

CAPC – Ms. Schneider nominated Joyce Zeller. There was no second. Ms. Schneider nominated Terry McClung. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Mayor Berry declared approval based on acclamation.

Mr. Mitchell nominated James DeVito for the second position. Mr. McClung seconded. There were no other motions. Mayor Berry declared approval by acclamation.

Hospital – No report

Parks – One position is open.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – Two positions are open.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Set meeting dates for 2016

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. Mr. McClung spoke in favor of continuing to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Ms. Schneider seconded.
Motion carried 5/0/0.

2. Pro tempore for 2016

Ms. Schneider moved to nominate Mr. Mitchell. Mr. McClung seconded. There were no other nominations. Mayor Berry stated Mr. Mitchell will be Pro tem, by acclamation.

3. Rules of procedure for 2016

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mr. McClung motioned to use

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Roberts Rules of Order. Ms. Zeller seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

4. Ordinance re: collection of District Court fines

Ms. Schneider moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. Mayor Berry spoke of the proposed ordinance as having been recommended by the auditors to ensure safeguards in collection of the monies. In this case, fines would be paid at the Police Department. Checks would then be written back to the Courts. Following Mr. Weaver's explanation of the collection process and discussion, Ms. Schneider moved to assign the ordinance a number and place it on its first reading. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

Ms. Armstrong read **ORDINANCE NO. 2235 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE EUREKA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES ASSESSED IN DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**

Ms. Schneider moved to approve the first reading. Ms. Zeller seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0. Mr. McClung moved to suspend the rules and to place Ordinance No. 2235 on its second reading by title only. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 5/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read the Ordinance title. Mr. McClung moved to approve Ordinance No. 2235 on its second reading. Ms. Zeller seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

5. Discussion of taxis

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Ms. Zeller expressed concern with the current taxi arrangement and suggested restoring the franchise. Discussion followed regarding the removal of franchise regulations from Code, various ways businesses change owners, and the loss of control and 24/7 service with the absence of a franchise. Discussion continued regarding the existing requirement for Council approval before a business license is issued, and a new Public Service Commission decision regarding transportation. Mr. Weaver described what the new \$15,000 State licenses allow. He noted the taxi franchise regulations in North Little Rock were overridden by the new State law.

AGENDA SETTING:

Mr. Mitchell received assurance the 2016 budget will be on the next agenda.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ms. Schneider wished everyone Happy New Year.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry read a list of upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McClung moved to adjourn. Ms. Schneider seconded.
Motion carried 5/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:


Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:


Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry