

Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 13, 2023, in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Council members Melissa Greene, Steve Holifield, Harry Meyer, Autumn Slane, David Avanzino, Terry McClung, City Attorney Forrest Jacobi, and City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. McClung moved to approve the agenda for February 13, 2023. Mr. Meyer seconded.
Motion carried by voice vote 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 23, 2023

Approval of the minutes was deferred to next meeting due to computer difficulties.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Berry gave his state of the city address recapping the achievements of 2022 and addressing future goals.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – No report
CAPC – Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 6/30/23
Hospital – No report
Parks – No report
HDC – No report
Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comment read by the Clerk/Treasurer: **Gwen Bennett**, 11 Hillside Ave, spoke on the B&B moratorium.

Ray Warner, 4 Douglas, discussed B&B moratorium.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of B&B moratorium resolution

Ms. Greene moved to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Table discussed resolution brought forward by planning commission to administer a moratorium on B&Bs.

Mr. McClung moved to change the start date of the moratorium to February 15th at midnight to give a grace period. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

Table discussed further concerns. Mr. Jacobi suggested motion to amend end date to fit the 6-month time frame stated in the resolution.

Mr. McClung moved to change end date of moratorium to August 15th at midnight; Mr. Meyer seconded.

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

After hearing no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken for reading resolution for passage.

Vote carried 6/0/0.

Resolution was assigned number 833 and read by the City Clerk/Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of CAPC council seat position 6

Mr. Avanzino moved to discuss; Mr. Holifield seconded.

Mr. Holifield moved to nominate David Avanzino for the CAPC council seat position 6. Mr. McClung seconded.

Roll call vote carried 5/0/1 with Mr. Avanzino abstaining.

2. Transit Title VI recertification resolution

Mr. McClung moved to discuss; Ms. Greene seconded.

Ken Smith, transit director, presented the Title VI as a requirement from the DOT.

Mr. McClung moved to assign resolution a number and read it for passage. Ms. Greene seconded.

Roll call vote carried 6/0/0.

Resolution was assigned number 834 and read by the City Clerk/Treasurer.

Mr. Smith answered franchise question presented in budget workshop.

3. Discussion of resolution in opposition to SB 43

Mr. Avanzino made the motion to discuss; Ms. Greene seconded.

Mayor Berry presented a drafted resolution against discrimination. Mr. Avanzino stated the importance of still passing a resolution for future and existing legislation.

Mr. McClung made motion to assign resolution a number and read it for passage. Ms. Greene seconded.

Roll call vote carried 6/0/0.

Resolution was assigned number 835 and read by the City Clerk/Treasurer.

AGENDA SETTING

Ms. Slane requested to revisit discussion of council budget committee.

Mr. Avanzino and Mayor Berry discussed B&Bs operating illegally.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. McClung would like to pick a date to move to the city council meetings to the basement of the Aud.

Mr. Meyer made comments on sales tax income.

Ms. Slane expressed her excitement for Valentine's Day.

Ms. Greene thanked commissions for their time and denounced the treatment of city employees/staff.

Mr. Avanzino welcomed new faces and thanked Mardi Gras Krewes.

Mr. Holifield spoke on his experience in the last CAPC meeting and his optimism for the future.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Berry announced Mardi Gras season and listed various Mardi Gras Events.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Berry asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. McClung so moved. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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