

Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 26, 2023, in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Greene moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McClung seconded.  
Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: June 12, 2023**

Ms. Greene moved to approve the June 12, 2023 minutes. Mr. Avanzino seconded.  
Voice vote carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

**COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:**

**Planning** – Pos. 6 – **vacant** – expired 1/1/24

Ms. Greene made a motion to approve the renewal for Ann Sallee in Position 2. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

Ms. Greene made a motion to approve the renewal for Peter Graham in Position 3. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

**CAPC** – Pos. 1 – **vacant** – expires 6/30/25; Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 6/30/23

**Hospital** – Pos. 4 – **vacant** – expires 6/1/26

Table was given a nomination for Sandy Martin.

**Parks** – No report

**HDC** – No report

**Cemetery** – No report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following citizens made public comments:

1. Ferguson Stewart, 7 Harvey Rd
2. Jane Stephens, 24 Breeding
3. Karen Lindblad, 17 Vaughn St
4. Pat Matsukis, 5 Mountain

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Ordinance to raise water rates – Mayor Berry**

Mr. Meyer made a motion to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded.

Table discussed the ordinance to raise water rates.

Mr. McClung made a motion to assign the ordinance a number and read it for its first reading. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0 by voice vote with Ms. Slane giving a “no” vote.

Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer assigned the ordinance number 2342 and read it for passage.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve the ordinance for its first reading. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0 by voice vote with Ms. Slane giving a “no” vote.

**2. Parking meter discussion – Mr. McClung**

Mr. McClung made a motion to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded.

Table discussed parking meters and parking app with Police Chief Brian Young.

**3. Spring St Parking District update – Mr. Meyer**

Mr. Meyer made a motion to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded.

Table discussed progress on Spring Street Parking District with Planning Director Kyle Palmer.

**4. Discussion of establishing cost for street/alley vacations – Ms. Slane**

Ms. Slane made a motion to discuss. Mr. Avanzino seconded.

Mr. McClung made a motion to draft an ordinance to make 50% of the application fee non-refundable. Mr. Avanzino seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

**5. DEQ Permit composite facility letter of credit – Mayor Berry**

Mr. McClung made a motion to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve the letter of credit. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

**6. Approval of Michael Akins as Finance Director – Mayor Berry**

Mr. McClung made a motion to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve Michael Akins as Finance Director. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

**7. Approval of Jacob Coburn as Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer – Mayor Berry**

Mr. Meyer made a motion to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve Jacob Coburn as Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion passed 6/0/0 by voice vote.

**AGENDA SETTING**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Holifield spoke on the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Riot and the fire loss at St James Church.

Mr. Greene gave condolences to the recent fire victims and their families.

Ms. Slane spoke on the success of Mustang Weekend.

Mr. Meyer spoke on the Confederate Monument in the city cemetery.

Mr. McClung wished everyone a good upcoming holiday.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Berry gave condolences to the Galyen Family, read a proclamation for June Johnson Westphal, and listed upcoming events.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McClung motioned to adjourn. Mr. Meyer seconded.


Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

### **ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer

### **APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

