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**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, February 14, 2022

6 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 24, 2022

*******STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 7/1/23

CAPC -- Pos. 4 – **vacant** – expires 6/30/24

Hospital

Parks – Pos. 1 – **vacant**

– expires 5/1/22. Pos. 6 – **vacant** – expires 5/1/24. Vote on **Mark Ingram**. **4th quarter 2021**

financial report

HDC – Pos. 1 – **vacant** – expires 5/1/24

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- 3 minutes for each citizen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of bidding/selling piece of property on Main St. – Mayor Berry

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Pedego** motorized bike franchise application – Terina Kaye Johnston – M.C. 4.24.02
2. Discussion of semi-trucks on lower Mountain and German Alley – Mr. Meyer
3. Discussion of adequate shelter for impounded animals at the Police Department – Ms. Greene
4. Discussion of Clerk Treasurer 2023 salary – Ms. Greene and Ms. Slane

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 14, 2022, in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Council members Melissa Greene, Terry McClung, Harry Meyer, Autumn Slane (remotely), Bill Ott, City Attorney Tim Weaver (remotely) and City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

ABSENT: Nick Roberts (with notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Berry called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ott said
Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 24, 2022

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the minutes for January 24. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Berry summarized 2021 developments within City government during a year of upheaval. The strong number of returning visitors and activities among local citizens resulted in just under \$3million in tax collections. The Carroll County Real Estate Board reported \$168,806,516 in existing property sales in 2021. Seventy-five new business licenses were issued, and all departments came in under budget. Long term liabilities were reduced by paying off the 2010 Water and Sewer Bond, the Fire Equipment loan and the Transit-funded Tram loan.

Despite being understaffed, the Police Department responded to a 31% increase in calls for service. Emergence Services responded to a 21% increase and Fire and Rescue responses were up 27%. Public Works overlaid 15,000 square yds. of road surface, and completed the water line project on E. Van Buren and storm water improvement projects. Transit ridership in 2021 was close to double that of 2020. Tram tours increased 88%.

CAPC tax collections followed the upward curve reflected in the overall sales tax report. The Parks Commission made improvements in the Dog Park, at Black Bass Lake, Magnetic Spring and Lake Leatherwood City Park. A summary of Planning and Historic District Commission permits was offered. The solar project for powering city government buildings, progress on the new maintenance building and Auditorium improvements were noted.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – There is a vacancy in Position 3.

CAPC – Position 4 is vacant.

Hospital – No report

Parks – Ms. Greene moved to approve Mark Ingram for Position 6. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0. An application from Bren Marshall for Position 1 was provided. The Parks 4th quarter 2021 financial report was provided.

HDC – Position 1 is open.

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of bidding/selling piece of property on N. Main

Mr. McClung moved to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded. The appraisal was provided to Council members. Mr. Meyer moved to advertise for bids on the property. Ms. Greene seconded. Motion carried 5/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pedego motorized bike franchise

It was confirmed this item was postponed until February 28.

2. Discussion of semi-trucks on lower Mountain and German Alley

Mr. Meyer moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Mr. Meyer noted Susie Allen was present to speak about what has happened in the last couple of weeks.

Ms. Allen described the increasing danger with semis and delivery trucks larger than UPS trucks trying to use lower Mountain and German Alley. Her property has been damaged twice recently. Police Officers are limited in how they are able to respond because of two-way traffic on narrow, steep streets with no directional or "No Trucks" signs.

Having German Alley as one-way up, "No Truck" signs at Mountain and Main and another at the top, at Mountain and Spring, were suggested. Ms. Allen also favored flashing "Truck Route" signs on Spring at Hillside and on the bottom of Hillside at Main.

Following discussion of closing the lower part of German alley to vehicular traffic and about lower Mountain at Cliff, Mayor Berry agreed to take the matter of having German Alley one-way up before the Police and Fire Departments, and Public Works.

Mr. McClung moved for the Mayor to check with Public Works and the Fire Department and make sure public safety-wise and fire protection-wise (the City) is good and, then, at the next meeting look at some kind of an ordinance. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

Mr. Ott agreed to research how to contact Google for a routing change.

3. Discussion of adequate shelter for impounded animals at the Police Department

Ms. Greene moved to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded. Ms. Greene summarized information provided by (Animal Control Officer) Jimmy (Evans) about the insulated dog carriers at the Police Department and the ongoing problem with dogs whose owners are incarcerated. Mr. Evans' suggestion was to have a legal means to, after a certain number of days, have the dogs declared abandoned so they can go to the Humane Society for adequate shelter.

Ms. Greene agreed to check with other cities on how the challenge is handled, and to provide that information to the Mayor.

4. Discussion of Clerk Treasurer (and Mayor) salaries

Ms. Greene moved to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded. Ms. Greene spoke about the current City Clerk salary, cost of housing, and the requirement to live in the City. She expressed concern that it will be difficult to have quality people who will run for that office. Ms. Greene also favored raising the salary for the Mayor.

Following discussion of both positions, Ms. Greene moved to draft an ordinance to increase the City Clerk Treasurer's pay to \$50,000 per year starting in 2023. Mr. Meyer seconded. City Attorney Weaver confirmed salaries can be raised in the current year if the elected officials accept the raises.

Ms. Greene amended the motion raise the Clerk's salary to \$48,000 starting March 1. Mr. Meyer seconded. Following discussion, Ms. Greene amended the motion to leave the date open. Mr. Meyer said he accepted the amendment.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

Ms. Greene moved to draft an ordinance to increase the Mayor's salary to \$36,000. Mr. Ott seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

AGENDA SETTING: No new items were added.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ott said he was happy to see all the people in town.

Ms. Greene thanked the Mayor for the State of the City Address, and Mr. McClung for helping to bring Paradise in for CAPC advertising.

Ms. Slane wished everyone Happy Valentines Day.

Mr. Meyer said he saw a lot of couples on the street holding hands and quipped about love in the air.

Mr. McClung wished everyone Happy Valentines Day.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Berry recognized Mr. Ott for being elected to the (Arkansas) Tourism Hall of Fame. He wished everyone Happy Valentines Day and said there was still time to take loved ones out to eat.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Berry called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. McClung said he so moved. Mr. Meyer seconded.

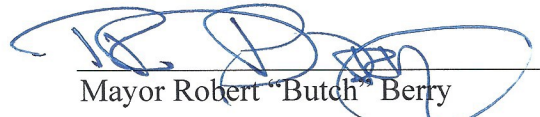
Motion carried 5/0/0. The meeting ended at 7:09 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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