5:15 - November and December 2020 budget review

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CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 25, 2021 6 p.m. **AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 11, 2021

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

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

CAPC – Fourth quarter 2020 written report

Hospital – Pos. 5 – vacant – expires 6/1/22

Parks – Third and Fourth quarter 2020 written reports. Pos. 5 – vacant – expires 5/1/21

HDC -

Cemetery - Fourth quarter 2020 written report

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 minutes per speaker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Re-zone 38 Prospect from R-1 Victorian Residential to C-3 Quiet Commercial McKimmey M.C. 14.08.07 F(1)
- 2. Re-zone 44 Armstrong from R-1 Victorian Residential to C-1 Commercial Kalmbach M.C. 14.08.07 $\rm F(1)$
- 3. Re-zone 46 Armstrong from R-1 Victorian Residential to C-1 Commercial Treuer M.C. 14.08.07 F(1)
 - 4. Discussion of ordinance to accept the Pine Crest Subdivision M.C. 15.04.05
 - 5. Hate Crime resolution Mayor Berry
- 6. Discussion of installing electric charging stations in a City parking lot Ms. Smole and Ms. Greene

AGENDA SETTING
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
MAYOR'S COMMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 25, 2021 in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Council members Harry Meyer, Melissa Greene, Bill Ott, Autumn Slane, Terry McClung, LauraJo Smole and City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

ABSENT: City Attorney Tim Weaver (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. Ms. Smole said she so moved. Ms. Greene seconded. (The Mayor later postponed the State of the City Address.) A vote on the agenda followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 11, 2021

Ms. Greene moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Slane seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – One vacancy

CAPC – The fourth quarter 2020 financial report was offered.

Hospital – One vacancy. An application from April Griffith was provided for a vote at the next Council meeting.

Parks – The third and fourth quarter 2020 written reports and the 2021 budget were made available. There are now two open Commission seats.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – The fourth quarter 2020 written financial report was provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CAPC Finance Director **Rick Bright**, 14 Angle St., said he had no issue with the outcome of votes taken at the last Council meeting. He expressed his belief that no one has the authority to tell an elected person he cannot vote for himself and he suggested a revote on the two Council seats.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Re-zone 38 Prospect from R-1 Victorian Residential to C-3 Quiet Commercial

Ms. Greene moved to approve the re-zoning to C-3. Ms. Smole seconded. Discussion followed regarding an earlier request and denial based on spot zoning, the residential house next door, 38 Prospect as "not a family home" and the Conditional Use Permit that was allowed to lapse. Zoning of adjacent and across the street properties was also discussed.

A roll call vote on approval followed.

Motion carried 4/3/0 with Mr. McClung, Ms. Smole and Mr. Meyer voting "No" and Mayor Berry adding an "Aye" to pass.

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2. Re-zone 44 Armstrong from R-1 Victorian Residential to C-1 Commercial

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

Mr. McClung moved to approve the application for rezoning. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Ms. Greene noted the house was purchased as a residence and had concerns about the extent of recent commercialism. Some Council members expressed their belief that everything around the home is commercial. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

3. Re-zone 46 Armstrong from R-1 Victorian Residential to C-1 Commercial

Ms. Smole moved to approve the application for a zoning change. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Ms. Greene said the house has been a monthly rental. The Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion carried 6/0/0.

4. Discussion of ordinance to accept the Pine Crest subdivision

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

Following discussion about the process for approval, Mr. Gustin confirmed two more weeks would not affect his timeline, allowing the City Attorney time to review the provided draft. Mr. McClung favored three readings at the next meeting followed by thirty days (for completion) and Mr. Gustin found that to be totally satisfactory.

Mr. McClung moved to defer until the next meeting. Ms. Greene seconded. Ms. Smole moved to amend to prepare an emergency clause. Mr. Ott seconded. A vote on the amendment followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0. A vote on the motion to defer followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

5. Hate Crime resolution

Ms. Greene moved to discuss putting a number on the resolution. There was no second. Mayor Berry spoke about the State legislation being written regarding hate crimes and said he'd like to send the approved resolution to the Governor and the legislators.

Ms. Greene moved to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Ms. Smole seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 792 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE PENALTIES FOR HATE RELATED CRIMES was read.

6. Discussion of installing electric charging stations

Ms. Greene moved to discuss. Ms. Smole seconded. The Mayor spoke of ongoing efforts to get electric charging stations in the City. Discussions have been taking place with Kitty Adams, Executive Director of Adopt a Charger, a non-profit organization that installs fee free Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) with a grant from Entergy. Two stations are planned for Eureka in late February or early March at the Transit station on Planer Hill where the solar array will offset charging costs. Phone apps will indicate the location of the two stations.

AGENDA SETTING:

Ms. Smole added discussion of East Mountain and Pivot Rock (Rd.) sidewalks/bike paths. Mr. Meyer seconded.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: none

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry spoke about the distribution system for the COVID vaccines and said he wrote the Governor and State Medical Advisor encouraging them to allocate additional doses for Eureka Springs. He thanked Smith Pharmacy, Echo Clinic, the Hospital and volunteers for their efforts.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ott said he so moved. Mr. Meyer seconded. Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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