Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:01 p.m. Monday, February 26, 2024, in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry, Council members Terry McClung, Harry Meyer, Autumn Slane, City Attorney Forrest Jacobi, and Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer.

ABSENT: Steve Holifield was absent with notice. Melissa Greene and David Avanzino submitted their resignations before the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Berry added the declaration of the city council vacancies.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Slane seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: February 12, 2024

Mr. McClung moved to approve the minutes for February 12th. Mr. Meyer seconded. Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning - No report

CAPC - No report

Hospital – No report

Parks – Pos. 4 – vacant – expires 5/1/25

HDC - Pos. 3 - vacant - expires 11/30/26

Mr. McClung moved to approve Debbie Davis for the HDC position. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens made public comments:

1. Ferguson Stewart, 7 Harvey

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Sewer testing update – Mayor Berry

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

Simon Wiley, Public Works Director, gave an update on the sewer facilities.

2. Water leak remediation plans - Terry McClung

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

Simon Wiley gave an update on water leak repairs and answered questions from the table.

NEW BUSINESS

1. <u>Discussion of ordinance changing ESMC 7.08</u>, Alcoholic Beverages – Mayor Berry

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

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

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer assigned the ordinance number 2349 and read it for passage.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve Ordinance 2349 on its first reading. Mr. Meyer seconded. Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

Mr. McClung made a motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2349 on its second reading by title only. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by roll call vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer read Ordinance 2349 on its second reading.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve Ordinance 2349 on its second reading. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by roll call vote.

Mr. McClung made a motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2349 on its third and final reading by title only. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by roll call vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer read Ordinance 2349 on its third reading.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve Ordinance 2349 on its third and final reading. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by roll call vote.

2. <u>Declaration of council vacancies</u>

Mr. McClung moved to declare Position 1 Ward 2 vacant. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

Mr. McClung moved to declare Position 2 Ward 1 vacant. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

AGENDA SETTING

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. McClung commented on the two city council vacancies.

Mr. Meyer echoed McClung's comments on the vacancies and encouraged people to apply for the positions.

Ms. Slane expressed appreciation for those who worked on the new trash ordinance and thanked Mr. Avanzino and Ms. Greene for their service.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Berry thanked Mr. Avanzino and Ms. Greene for their service. He also announced the Strongest Town nomination and upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McClung motioned to adjourn. Ms. Slane seconded.

Voice vote carried 4/0/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berr

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