

Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 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

Ms. Greene moved to approve the agenda for February 27, 2023. Mr. McClung seconded.

Mayor Berry added moving city meetings to the basement of the Auditorium under New Business as Mr. McClung requested in his commissioner comments last meeting.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the agenda for February 27, 2023 as amended. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 23, 2023 and February 13, 2023

Ms. Greene moved to approve the January 23, 2023 minutes. Mr. McClung seconded.

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

Ms. Greene moved to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

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 – Pos. 4 – **Marty Cogan** – expired 11/30/22; approval for reappointment

Mr. McClung motioned to approve Marty Cogan for Position 4 of the HDC. Mr. Avanzino seconded.

Mr. Holifield discussed his experience with Ms. Cogan in his time serving as a HDC commissioner.

Mr. McClung motioned to reschedule vote for reaffirmation of Ms. Cogan to the next meeting so there is time to research. Ms. Slane seconded.

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

Pos. 6 – **Magi Hayde** – expires 3/7/23; approval for reappointment.

Mr. McClung moved to approve Magi Hayde for Position 6 of the HDC. Ms. Slane seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of a council budget committee – Ms. Slane

Ms. Slane made the motion to discuss; Mr. Meyer seconded.

Table discussed the formation of a budget committee for further research of budget decisions. Michael Akins, the city finance director, joined the discussion to offer presenting the budget in advance to the monthly budget workshops.

Mr. McClung made a motion to move the city council budget workshops to the second meeting of every month effective by the March 2023 meetings and receive the budget to review at the first meeting. Ms. Greene seconded.

Table had further discussion with Mr. Akins regarding budget process and having department heads present at meetings. Voice vote for Mr. McClung's motion preceded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

Discussion followed with no further motions.

2. Discussion of A&P taxes and business licensure – Mr. Avanzino

Mr. Avanzino stroke the item from the agenda.

3. Moving City meetings to the Auditorium Basement – Mr. McClung

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

Table and sound team discussed moving meetings to the Auditorium basement.

Mr. McClung motioned to move all city meetings to the basement effective the first meeting in April 2023. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote 5/0/1 with Mr. Avanzino abstaining.

AGENDA SETTING

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Greene spoke out against SB 197 regarding Short-Term Rentals.

Ms. Slane spoke on the success of Valentine's Day for local businesses.

Mr. Meyer had no comments.

Mr. McClung spoke about the decision of moving to the Auditorium basement.

Mr. Holifield spoke on the state conference on tourism he was attending and the move of meetings to the Auditorium basement.

Mr. Avanzino spoke against SB 197 and addressed some of Mr. McClung's comments.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Berry spoke against SB 197 and encouraged everyone to reach out to their local legislators or attend in person.

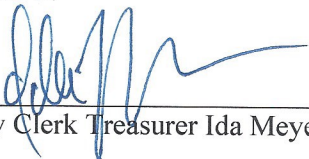
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Berry asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. McClung so moved. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer



APPROVED:



Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry