

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 10, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – Vacate a portion of an alley between Blocks 5 and 2 of the Riley and Armstrong Survey

Mayor Berry opened the public hearing at 6:01pm.

Karen Lindblad, 17 Vaughn St, made comments during the public hearing.

The public hearing closed at 6:03pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. McClung moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

Mayor Berry moved the ordinance to raise water rates from New Business to Unfinished Business.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: June 26, 2023

Mr. McClung moved to approve the June 26, 2023 minutes. Ms. Greene 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

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

Hospital – Pos. 2 – **vacant** – expires 6/1/24; Pos. 4 – **vacant** – expires 6/1/26

Ms. Greene moved to approve the nomination of Sandy Martin for Position 2 of the Hospital Commission. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/1/0 by voice vote with Ms. Slane giving a "no" vote.

Parks – No report

HDC – No report

Cemetery – Pos. 1 – **vacant** – expires 2/15/24; Pos. 5 – **vacant** – expires 2/15/26

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens made public comments:

1. Karen Lindblad, 17 Vaughn St

The Clerk Treasurer read a letter submitted by John and Sharon Williams of 127 Breezy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance to raise water rates – Mayor Berry

Mr. Meyer moved to suspend the rules and read ordinance 2342 by title only. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 5/1/0 by roll call vote with Ms. Slane giving a "no" vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer read the ordinance title.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the ordinance on its second reading. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 5/1/0 by roll call vote with Ms. Slane giving a “no” vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance amending fee structure for street/alley vacations – Mayor Berry

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

Table discussed the ordinance to amend the fee structure for street/alley vacations.

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

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer assigned the ordinance number 2343 and read it for passage.

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

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

2. Ordinance to vacate an alley between Blocks 5 and 2 of the Riley and Armstrong Survey – A.C.A. 14-301-302

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

Table discussed ordinance to vacate alley.

Ms. Greene made a motion to assign the ordinance a number and read it for its first reading. Mr. Holifield seconded.

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

Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer assigned the ordinance number 2344 and read it for passage.

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

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

Ms. Greene moved to suspend the rules and read ordinance 2344 by title only for its second reading. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/1 by roll call vote with Mr. McClung abstaining.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer read the ordinance title.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve ordinance 2344 on its second reading. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/1 by roll call vote with Mr. McClung abstaining.

Mr. Meyer moved to suspend the rules and read ordinance 2344 by title only for its third reading. Mr. Avanzino seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/1 by roll call vote with Mr. McClung abstaining.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer read the ordinance title.

Ms. Greene moved to approve ordinance 2344 on its third reading. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/1 by roll call vote with Mr. McClung abstaining.

Mr. Avanzino made a motion to approve the emergency clause for ordinance 2344. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/1 by roll call vote with Mr. McClung abstaining.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer read the emergency clause for ordinance 2344.

3. Approval of the 2021 Legislative Audit – Mayor Berry

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

Finance Director Michael Akins discussed the 2021 Legislative Audit with the table.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve the 2021 Legislative Audit. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

4. Ordinance to amend the Tree Preservation code submitted by the Planning Commission – Mayor Berry

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

Mr. McClung made a motion to set up a workshop to discuss the tree ordinance with the Planning Commission. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

AGENDA SETTING

Mr. Avanzino requested representatives from the 3 commissions be present to report on audit findings.
Mr. McClung added updates on water leak remediation.
Ms. Slane added the band shell renovation update.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Avanzino gave a shout out to Parks for their work on the 4th of July celebration.
Mr. Holifield gave a reminder for the CAPC workshop on Wednesday at 5pm.
Ms. Greene gave a shout out to Parks and CAPC for their work on the Jamboreeka events.
Mr. Meyer spoke on the Jamboreeka celebration.
Mr. McClung thanked Parks for the 4th of July celebration.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Berry thanked Parks for the 4th of July Jamboreeka celebration, announced Eureka Springs won Best of Arkansas 2023 for best weekend getaway, and discussed upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McClung motioned to adjourn. Mr. Holifield seconded.
Voice vote carried 6/0/0.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer**APPROVED:**

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry