

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 24, 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, and Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer.

**ABSENT:** City Attorney Forrest Jacobi (with notice).

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Avanzino moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Slane seconded.

Mayor Berry postponed unfinished business #3.

Mr. Holifield moved to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 10, 2023**

Ms. Greene moved to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

#### **COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:**

**Planning** – Pos. 6 – **vacant** – expires 1/1/24

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

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

**Parks** – No report

**HDC** – No report

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

An application for nomination of Retha Lawler for Cemetery Position 5 was presented to the city council.

#### **Commission reports on Legislative Audits and Parks Band Shell Update**

Sam Dudley, Parks Director, reported on the legislative audits and gave an update on the basin park band shell.

David Danvers, Cemetery Commission Treasurer, reported on the legislative audits, and L.B. Wilson, Cemetery Commission Chair, also answered questions from the table.

Scott Bardin, Tourism Director, presented the quarterly financial report and legislative audit findings.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following citizens made public comments:

1. Karen Lindblad, 17 Vaughn St
2. Richard Williams, Southern Green Forrest, AR
3. Caroline Rogers, Alpena, AR

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **1. Ordinance to raise water rates – Mayor Berry**

Mr. Meyer made a motion to discuss. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Mr. Meyer moved to suspend the rules and read ordinance 2342 by title only for its third and final reading. 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 suspend the rules and approve ordinance 2342 on its third and final reading.  
Ms. Greene seconded.  
Table discussed ordinance 2342.  
Motion carried 5/1/0 by roll call vote with Ms. Slane giving a “no” vote.

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

Ms. Greene made a motion to discuss Ordinance 2343. Mr. Meyer seconded.  
Mr. Greene moved to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2343 on its second reading by title only. Mr. Holifield seconded.  
Motion carried 6/0/0 by roll call vote.  
Clerk Treasurer Meyer read the ordinance title.  
Ms. Greene moved to approve Ordinance 2343 on its second reading. Mr. Meyer seconded.  
Mr. Meyer seconded.  
Motion carried 6/0/0 by roll call vote.

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

Postponed during agenda approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Water leak remediation plans – Terry McClung**

Mr. McClung made a motion to discuss. Mr. Avanzino seconded.  
Table discussed water leak remediation plans with Public Works Director Simon Wiley.

**2. Resolution for temporary entertainment district for Oktoberfest 2023 – Mayor Berry**

Ms. Greene made a motion to discuss. Ms. Slane seconded.  
Table discussed the temporary entertainment district application for Oktoberfest 2023.  
Ms. Slane moved to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Ms. Greene seconded.  
Motion carried 5/1/0 by roll call vote with Mr. Meyer giving a “no” vote.  
Clerk Treasurer Meyer assigned the resolution number 844 and read it for passage.

**3. Second quarter 2023 financial summary – A.C.A 14-43-506**

Ms. Greene made a motion to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded.  
Clerk Treasurer Meyer presented the second quarter financials.

**AGENDA SETTING**

None.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. McClung apologized for not being present at the tree workshop.  
Mr. Avanzino also apologized for not being present at the tree workshop.  
Mr. Holifield discussed the upcoming CAPC meeting and encouraged everyone to apply for the vacant positions.  
Ms. Greene apologized for not making it to the workshop. She thanked the commissions and department heads that came to the council meeting. She also discussed issues with staff bullying.  
Ms. Slane thanked the department heads for coming to the meeting and addressing concerns.  
Mr. Meyer discussed the tree workshop.

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Berry spoke on the wind farms and announced upcoming events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Holifield motioned to adjourn. Ms. Greene seconded.  
Voice vote carried 6/0/0.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

