

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 12, 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 (via Zoom), 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 Maine Ave and Fuller St******

Kathy Harrison of 107 Breezy Point made public comments in opposition.

John Williams, owner of 127 Breezy Point, made public comments in opposition.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer read a letter of opposition from Gwen Bennett of 11 Hillside.

Public hearing closed at 6:09pm by Mayor Berry.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Holifield moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McClung seconded.
Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May 22, 2023

Ms. Greene moved to approve the May 22, 2023 minutes. Mr. Avanzino seconded.
Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

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

Parks – Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 5/1/24

Mr. Holifield made a motion to accept Beth Giltner as a new commissioner on Parks. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – No report

Board of Appeal Nominations

Mr. McClung moved to approve the presented nominations from the mayor. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Treasurer read letters from the following citizens:

1. Ethan Avanzino, 216 W Van Buren
2. Mark Hughes
3. Kathy Attwood

The following citizens made public comments:

1. Jane Stephens, 24 Breeding

2. Ann Armstrong
3. Karen Lindblad, 17 Vaughn St
4. Bill Billings, 17 Beaver Rock Rd
5. Steve Killebrew, 266 Spring St
6. Robert Schmidt, owner of the Edelweiss Inn
7. Linda McBride, 264 Spring St
8. Penelope Walker, 335 Dairy Hollow
9. Stephanie Gordon-Glassford, 23 Hale St
10. Laura Jo Smole, 17 Pivot Rock Unit 2
11. Faith Shah
12. Ron Stout, 321 Hummingbird
13. Mark Mattmiller, 32 Eureka
14. David Parkman, 11 Gabriel Circle
15. Pat Matsukis, 5 Mountain
16. Scott Price, 5 Ming St

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of water and sewer rates – Harry Meyer

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

Finance Director Michael Akins discussed water and sewer rates with the table.

Mayor stated it will be back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Meyer moved the city attorney to draft an ordinance to raise the water rates by 25%. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance vacating a portion of Maine Ave and Fuller St – A.C.A. 14-301-302

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

Cecilia Athey was present as owner and represented by her attorney, Matt Bishop.

Table discussed vacation with Ms. Athey, Mr. Bishop, and Director of Public Works Simon Wiley.

Mr. McClung made a motion to defer to the next meeting and have a site visit scheduled. Mr. Avanzino.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

2. TAP Grant cost approval – Mayor Berry

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

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the increase in cost from the change order for the 62 sidewalk project. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

3. Resolution for public hearing to vacate a portion of an alley between Blocks 5 and 2 of the Riley and Armstrong Survey – A.C.A. 14-301-302

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

Ms. Greene made a motion to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by roll call vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer assigned the resolution number 843 and read it for passage.

4. Appeal of CUP denial for Gun and Pawn Shop by Eureka Gun LLC – MC 14.08.08F

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

Susan Harmon, chair of the planning commission, discussed the planning decision.

Table discussed Gun and Pawn Shop CUP with Keeling Grubb, owner of Eureka Gun LLC and his attorney Will Kellstrom.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve the CUP application. Ms. Slane seconded.

Motion failed 2/4/0 by roll call vote with Mr. Holifield, Ms. Greene, Mr. Avanzino, and Mr. Meyer voting "no".

5. CivicPlus new city website proposal – Mayor Berry

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

Mr. Akins and Clerk Treasurer Meyer discussed with the table the proposal the city received for a new website from CivicPlus.

Ms. Greene moved to accept the proposal with the increase for an additional module. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

AGENDA SETTING

Mr. McClung added a discussion of the parking meters.

Mr. Meyer added a discussion of the Spring Street Parking district.

Ms. Slane added a discussion of establishing procedure or dollar amount for land vacations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Greene thanked Ida, Michael, and city staff for their work.

Mr. Holifield gave a CAPC update and wished everyone a happy pride month.

Mr. Avanzino spoke on the municipal league conference he will be attending and thanked Ida, Michael, Kim, and city employees for their hard work.

Ms. Slane made comments on the recent Blues Weekend.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Berry discussed upcoming events and activities.

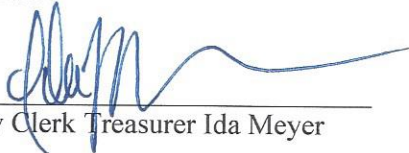
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McClung motioned to adjourn. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

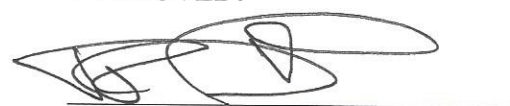
The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

