

Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 13, 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 March 13, 2023.

Ms. Greene moved to postpone item #1 of New Business due to building inspector being absent. Mr. McClung seconded.

Voice vote carried 5/1/0 with Ms. Slane voting “no”.

Mr. Avanzino deferred item #3 of New Business due to lengthy agenda.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve agenda as amended. Ms. Greene seconded.

Voice vote carried 5/1/0 with Ms. Slane voting “no”.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: February 27, 2023

Ms. Greene moved to approve the February 27, 2023 minutes. Mr. Holifield 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 – Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 5/1/24; Pos. 5 – **vacant** – expires 5/1/26

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

Clerk/Treasurer Meyer read a statement by Marty Cogan regarding the position.

Mr. McClung made the motion to approve Marty Cogan for reappointment. Ms. Slane seconded.

Ms. Slane discussed Mr. Holifield’s comments made at the previous meeting.

Motion failed 2/2/2 by roll call vote with Ms. Greene and Mr. Meyer abstaining and Mr. Holifield and Mr. Avanzino voting “no”.

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens made public comments:

1. John Rankine
2. Gwen Bennett
3. Wendi LaFey
4. Ken Foggo
5. Hilkia Irvin
6. Tara Asmus
7. Suzie Bell
8. Bill King
9. Pat Matsukis
10. Beau Satori
11. Susan Hubbard
12. Christa Miller

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of 1 Washington St as a Nuisance Structure – Mayor Berry/Jacob Coburn

Deferred during agenda approval.

2. Discussion of Sidewalks on East Mountain – Harry Meyer

Mr. Meyer moved to discuss sidewalks on East Mountain. Ms. Greene seconded.

Table discussed last years sidewalk discussion. Deferred for further research.

3. Review of AR Tourism Conference – Mr. Avanzino

Deferred during agenda approval.

AGENDA SETTING

Mr. Avanzino added his tourism conference discussion and a discussion of a new city website.

Mr. McClung requested discussion of the building inspector. Mayor Berry stated a discussion can be had after his probation period.

Mr. Meyer added a discussion of fire protection with fire marshal.

Ms. Slane requested Brian Young present to discuss the building inspector.

Mr. McClung added a discuss of police cars taken outside city limits.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. McClung stated he is ready for Spring and spoke on affordable housing.

Mr. Meyer spoke on 1 Washington.

Ms. Slane spoke on affordable housing and thanked everyone for coming to discuss.

Ms. Greene gave a shout out to Eureka Springs Hospital and spoke on 1 Washington.

Mr. Avanzino thanked members of the public for the comments, and he discussed recognizing the housing crisis while keeping health and safety in mind. Mr. Avanzino also discussed SB 197 and SB 270.

Mr. Holifield discussed the CAPC vacancy is being seen next week.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Berry discussed SB 197 and upcoming events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Rotary fish fry and the Kite Festival at Turpentine Creek.

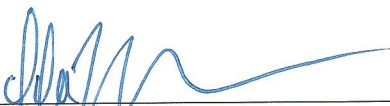
ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

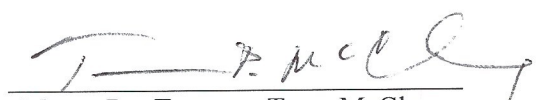
Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer

APPROVED:



Mayor Pro Tempore Terry McClung



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