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**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 8, 2022
6 p.m.
AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 25, 2022**

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning

CAPC – Pos. 2 – **expired** – 6/30/22. Pos. 7 – **expired** 6/30/22. 2nd quarter financial report. Discussion of update – added by Ms. Slane

Hospital

Parks – Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 5/1/24. Pos. 4 – vote on application from **Laurie Crammond**. Pos. 7 – vote on application from **Charissa Litherland**

HDC

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- 3 minutes for each citizen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2326 Camping on private property – 2nd reading

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Department public safety and budget concerns – Mr. Roberts
2. Update on the 2010 drainage tunnel engineering report – Mr. Roberts
3. Update on the BKD audit – Ms. Slane
4. Second quarter 2022 financials – A.C.A. 14-43-506

**AGENDA SETTING
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS
MAYOR'S COMMENTS
ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

AUGUST 8, 2022

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 8, 2022, in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Council members Harry Meyer, Autumn Slane, Bill Ott, Terry McClung, Melissa Greene, City Attorney Forrest Jacobi, and City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

ABSENT: Nick Roberts (with notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Berry called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. McClung said he so moved. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Ms. Slane added discussion of a CAPC update. Mayor Berry called for a vote on the amended agenda.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 25, 2022

Mr. Ott moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning

CAPC

Ms. Slane spoke about expired Commission seats as vacated. She expressed her belief there will now be no opportunity to have a quorum to vote for new (nominees). Ms. Slane had concerns about the CAPC budget, results from Paradise Advertising, absence of car shows, no one making a calendar, and planning for next year's marketing.

Discussion followed about people continuing to serve until they are replaced to keep business going. Ms. Greene read State law confirming remaining seated until successors are elected.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to remove (Mr. Roberts) from the CAPC. Ms. Greene seconded. She favored seating Mr. Ott in the position. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Motion failed 2/2/1 with Mr. McClung and Ms. Slane voting "No" and Mr. Ott abstaining.

Hospital

Parks – Ms. Greene moved to approve Laurie Crammond for position 4. Mr. Ott seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

Ms. Greene moved to approve Charissa Litherland for Parks. Mr. Ott seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

HDC

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Scheunemann suggested that noise and trash laws be enforcement rather than passing an ordinance restricting residents from the use of their property. He noted the housing shortage for service workers due to converting residences to Bed and Breakfasts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 2326 Camping on private property – 2nd reading

Mr. Meyer moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Ms. Slane objected to the Ordinance about going onto private property to tell anybody they can't camp on it, saying it is infringing on the rights of citizens.

Following discussion of camping on public property, absence of (sanitation) on some private property, and guarding against abuse of camping on private property, Mr. McClung moved to suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 2326 on the second reading by title only. Mr. Ott seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 4/1/0 with Ms. Slane voting "No." The Ordinance title was read.

Mr. McClung moved to approve Ordinance No. 2326 on the second reading. Mr. Meyer seconded. A voice vote followed.

Motion carried 4/1/0 with Ms. Slane voting "No."

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department public safety and budget concerns

Ms. Slane moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded.

Ms. Slane said she'd spoken with a couple of people at the Fire Department and summarized what she considered a consensus of views there regarding rules and regulations, training, and the ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating.

Mayor Berry noted topics Ms. Slane referenced are administrative and procedures at the Department have been addressed. He said Council members are welcome to discuss budget concerns.

2. Update on the 2010 drainage tunnel engineering report

Ms. Slane moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. Ms. Slane referenced a lawsuit she said Council received about drainage underneath Spring St, adding it was like the problem with the bandstand, and asked when is it (Council's) responsibility?

Mr. McClung spoke about the drainage under the buildings on Main St., the effort to establish an Improvement District, and private citizens' disinterest in that. Discussion continued about drainage sections that have been repaired by the owners, and about the Hazard Mitigation Plan that was prepared and is available for review.

3. Update on the BKD (Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson) audit

Ms. Slane moved to discuss the BKD audit. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Assistant Finance Director Michael Akin confirmed the City provided everything the auditors requested for 2018. The completed audit was sent out for a peer review to confirm the findings are accurate.

Mr. Akin noted this was separate from the Legislative Audit, although the State auditors can request a copy.

4. Second quarter 2022 financials

The Clerk Treasurer provided the long-term liabilities list, receipts, payroll, and check register for the second quarter. She said the bank balances are being completed and will be made available.

AGENDA SETTING

Mr. McClung added discussion of using the AUD basement for meetings (following a pre-meeting walk-through of the space).

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. McClung said he was "grateful to be here today."

Mr. Meyer was glad to have a little rain and hoped for more.

Ms. Greene was hopeful some business owners would create a space with amenities to attract seasonal workers.

Mr. Ott said the whole community is built on tourism and hoped that whoever was on the CAPC would take it seriously.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Berry spoke in favor of working together even when having differences. He listed some upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. McClung said he so moved. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:


Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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