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**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2022
6 p.m.
AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: June 27, 2022**

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning

CAPC

Hospital – Pos. 5 – vacant – 6/1/27. Vote on application from Kate Dryer.

Parks – Pos. 3 – vacant – expires 5/1/24. Pos. 7 – vacant – expires 5/1/25

HDC

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- 3 minutes for each citizen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update from the Parks Director on bandshell and other projects – Mr. McClung
2. Update on speed tables that will be installed – Mr. McClung and Mr. Ott
3. Update on the BKD audit – Ms. Slane
4. Discussion of downtown public bathrooms – Mr. Roberts and Mr. Meyer
5. Discussion of parking meters – Mr. Meyer

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MONDAY

JULY 11, 2022

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 11, 2022, in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

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

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. Ott said he so moved. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: June 27, 2022

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

Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning

CAPC

Hospital – Ms. Greene moved to accept the application from Kate Dryer for position 5.

Mr. Ott seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

Parks – Two positions are open.

HDC

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Update from Parks Director on bandshell and other projects

Mr. Meyer moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded.

Parks Director Scott Miskiel provided a report on interlinking repair projects in Basin Park. He spoke about the grant received to replace the rock beneath the fountain. Engineering review confirmed the drainage system below is collapsing. The concrete around the fountain is heaving in several directions. Possible relocation of some Park installations is being considered.

After a request for proposals, McClelland Engineering was selected. Following approval from the Parks Commission, the contract will be signed, and the design phase begun. Mr. Miskiel said a planning committee will be formed from a variety of stakeholders.

Discussion followed about funding the Basin Park projects, and about the estimated cost of \$2.5 million to repair Lake Leatherwood Dam. Grants will be sought to help. It was suggested

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that some CAPC funds might be used for Basin Park since the CAPC uses it as an entertainment venue.

Mr. Miskiel stated the design phase for the Park would be the first step in determining funds needed. He estimated a minimum of \$500,000 in repairs.

2. Update on speed tables that will be/have been installed

Mayor Berry called for a motion to discuss. Mr. McClung said he so moved. Mr. Ott seconded. Mr. Ott read a letter from East Mountain resident Leon Bert recommending more speed tables and Police presence.

A rough sketch of recently installed speed tables was provided showing two speed bumps and five speed tables between the bottom of Flint St. and the intersection at Hwy. 62.

3. Update on the BKD audit

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

Incoming Finance Director Michael Akin confirmed there are three separate audits: the annual Legislative audit, the water and wastewater audit and a single audit required by the Federal Government for Federal funds above \$750,000. He said the second two are completed by an outside, independent firm.

The completed water and wastewater audit for 2017 (and comparison with 2016) was provided. The summary indicated the City completed everything in accordance with the required general accounting practices. Information needed to complete the 2018 audit has been sent to BKD, the private auditing firm.

Mr. Akin said the 2017 single audit schedule of expenditures of Federal Awards has been sent in, and the review has been completed. The request for six additional items has been provided.

The need for the single audit for 2018 has not been determined. It was noted the independent audits typically run a year or two behind the Legislative audit.

4. Discussion of downtown public bathrooms

Mr. Roberts moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded.

A list of repairs for downtown facilities was provided. Mayor Berry said there's been a problem finding people able to do the work. He said he would be meeting (in three days) with a painter who will paint the three bathrooms. Revision of the midyear budget will include the costs for mechanical, plumbing, tile and carpentry repairs.

Even with doors locked at night, vandalism is a problem. Cameras will be installed to monitor entry and exit doors.

Discussion followed with recommendations for stainless steel upgrades, replacement of flooring, and more frequent checks by the Police.

5. Discussion of parking meters

Mr. Meyer moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded.

Mr. Meyer summarized discussions with the Police Chief about the parking meters. Replacement parts are no longer available but there are enough good ones to remove them from lots and replace street meters that are no longer working. Information on a metering system produced by MacKay was provided. Mr. Meyer said this version would take no cash, only credit cards. A phone app would show when time on the meter is low.

Discussion followed about people who do not use cards and apps and, so, keeping cash payments as an option. Current loss of revenue and time recouping the cost of new metering systems were mentioned. Mayor Berry agreed to come back with estimates for revenues loss due to broken meters.

AGENDA SETTING

Discussion of camping on private property – Ms. Greene and Mr. Meyer

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Slane encouraged people to join the Parks or CAPC Commission.

Ms. Greene said a person with web site experience may be joining Parks.

Mr. Roberts was encouraged by people who are joining in.

Mr. Ott spoke about the importance of Basin Park and Lake Leatherwood Dam.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

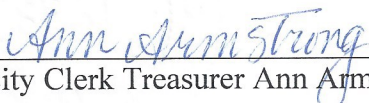
Mayor Berry summarized the upcoming events schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:


Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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