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**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 14, 2022
6 p.m.
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: February 28, 2022

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 7/1/23

CAPC -- Pos. 4 – **vacant** – expires 6/30/24

Hospital

Parks

HDC – Pos. 1 – **vacant** – expires 11/30/24

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- 3 minutes for each citizen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on closing lower German Alley – Mayor Berry
2. Ordinance No. 2318 to raise Clerk Treasurer's salary – 2nd reading
3. Ordinance No. 2319 to raise Mayor's salary – 2nd reading

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of/Resolution for Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with Tina Cole -- Mayor Berry
2. **Pedego** motorized bike franchise application – Terina Kaye Johnston – M.C. 4.24.02
Set public hearing date – M.C. 4.24.06
3. Discussion of food trucks – Ms. Greene and Mr. Meyer

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MONDAY

MARCH 14, 2022

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2022, in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Council members Autumn Slane, Harry Meyer, Melissa Greene, Terry McClung, Nick Roberts, Bill Ott, City Attorney Tim Weaver (remotely), and City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor 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: February 28, 2022

Ms. Greene moved to approve the minutes for February 28. Mr. Ott seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – There is a vacancy in Position 3.

CAPC – Position 4 is vacant.

Hospital – No report

Parks – No report

HDC – Position 1 is open.

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susie Allen, 11 Cliff, noted there were still semis coming down German Alley. She said that in the 12 years she's lived there, neither that street nor Cliff has had cones when snow/ice was due, unless she called after someone went into the ditch. Nor have they been plowed or pre-treated.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on closing lower German Alley

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

Mayor Berry said Department Heads agreed with the idea of having lower German Alley one way up, but not with closing the lower portion. The Public Works Director is working on getting signs for that street and for lower Mountain St. An ordinance will be prepared for the change in traffic flow for lower German Alley

2. Ordinance No. 2318 to raise Clerk Treasurer's salary – 2nd reading

Mayor Berry called for a motion to discuss. Mr. Ott said he so moved. Ms. Greene seconded.

Ms. Greene spoke about feedback from the public regarding the proposed raises. She brought an opinion from a Municipal League attorney on retirement for the Clerk Treasurer: the person retiring would be eligible for one of half of the salary received by him or her during the preceding year (12 months) of service.

Mr. McClung moved to change the proposed raise to \$40,000. Ms. Slane seconded.

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Motion carried 5/1/0 with Ms. Greene voting "No."

Following discussion, Mr. Meyer moved to (suspend the rules) and read Ordinance No. 2318 by title only, as amended. Mr. Ott seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried 5/1/0 with Ms. Greene voting "No." The Ordinance title was read.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve Ordinance No. 2318 on the second reading. Mr. Ott seconded. A voice vote followed.

Motion carried 5/1/0, with Ms. Greene voting "No."

3. Ordinance No. 2319 to raise the Mayor's salary

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

Discussion followed about salaries in Arkansas towns with similar populations, adjusting to \$36,000, and the number of people Eureka Springs actually serves.

Ms. Greene moved to raise the Mayor's salary to \$44,000 a year. Mr. Meyer seconded. Following Mr. McClung's suggestion to consider a city manager or administrator, and Mr. Roberts seeking to amend the motion to include \$60,000, Ms. Greene withdrew her motion.

Ms. Greene moved to approve \$48,000 for the fulltime position of the Mayor. Ms. Slane seconded.

Following discussion about absence of benefits for elected officials, a voice vote was taken.

Motion carried 5/1/0 with Mr. McClung voting "No."

Mayor Berry requested a motion to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance (title). Mr. Ott said he so moved. Mr. Meyer seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried 5/1/0 with Mr. McClung voting "No." The Ordinance title was read.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve Ordinance No. 2319 on its second reading. Ms. Greene seconded. A voice vote followed.

Motion carried 5/1/0 with Mr. McClung voting "No."

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of/Resolution for Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mayor Berry called for a motion to discuss. Mr. Ott said he so moved. Mr. Roberts seconded.

Tina Cole, with the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, brought the Plan to make Eureka Springs eligible for additional federal funding for mitigation projects to help prevent loss of property or life from hazards. She gave examples: safe room shelters, drainage projects, bridges for low water crossings that have washed out and dam stabilization. Ms. Cole noted the Federal Emergency Management Agency would provide 75% of funding and the City would provide 25%. The City's portion could be in-kind.

Mr. McClung moved to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Mr. Meyer seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0. **RESOLUTION NO. 817 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** was read.

2. Pedego motorized bike franchise application hearing date

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

Ms. Greene moved to set a public hearing for the March 28 Council meeting. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

3. Discussion of food trucks

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

Ms. Greene spoke about a need for the convenience of food trucks on the highway to serve workers and locals as well as visitors. She noted the same operators have remained and suggested raising the number of lottery opportunities to eight. Discussion followed regarding the highway

(C-2), other ordinances in place about food trucks, and giving the suggestion a try.

Ms. Greene moved to read (the previously drafted) ordinance (amended to eight properties) at the next meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

AGENDA SETTING: No additional items were added.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ott spoke about Paradise Advertising, gave kudos to Public Works, and reminded everyone about the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Mr. Roberts said he was glad to be back and thanked Council for carrying on with the City's business.

Ms. Greene said it may be time to consider raises for people at Public Works.

Ms. Slane was pleased with the return of parades and events.

Mr. Meyer said concessions brought in \$8000 in the last Auditorium show and he looked forward to building operation costs becoming self-sustaining.

Mr. McClung wished everyone Happy St. Patrick's Day.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Berry confirmed the two upcoming shows in the AUD, one with Lyle Lovett and the other with the Marshall Tucker Band. He said the online auction for City equipment was going well and closing on the 16th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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