CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2021

6 p.m. **AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: December 14, 2020

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning

CAPC -- Pos. 5 - vacant - expires 12/31/20 -- City Council seat. Pos. 6 - vacant - expires

12/31/20 -- City Council seat

Hospital – Pos. 5 – vacant – expires 6/1/22

Parks - Pos. 5 - vacant - expires 5/1/21

HDC

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- 3 minutes for each citizen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Rules of procedure for 2021
- 2. Set meeting dates for 2021
- 3. Pro tempore for 2021
- 4. Discussion of the 2021 budget
- 5. Resolution for setting a public hearing to vacate an alley A.C.A. 14-301-302 (c)

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MONDAY

JANUARY 11, 2021

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 11, 2021 in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

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

ABSENT: City Attorney Tim Weaver (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. Ms. Smole said she so moved. Mr. McClung seconded. Following absence of changes, the Mayor said it stood as submitted.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: December 14, 2020

Ms. Greene moved to approve. Mr. Meyer seconded. Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS: Planning

CAPC - Mr. Meyer nominated Ms. Greene. Ms. Smole seconded. Following Mr. McClung's opinion of that being unfair since five members raised their hands, Mayor Berry suggested voting by ballot. A count of ballots for position 5 resulted in two members receiving two votes, Mr. Meyer and Ms. Greene. A second round of voting for those two brought in a 3-3 tie. The Mayor added a fourth vote which resulted in Ms. Greene being the Council member for position 5.

For position 6, three votes were for Mr. Meyer and one each for Mr. McClung, Mr. Ott and Ms. Slane. A second round brought the same results. The Mayor added a fourth vote for Mr. Meyer which seated him in position 6.

Hospital – One vacancy Parks – One open seat HDC - No report Cemetery - No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rules of procedure for 2021

Mr. McClung moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. It was noted Robert's Rules of Order (in brief) have been used in the past. A version of procedures from the U of A, from a 2020 workshop was also available. The Mayor referenced a pamphlet from the Municipal League.

Mr. Meyer moved to adopt the simplified one from the Municipal League. Ms. Greene seconded with her voiced understanding Mr. Meyers was referencing the one from the U of A. Stating the motion to have been for the Municipal League's rules of procedures, the Mayor called for a vote.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

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2. Set meeting dates for 2021

Mayor Berry said a (proposed) schedule had been provided for meeting dates of the second and fourth Mondays of the month, with a budget reviews prior to the second meeting of the month.

Mr. McClung moved to continue to have the meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, same time, 6:00 p.m., with the same format as far as the budget (review) preceding the second meeting, with necessary changes for holidays. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

3. Pro tempore for 2021

Ms. Greene moved to nominate Terry McClung. Ms. Slane seconded. Motion carried 6/0/0.

4. Discussion of the 2021 budget

It was noted there will be a mid-year budget review and changes can be made at that time. Finance Director Lonnie Clark spoke about the layout of the proposed budget that contained a 5% reduction in revenue. He confirmed the document is subject to change, and that sales tax collections were almost even with 2019. Mr. Clark expressed his hope for 2021 revenues to be up by 5% so raises could be considered.

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

Motion carried 6/0/0.

The Clerk Treasurer read resolution no. 790 a resolution providing for and adopting budgets for the city of Eureka springs, arkansas, for the twelve-month period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending december 31, 2021; appropriating money for each and every item of expenditure therin provided for.

5. Resolution for setting a public hearing to vacate an alley

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

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

Motion carried 6/0/0.

RESOLUTION NO. 791 A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF VACATING A SECTION OF ALLEY IN THE FREEMAN ADDITION was read.

AGENDA SETTING:

Ms. Smole added discussion of installing electric charging stations in one of the City parking lots. Ms. Greene seconded

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. McClung welcomed the new Council members and wished the two new CAPC Commissioners good luck.

Mr. Meyer encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Ms. Slane said she was thankful to be there.

Ms. Greene welcomed new and former members and expressed pride in the City.

Ms. Smole thanked Council for welcoming her.

Mr. Ott thanked the electorate for allowing him to serve again on Council and noted his intention to develop a five-year action plan for the City.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry welcomed new and old Council members. He read the Proclamation for a National Day of Racial Healing. Mayor Berry encouraged members to participate in the virtual conference, particularly the portion explaining their role in municipal government.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Smole moved to adjourn. Ms. Greene seconded. Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ann Armstrong
City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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