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CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 14, 2021

6 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May 24, 2021

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 7 – **vacant** – expires 1/1/24

CAPC

Hospital – Pos. 2 – **vacant** – expires 6/1/24. Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 6/1/25.

Pos. 4 – **vacant** – expires 6/1/21

Parks – Pos. 7 – **vacant** – expires 5/1/25

HDC

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 minutes per speaker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Continue discussion of speed limits on high traffic streets – Harry Meyer
2. Ordinance for repairing sidewalks with a limit on exterior building repairs or new construction in the Historic District – Ms. Greene and Mr. Meyer
3. Discussion of a minimum wage for City employees – Ms. Smole and Mr. Meyer

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MONDAY

JUNE 14, 2021

Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 14, 2021 in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

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

ABSENT: Terry McClung (with notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Smole moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Greene seconded. Mayor Berry postponed item #2 and called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Ott said he so moved. Ms. Smole seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May 24, 2021

Mayor Berry called for a motion to approve minutes for May 24. Mr. Ott said he so moved. Ms. Smole seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – One seat is open.

CAPC – No report

Hospital – An application from Dr. David Carlisle was provided for position 3. Ms. Greene moved to nominate (Dr. Carlisle) for position 3. Ms. Slane seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0. Two seats remain open.

Parks – One seat is open.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jack Byrne spoke about intersections on East Mountain and the absence of marked designations of lanes and rights-of-way. He noted City parking just off Main that blocks the view of drivers on Douglas St. and offered specific suggestions to promote clarity and traffic safety.

Beau Satori again favored consideration of “psychological speed bumps” of 9 mph speed limits all over town. He said funds budgeted for sidewalk repairs were removed in the 2021 budget, and supported shifting payment for AUD utilities to the CAPC so as to free that money for sidewalks.

Sam Dudley, 34 East Mountain Dr., spoke of the need for maintenance and speed control in the area, favoring speed tables like those on Greenwood Hollow Rd. He described his wife walking with a leashed dog, one child in a stroller and another in a carrier on a street with no shoulders.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of speed limits on high traffic streets

Mr. Meyer moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Public Works Director Dwayne Allen confirmed he did look into pricing for speed control options. Discussion followed regarding installing four speed tables on East Mountain at a cost of approximately \$3,000 each, locations for them, and signage. A three-way stop at the Flint/Hale/Steele intersection was suggested and options for Pivot Rock Rd. were discussed. Painting information on street surfaces was suggested.

Chief Brian Young described methods for installing rumble strips and said work is being done for a grant to purchase another radar trailer next year. He spoke about electronic information being thrown out in court if no officer was present as witness.

2. Ordinance for repairing sidewalks with a limit on exterior building repairs or new construction in the Historic District

Postponed during approval of the agenda.

3. Discussion of minimum wage for City employees

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

Ms. Smole offered her view of City finances being adequate to pay a minimum living wage to its employees. She favored a policy of a starting wage of \$15 and spoke about losing employees to other cities in the area due to wages. Discussion followed about inability to afford housing, the mid-year budget review, and the State's gradual increase of \$1 per year.

AGENDA SETTING:

Ms. Greene added discussion of the Flint St./Douglas intersection.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Ott noted the upcoming online Municipal League Conference.

Ms. Smole was pleased with the issues Council is tackling.

Ms. Greene said she was proud of this Council.

Mr. Meyer said he was proud of the town and its comeback from COVID.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

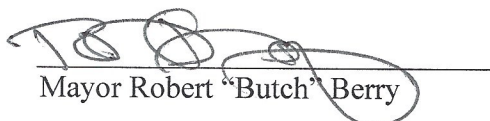
ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Berry asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ott said he so moved. Ms. Slane seconded. Motion carried 5/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:


Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry