

5:15 – March 2020 budget review

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2020

6 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 13, 2020

*****ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning

CAPC – Written first ¼ report

Hospital

Parks – Pos. 7 – vacant – expires 5/1/20. Written first ¼ report

HDC

Cemetery – Written first ¼ report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution for line of credit for Hospital – Hospital Commission
2. Raymond James bond refinancing proposal – Mayor Berry
3. Proposed definition changes re: Bed and Breakfasts – Planning Commission
4. Update on the Eureka Springs Economic Recovery Taskforce

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MONDAY

APRIL 27, 2020

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2020 in the Court Room of the Western District Court House at 44 S. Main.

PRESENT in person: Mayor Berry, Council members Melissa Greene, Terry McClung, Bob Thomas, Susan Harman, Harry Meyer and City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

PRESENT remotely: Council member Mickey Schneider and City Attorney Tim Weaver

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Harman moved to approve the agenda. Mr. McClung seconded. New Business item 1 was removed and item 3 was postponed until the May 11 meeting. Approval of the amended agenda was by roll call.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

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Mr. McClung moved to approve. Ms. Greene seconded. A voice vote followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Berry read a proclamation acknowledging Arbor Day and Eureka Springs' 38 year of being a Tree City U.S.A., the oldest in the State.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – No report

CAPC – The written first quarter report was provided.

Hospital – No report

Parks – The written first quarter report was postponed until the next meeting.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – The written first quarter report was provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution for line of credit for Hospital

Removed during approval of the agenda

2. Raymond James bond refinancing proposal

Ms. Green moved to discuss. Ms. Harman seconded. The summarized proposal was provided. Finance Director Lonnie Clark said \$83,274 will be saved by refinancing and realized in 2020. The current proposal included a payoff date of October 2027.

Ms. Harman moved to accept the proposal from Raymond James on (refinancing the tax bond.) Ms. Greene seconded. A roll call vote followed.

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

3. Proposed definition changes re: Bed and Breakfasts

Postponed until the May 11 meeting

4. Update on the Eureka Springs Economic Task Force

Ms. Greene moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. Mayor Berry spoke about Monday, Wednesday and Friday meetings to develop standards for reopening businesses. He noted the Corona Virus update page on the City website and referenced almost daily "Zoom" meetings for statewide information from the Governor's office.

AGENDA SETTING:

Mr. McClung recalled agreeing to have a 5:00 budget workshop before the May 11 meeting.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomas spoke about the advice, "Hope for the best and plan for the worst."

Ms. Greene reflected on the optimism being shown, and the need to develop ways to make lodgings safe.

Ms. Harman said she continues to pray, and said that people need to know dates when businesses can restart.

Mr. McClung encouraged people to get involved with helping others, to do what they can.

Mr. Meyer spoke about the risks now taken by those who ring up and bag groceries every day.

Ms. Schneider rued not being able to hug loved ones and sent best wishes for staying safe.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry expressed his belief that, in the next few weeks, more will be known about dates for opening facilities. He noted the Economic Recovery Task Force (comprised of representatives from lodging, restaurants, retail, economic development, parks, banks, CAPC and the Chamber) is helping to develop a timeline. Updates are posted on the City web site.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry