

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

**MONDAY**

**AUGUST 10, 2020**

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2020 in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

**PRESENT in person:** Mayor Berry, Council members Terry McClung, Harry Meyer, Melissa Greene, Bob Thomas, Susan Harman, Mickey Schneider 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:**

Ms. Harman moved to approve the agenda. Mr. McClung seconded. Mayor Berry confirmed Mr. Weaver would not be participating in the meeting and, so, deferred New Business items 1 and 3. A vote on the amended agenda followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** July 27, 2020

The Mayor called for a motion to approve. Ms. Greene said she so moved. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

**COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:**

**Planning** – No report

**CAPC** – No report

**Hospital** – Receipt of an application from Kent Turner for position 7 was noted. Ms. Schneider moved to renew Dr. Ty Burden's membership on the Commission. Ms. Harman seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

**Parks** – An application from Carmen Burden for position 6 and an application from Sam Dudley for position 7 were received.

**HDC** – Randy Maddox submitted an application for position 1.

**Cemetery** – No report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Ordinance No. 2296 – Level III application fee – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**

Mr. McClung moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Mr. Meyer moved to suspend the rules and read by title only for the second time. Ms. Greene seconded. A roll call vote followed.

The motion carried 6/0/0. The Ordinance title was read. Mr. McClung moved to approve the second reading. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Ordinance for Bed and Breakfast definition changes**

Deferred during approval of the agenda

**2. Discussion of updating the employee handbook**

Ms. Harman moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Ms. Harman indicated there were a couple of things she wanted to address. The Mayor encouraged Council members to email questions for review. He noted staff time to work on an update has been short and said he hoped to get it done before the first of the year. Mr. Meyer expressed his view that a nepotism clause should be reinserted.

**3. Ordinance allowing one Western District citizen membership on the Parks Commission**

Deferred during approval of the agenda.

**4. Consideration of ordinance to permit one Council member on Parks and Recreation Commission**

Ms. Greene moved to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded. Mr. Thomas referenced an opinion from a Municipal League attorney which said that would be a conflict of interest. He withdrew the item. Ms. Greene also withdrew her second for consideration.

**5. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 financials**

The receipts, check register, payroll and bank balances for the first half of 2020 were brought to the table. The long term liability chart was not yet available since the June bond refinancing figures were being incorporated.

**AGENDA SETTING:** No new items were added.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Thomas reflected on the joint workshop with the Parks Commission and his concern the Commissioners could use some help and support.

Ms. Greene was also concerned about losing good people from the Parks Commission and favored providing help for them.

Ms. Schneider spoke about taking time to listen to each other and to work things out, and the value of Parks to the City.

Mr. Meyer was concerned about the length of time it's taking to have a firm outside of Parks bring the financial reports up to date, and about those restaurants not requiring masks.

Ms. Harman spoke about the petition being circulated to eliminate the Historic District Commission and expressed her gratitude for those who volunteer, noting the grant funds provided to the community because of the Commission.

Mr. McClung quipped about all those who came out to see the Council meeting and said it was good to see them all.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Berry emphasized the importance of completing 2020 Census forms and heard from a Council member Census workers are now in town.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 6:21 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

**APPROVED:**

  
Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry