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**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, December 14, 2020

6 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 23, 2020

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning

CAPC

Hospital

***Parks – Third quarter written report**

HDC

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 minutes per speaker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review 2021 budget – Mayor Berry
2. Location of Hospital Commission meetings – Mr. Thomas and Ms. Greene
3. Discussion of waiving late fees on water/sewer bills – Mr. Meyer and Ms. Harman

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MONDAY

DECEMBER 14, 2020

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Berry, Council members Bob Thomas, Susan Harman, Mickey Schneider, Melissa Greene, Harry Meyer, Terry McClung, City Attorney Tim Weaver and City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Greene moved to approve. Mr. McClung seconded. Mr. Thomas added location of Hospital Commission meetings. Ms. Greene seconded. Mr. Meyer added discussion of waiving late fees on water/sewer bills. Ms. Harman seconded. A vote on the amended agenda followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 23, 2020

Ms. Harman moved to approve. Ms. Schneider seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Ms. Greene moved to reappoint Jodi Breedlove for position 6. Ms. Harman seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

CAPC – No report

Hospital – No report

***Parks** – Third quarter written report was not provided.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – Mr. Thomas moved to appoint Mickey Schneider to the Cemetery Commission. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review 2021 budget

Mr. Meyer moved to discuss. Ms. Harman seconded. Finance Director Lonnie Clark confirmed there were no changes in the proposed budget reviewed at the previous meeting. He noted the Police Department has three vehicles with high mileage that will require quite a bit of maintenance. The budget includes replacing one and an increase in maintenance funds, avoiding a large capital outlay at one time. Projected revenues were reduced by 5% unless they were fixed by contract.

Mr. Clark said he anticipates a reduction in water and sewer revenues based on occupancies.

2. Location of Hospital Commission meetings

Ms. Harman moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Mr. Thomas said he'd like Council to

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pass a motion to ask the Hospital Commission to always meet where all the other commissions meet. Mr. Weaver noted it could be asked, but (Council) cannot dictate and tell them they have to.

Mayor Berry agreed to ask them. Ms. Harman moved for the Mayor to ask what the particular reason is, why they can't meet, in a place that is accessible to all and/or recorded properly. Ms. Greene seconded.

Mr. Thomas moved to amend to say ask on behalf of the City Council. Following discussion of the need for a second on the amendment, a vote was taken on the motion.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

3. Discussion of waiving late fees on water/sewer bills

Ms. Harman moved to discuss. Mr. Meyer seconded. Mr. Meyer spoke about the light company and the gas company waiving some fees and doing some adjusting for citizens. It was his view that it is the late fees that are hitting the people who are not making the kind of money they have made, because of the restrictions in restaurants.

Mayor Berry expressed his belief there has not be a significant increase in late fees. Discussion followed about a time frame for waiving the late fees, potential for shut offs, increasing COVID numbers and a vaccine time line.

It was clarified that it was the I and I (Infrastructure and Improvement) fees that were waived for six months, not late fees.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to waive the late fees on water/sewer bills until the spring time. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

AGENDA SETTING: No new items were added.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomas appreciated the Police Department, the Public Works Department and the Fire Department for all of the work they've done in the last nine months, under some very extreme circumstances. He also requested strongly a vote in January reaffirming Council's commitment to the non-discrimination principles of (Ordinance No.) 2223.

Ms. Greene spoke about the plight of the restaurants and encouraged those who can to support them during the Holiday season with take out and with gift certificates. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Ms. Schneider thanked all of the residents who have backed and voted for her during the last 12 years, and welcomed continuing calls.

Mr. Meyer spoke about a 50 year old friend who died from COVID 19, and encouraged everyone to be careful, wear masks and stay away from people who don't wear them.

Mr. McClung said, "Merry Christmas!"

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry asked that everyone be careful during the hazardous weather while walking and driving.

ADJOURNMENT:


Ms. Harman moved to adjourn. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 5:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:


Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry
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