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**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 24, 2020
6 p.m.
AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Regular meeting – February 10, 2020**

AWARDS CEREMONY

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 3 – vacant – expires 7/1/20. Vote on application from Mark Hicks

CAPC

Hospital

Parks – Pos. 6 – vacant – expires 5/1/21

HDC – Pos. 6 – will expire 3/7/20. Pos. 7 – will expire 3/7/20

Cemetery

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- 3 minutes for each citizen

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Integrity solar power project update – Mayor Berry
2. Memorandum of Understanding with Carroll Boone Water District – Mayor Berry
3. Discussion of reserves – Ms. Harman and Ms. Greene
4. Cruz'n Eureka moped franchise application – M.C. 4.24.02

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2293 Increasing water rates – 3rd reading
2. Ordinance No. 2294 Vacating alley east of Angle St. in the Magnetic Bay Survey –
2nd reading
3. Dates for workshops – Mayor Berry

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, February 24, 2020 in the Auditorium lobby at 36 S. Main St.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. McClung moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Greene seconded. Mayor Berry added the awards ceremony and setting dates for workshops. Ms. Harman moved to approve. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: February 10, 2020

Ms. Harman moved to approve. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

AWARDS CEREMONY:

The **Native Plant Garden** volunteers received a Trendsetter City Award for Environmental/Green Management Practices. The **Eureka Springs Street Art Program** collaboration was awarded the Trendsetter City award for Tourism Development/Creative Culture. **ECHO Clinic** (Eureka Christian Health Outreach) was recognized for addressing healthcare and affordable housing needs with the Clinic, Thrift Store and model sustainable housing community **ECHO Village**.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Mr. Thomas moved to approve Mark Hicks's application for Planning. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

CAPC – No report

Hospital – No report

Parks – No report

HDC – No report

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Craig Cox spoke about a neighbor's trespassing on his property with part of a drive. He expressed dissatisfaction with City officials' responses to his calls and emails and asked Council to intervene in enforcement and making citations.

April Griffith, Carnegie Public Library Director, described resources available to connect people with ideas and information to help discover what makes their lives meaningful. She cited examples of patrons who developed income and noted 78,000 resources were checked out in 2019.

Pat Costner spoke about Parks Commission 2017, 2018 and 2019 general ledger entries for shuttle related expenses in several categories and total expenditures for such of \$90,848.53 in 2019. It was her position the shuttles are a service, not recreational programming, also a losing proposition.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Entegrity solar power project update

Ms. Harman moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded.

Flint Richter, head of the Entegrity Solar Division, spoke about the SWEPCO and Carroll Electric accounts through which the City pays for approximately 1 million kW/year. The plan is to offset about 80% through a solar services agreement for 25 years. Conservatively, an estimated \$14,000 would be saved the first year. It was noted the hospital will not be included at this time and Entegrity will have a performance bond.

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. The Clerk Treasurer read **RESOLUTION NO. 773 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SOLAR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN ENTEGRITY ENERGY PARTNERS LLC AND THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**

2. Memorandum of Understanding with Carroll Boone Water District

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

Chris Hall, with Olsson Engineering, confirmed that anytime the Water District increases its indebtedness, three of the four member cities must agree. He offered background on progress with Phase I improvements at the treatment plant and with the parallel line installation. The plan does include refinancing one of the bonds to free up \$5 million for the next phase.

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. 774 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS BY THE CARROLL BOONE WATER DISTRICT BY THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS** was read.

3. Discussion of reserves

Ms. Greene moved to discuss. Ms. Harman seconded. Ms. Harman said she would like to see more information from the Mayor's office and/or more involvement with the City Council in order to determine projects or at least have a plan of what is out there or what the City may need, when there are significant reserves.

Discussion followed about reserves held by other cities, plans that do exist for available funds, classifications of reserves and enterprise funds. Ms. Harman proposed that at some point, when the reserve is large enough, the City should reduce taxes. Mr. Meyer favored replacing water and sewer lines.

Mr. Thomas recalled the passage of a sales tax that was for paying off bonds and improving the water and sewer structure. He objected to the later decision to move, monthly, about 9/10 of that into the General Fund, then loaning money to Public Works. Mr. Thomas favored gradual reduction of what is taken from Public Works and lauded improvements in being able to get timely information.

4. Cruz'n Eureka moped franchise application

Ms. Harman moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Steve Kolb confirmed the scooters are electric and identified the two Center St. parking lots for testing riding skills. The scooters will have GPS, be well insured, and available during daylight hours only. Minimum age to ride will be 16 years.

Ms. Harman moved to approve the application. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2293 – Increasing water rates -- 3rd reading (part 1)

Mayor Berry called for a motion to discuss. Ms. Schneider said she so moved. Ms. Greene seconded. Mr. McClung moved to suspend the rules and read Ordinance No. 2293 by title only for its third and final reading. Ms. Schneider seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 5/1/0 with Ms. Harman voting “No.” The Ordinance title was read.

Mr. McClung made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2293 on its third reading. Ms. Schneider seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried 5/1/0 with Ms. Harman voting “No.”

2. Ordinance No. 2294 – Vacating alley east of Angle St. in Magnetic Bay Survey – 2nd reading

Ms. Harman moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. Mr. McClung moved to suspend the rules and place Ordinance No. 2294 on its second reading by title only. Ms. Greene seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 6/0/0. The Ordinance title was read. Mr. McClung moved to approve Ordinance No. 2294 on its second reading. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0.

1. Ordinance No. 2293 – Increasing water rates – 3rd reading (part 2)

Mr. McClung made a motion that on Ordinance No. 2293 that (Council) enact the emergency clause. Mr. Meyer seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion carried 5/1/0 with Ms. Harman voting “No.” The emergency clause was read.

3. Dates for workshops

Mayor Berry said no questions regarding Parks have been received from Council and set a deadline of Friday (February 28) for questions. Mr. Thomas favored sending questions to Parks and setting the response deadline for them as the following Friday (March 6, 2020) for their answers.

AGENDA SETTING:

Ms. Schneider added discussion of the property problem that Craig (Cox) brought up and have Dwayne (Allen) and Bobby (Ray) there. Ms. Greene seconded. (This item was removed by both sponsors on Tuesday, February 25.)

Mr. Thomas added (having) the three Commissions that do quarterly reports on the agenda for discussion. Ms. Greene seconded.

Mr. Thomas added (a summary by Mr. Weaver of) the process involved in accepting gifts of property (to Parks) and making them part of (the adjacent Park.) Ms. Greene seconded.

Mr. Meyer added monthly reports from Police and Fire at a Council meeting. Mr. Thomas seconded.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Meyer said it was a good winter conference where he learned a lot.

Ms. Harman noted the coming Wednesday CAPC-hosted open event with the current ad agency, Paradise.

Ms. Schneider was pleased to have celebrated her birthday with both of her sons for the first time in 26 years.

Ms. Greene wished Mickey a Happy Birthday.

Mr. Thomas said he enjoyed talking with all the other people during the winter conference.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry said early voting has started and noted the polling place is St. Elizabeth’s Parish Center on Passion Play Rd.

There will be a meeting for the alcohol license holders within the Entertainment District at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25 in the Auditorium to cover the rules.

A list of upcoming events was read.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

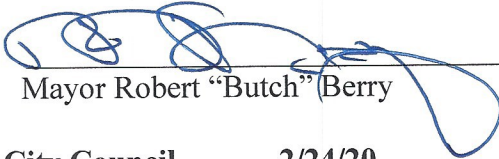
Motion carried 6/0/0. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

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