

5:15 -- Budget workshop

**CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 23, 2018 6 p.m.**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 9, 2018

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 3 – **vacant** – expires 7/1/20

CAPC – Pos. 2 – expires 6/30/18. Pos. 7 – expires 6/30/18

Hospital – Pos. 1 -- expires 6/1/18. Pos. 7 – **vacant** – expires 9/7/20

Parks – Pos. 2 – expires 5-1-18 -- **application from Ruth Hager**

HDC

Cemetery – Pos. 1 – **vacant** -- expires 2-15-21. Pos. 4 – **vacant** – expires 2/15/20

PUBLIC COMMENTS -- 3 minutes for each citizen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2265 – 3rd reading
2. Follow up on the sidewalk grant – Ms. Kendrick and Ms. Greene
3. Two additions to Planning's previously proposed Code changes – Planning Commission

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Municipal League/City Attorney's opinion of Parks right to enter into contract (greenhouse/501(C) 3) – Mayor Berry
2. Resolution acknowledging Trails benefactor and endorsing project – Mr. Mitchell and Mr. McClung
3. Discussion of parking within the City – Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Greene
4. Discussion of plastic bags and green alternatives – Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Greene
5. 1st quarter financial report – A.C.A. 14-43-506
6. Report on the Community Center – Ms. Schneider and Mr. McClung
7. Discussion of alternative date for meeting scheduled on Memorial Day – Ms. Schneider and Ms. Greene

AGENDA SETTING

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS

CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY

APRIL 23, 2018

Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2018, in the Auditorium lobby at 36 S. Main St.

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

ABSENT: Kristi Kendrick (with notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Greene moved to approve. Ms. Schneider seconded. Ms. Schneider added a report from the Mayor regarding the Community Center. Mr. McClung seconded. Ms. Schneider added discussion of a date for the Council meeting now scheduled on Memorial Day. Ms. Greene seconded. Ms. Greene postponed Unfinished Business 2. Ms. Schneider seconded. Unfinished 3 was postponed. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

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Mr. McClung moved to approve. Ms. Schneider seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – One seat is vacant.

CAPC – No report

Hospital – One seat is vacant.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – Two seats are vacant.

Parks – Mr. McClung moved to approve the application from Ruth Hager. Ms. Greene seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Eric Knowles provided a written statement regarding the Ordinance No. 2265 amortization chart, the 2014-15 BKD audit of the Water and Sewer funds, and his views on how the Infrastructure and Improvement funds should be spent. He favored a Water/Sewer Commission.

Suzanne Reed, 17 Flint St., spoke in support of the downhill trails and taking advantage of opportunities. Sensitive use of the natural environment by visitors she perceived as being respectful and by locals was emphasized.

Edwidge Denyszyn spoke of her cyclist son who lives on the west coast and participates in trail building. She said the trails will bring environmentally oriented visitors, a demographic she'd prefer to have in the community.

Bill Hinson, Engineer, spoke of life long involvement with environmental concerns and said, in this case, it makes sense to him to consider the downhill trails from an economic standpoint. Accepting that other factors may come up, he saw the trails project as a gift basket.

Cameron DeNoewer spoke of observing a fundamental lack of trust between citizens, departments, commissions and organizations. In considering how to soften that, he favored better communication – listening to and weighing both sides to rebuild some trust.

July Montgomery was present to endorse downhill trails and Parks. She, too, considered them a gift basket that will help economic development since people who ride high performance bicycles spend money on their hobbies. She spoke of the benefits of trails as outweighing any potential harm.

Jay Bender, Grassy Knob resident, spoke of people moving to his former home town because of

trails. It was his view that trails increase property values. He said it seemed opposition to trails here was more toward trails in town.

Bruce Wright, stone mason, preservationist and trail builder, spoke as a supporter of Parks and trails.

Barbara Kellogg wrote about the proposed extensions of in-town trails inviting tourists on bikes to peaceful historic neighborhood backyards. She favored citizen input on the subject and objected to turning neighborhoods into an eco-tourism amusement park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2265 – 3rd reading

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mr. McClung favored directing more I&I funds to system repairs. He moved to postpone the vote until at least the next meeting, until there's been more time to consider. Mr. Thomas seconded. It was confirmed the current plan included repairs as well as bond payoffs. A roll call followed.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

2. Follow up on the sidewalk grant

Postponed during agenda setting

3. Two additions to Planning's previously proposed Code changes

Postponed prior to the meeting by Planning Chair

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Municipal League/City Attorney's opinion of Parks right to enter into contract [greenhouse/501(C) 3]

Mr. McClung moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mayor Berry said he'd not heard anything from the Municipal League. The City Attorney is also looking into it since there's more involved than just entering into a contract about the greenhouse. Mr. Mitchell recalled the motion regarding data disclosure.

2. Resolution acknowledging Trails benefactor and endorsing project

Mr. Thomas moved to discuss. Ms. Schneider seconded. Mr. Mitchell moved to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Ms. Greene seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 5/0/0. Ms. Armstrong read **RESOLUTION NO. 726 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATURAL-SURFACE TRAILS AT LAKE LEATHERWOOD CITY PARK WITHIN EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.**

3. Discussion of parking within the City

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Mr. Mitchell spoke about further striping for parking on Spring up to Harmon Park. He also spoke about marking parking spaces on Benton St. on the sidewalk (east) side and making it one-way up.

Discussion about access to Point St. for fire trucks followed. Mr. Mitchell referenced a March 2018 letter from Fire Marshal Jim Kelley wherein he addressed red striping the curb across the street and outward from the turn onto Point St. Public Works Director Dwayne Allen is waiting for an ordinance to be prepared extending the no parking area.

Mr. Mitchell moved to change, on page 218, the Municipal Code, and also on Ordinance No. 1845 of 10/19/02 in "CC": No parking should be allowed on the west side of Washington St. extending 154 ft. from the corner of Summit St. to the front of 12 Washington. Ms. Greene seconded.

Discussion followed about this as setting a precedent for every other neighborhood where parking is like that, use of hand laid lines in fire fighting, using smaller vehicles and cutting the curb near Point back a few feet. Further discussion included locations of homes, following recommendations of the Fire Marshal and discussion with the Fire Chief about smaller trucks and portable equipment.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to defer (until the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and Building Official come and address the issue). Ms. Schneider seconded. A roll call vote followed.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

In response to Ms. Greene's inquiry about parking in Mill Hollow, Mayor Berry spoke about a tree that fell on property across the street and the need to move a camper to that parking area until the tree is cut and removed. The placement of the grease container resulted from an agreement between a previous mayor and the restaurant owner. Signage to indicate available parking may be provided by the CAPC.

4. Discussion of plastic bags and green alternatives

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Plastic floating in the oceans, places that charge for using plastic bags and plastic clean up dog bags provided by Parks were discussed. Including merchants in the decision was strongly suggested.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to explore, that we draft an ordinance regarding the use of plastic bags within the City limits of Eureka Springs and their elimination. Ms. Greene seconded.

Mr. Thomas and Ms. Schneider favored setting up a meeting to discuss the issue. A voice vote on the motion followed.

Motion carried 4/1/0 with Ms. Schneider voting "No."

Mr. Thomas made a motion for the proposed ordinance to not be read more than once at any meeting. Mr. Mitchell seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/1 with Ms. Schneider abstaining.

5. 1st quarter financial report

Mr. Mitchell moved to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded. Receipts, the check register and payroll were made available. It was confirmed the list of long term liabilities and the bank balances were provided with the budget summary.

6. Report on the Community Center

Ms. Schneider moved to hear. Ms. Greene seconded. Mayor Berry said he's received no response. He agreed to talk with (the Board) again.

7. Discussion of alternative date for meeting scheduled on Memorial Day

Ms. Schneider moved to discuss. Ms. Greene seconded. Following discussion, Mr. McClung moved to change the meeting from May 28 to May 29 at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Schneider seconded.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to cancel the budget workshop. Mr. Mitchell seconded. A vote on the amendment followed.

Motion carried 5/0/0. A vote on the first motion followed.

Motion carried 5/0/0.

AGENDA SETTING:

Mr. Thomas added discussion of remodeling the Auditorium. Ms. Schneider seconded

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ms. Greene reflected on participating on commissioners and on Council, and encouraged people to do so, introducing "new blood".

Ms. Schneider wished her elder son, Tracy, Happy 45th Birthday.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Berry read an extensive list of upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT:


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

Motion carried 5/0/0. The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk Treasurer Ann Armstrong

APPROVED:


Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry