

Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry called the regular meeting of the Eureka Springs City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 25, 2024, in the Auditorium at 36 S. Main St.

PRESENT: Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry, Council members Terry McClung, Harry Meyer, Autumn Slane, City Attorney Forrest Jacobi, and Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer.

ABSENT: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. McClung moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Meyer seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: March 11, 2024

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the minutes for March 11th. Mr. Holifield seconded.
Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

*****VACANT COUNCIL SEATS ELECTIONS*****

Mr. McClung moved to go into executive session to discuss the qualifications of city council candidates. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

Mr. Holifield moved to adjourn the executive session. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

Mr. Holifield moved to move into the regular session. Mr. Meyer seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer handed out paper ballots.

Susane Gruning was elected as the candidate for Ward 1 Position 2 4/0/0 by ballot vote.

David Avanzino was elected as the candidate for Ward 2 Position 1 4/0/0 by ballot vote.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Motion carried 4/0/0 by voice vote at 6:31 pm.

The elected candidate took their oath of office before the table continued the meeting.

THEN PRESENT: Mayor Robert “Butch” Berry, Council members Terry McClung, Harry Meyer, Autumn Slane, David Avanzino, and Susane Gruning, City Attorney Forrest Jacobi, and Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer.

Mr. McClung moved to move back into the regular session. Mr. Holifield seconded.
Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote at 6:34pm.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AUTHORITY REPORTS AND EXPIRED TERMS:

Planning – Pos. 7 – **vacant** – expires 1/1/27

CAPC – Pos. 6 (Council Member Seat) – **vacant** – expires 12/31/24

Mr. McClung made a motion to reinstate Mr. Avanzino. Ms. Slane seconded.

Motion carried 5/0/1 by voice vote.

Hospital – No report

Parks – Pos. 4 – **vacant** – expires 5/1/25

Mr. Holifield moved to reappoint Mark Ingram on the Parks Commission. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

HDC – No report

Cemetery – No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens made public comments:

1. Ferguson Stewart, 7 Harvey
2. Arjay Josphine, 16 Steele St

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Sewer testing update – Mayor Berry

Mr. Avanzino made a motion to discuss. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Simon Wiley, Public Works Director, gave sewer update on the sewer grant funding.

2. Water leak remediation plans – Terry McClung

Mr. Meyer made a motion to discuss. Mr. McClung seconded.

Simon Wiley gave updates on the water leak repairs and answered question from the table.

NEW BUSINESS

1. On Demand Transit Service – Mayor Berry

Mr. Meyer made a motion to discuss. Mr. Avanzino seconded.

Kenneth “Smitty” Smith, Transit Director, proposed an on-demand transit service and discussed the topic with the table.

Mr. McClung moved to approve the on-demand transit pilot. Mr. Avanzino seconded.

Table discussed the topic further with Smith.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by voice vote.

2. Resolution for temporary entertainment district for Blue’s Fest May 31st- June 1st, 2024 – Mayor Berry

Mr. McClung made a motion to discuss. Mr. Avanzino seconded.

The table discussed the temporary entertainment district for Blue’s Fest.

Ms. Slane made a motion to read the resolution for approval. Mr. McClung seconded.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by roll call vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer assigned the resolution number 855 and read it for passage.

3. Resolution for temporary entertainment district for Spring Fling April 18th -21st, 2024 – Mayor Berry

Mr. McClung made a motion to discuss. Mr. Holifield seconded.

The table discussed the temporary entertainment district for Spring Fling.

Mr. McClung made a motion to assign the resolution a number and read it for passage. Ms. Slane seconded.

Further discussion was had.

Motion carried 6/0/0 by roll call vote.

Clerk Treasurer Meyer assigned the resolution number 856 and read it for passage.

AGENDA SETTING

Ms. Slane added a trash bag discussion.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. McClung welcomed new council members. He also thanked all the applicants and encouraged everyone to volunteer for other opportunities.

Mr. Meyer encouraged everyone that applied to file in August for the November election.

Ms. Slane commented on the number of applications received for the council member vacant positions.

Mr. Avanzino thanked everyone for applying to the council and thanked the city council for reinstating him to the council. He stated he will continue his work advocating on the state and local level.

Mr. Holifield reminded everyone of the CAPC meeting and workshop. He also welcomed back David and welcomed Susane to the table.

Mr. Gruning thanked the council members for nominating her and encouraged everyone to apply for other commissions.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Berry thanked all the applicants and encouraged everyone to apply for other positions in the city. He showed the NLR cultural diversity award and announced upcoming events.

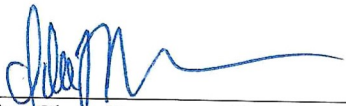
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McClung motioned to adjourn. Mr. Holifield seconded.

Voice vote carried 6/0/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Treasurer Ida Meyer

APPROVED:



Mayor Robert "Butch" Berry

