

**EUREKA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dever opened the meeting and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Chris Dever – Present
Council Member Greg Evans – Present
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Tom Nedreberg – Present
Council Member Jeremy Snell – Absent
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom
Maintenance Technician Darrin Carlson – Present
Maintenance Technician Joe Carpenter - Present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nick Castleton, Larry Bell, Allene Wray, JaNeel Nielsen, Jessica Nielsen, Marisa Davis, Steve Child

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Trepanier made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2023. Council Member Nedreberg seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Council Member Evans made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Council Member Nedreberg seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

**EUREKA CITY
TREASURER’S REPORT
FOR MARCH 2023**

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$338,990.18
Deposit Amount:	\$ 75,746.61
Withdrawal Amount:	\$80,456.18
Checking Ending Balance:	\$334,280.61

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

Mayor Dever asked with the rise in rates at the fill station have we noticed any difference. Recorder Bigler said she has not been able to bill for that yet. The rates in the system needed to be changed at the first of the month so she will need to manually do those bills this month.

Council Member Evans asked for clarification on the bill from Rebel Automation. Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to approve the claims. Council Member Trepanier seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Chris Dever – He thanked Council Member Evans for the time and efforts he has put into dealing with the issues we have had with the water and the wells. He also thanked the citizens for their patience with the snow and road issues and now the flooding. There have been lessons learned along the way. He wants the Council Members to meet with Recorder Bigler and go over their budgets. He has been talking with the Juab County Emergency Preparedness about the liability with the flooding on private property. Everyone needs to be careful about how we divert the water. He and Council Member Nedreberg will be attending the ULCT convention next week. A representative from the Humane Society will be at the next meeting. Dominion Energy has a new project using Eureka, Elberta, and Goshen for a hydrogen plant. We are just a portion of the grant. It will be located by the compressor station next to the natural gas plant. Delta has been involved in something like this and got a pickleball court out of it. He told them we would like something else. The County brought up some sandbags and with the ones we have we can now stop limiting the number we are handing out. Council Member Evans said we have a problem with stormwater, and there is no money available until you have a flood. Nick Castleton commented there is FEMA funding. Council Member Evans said there is funding through BRIC, however; it does require a 25% match from the city. We would have to do an analysis and some other items before we could put in for this funding. He just received this information on Monday. Nick said that if we decided to do Gardner Canyon then Chief Consolidated would donate the property and that could be our 25% and JUB Engineering has all the specs from when he was working with them. He also asked what the problem was with the gulch. Is the culvert not big enough or is it plugged up? Mayor Dever replied we will not know until the water subsides, but our crews are working on it. Council Member Haynes said there are servals areas along the ditch where the culverts are different sizes.

Robert Trepanier – Nothing new to report. Mayor Dever did let him know that Sunrise was having issues with the GIS on the cemetery. Could he get with Recorder Bigler and go over them.

Travis Haynes – It has been a long winter and the roads are in rough shape. He has talked to Joe about getting some cold mix. A lot of areas need shoulder work. He will work with Joe and Darrin on what needs to be done. Again, he wants to thank the city workers and everyone who volunteered by plowing the streets.

Thomas Nedreberg – He would like to discuss the Planning Commission at the next work meeting.

Greg Evans – He would like to wait until further in the meeting to discuss his items.

Jeremy Snell – Absent

Planning Commission – Council Member Nedreberg said they didn't have a meeting this month as there was nothing on the agenda. Mayor Dever commented that the only thing outstanding is a set of house plans, however; they are still incomplete.

Maintenance Technician Report – Darrin said they have a couple of blower motors up and running down at the sewer plant. He didn't get the list of tools completed, but they need hand tools for each truck. The Ford is going to need about \$1,200 worth of tools and for the Chevy about \$800. These are for basic tools. They have been throwing away more broken tools than they are finding good ones. He knows it will be pricey, but they must have tools to work with. Council Members Haynes and Evans agreed they need tools. Mayor Dever asked the Council if it would be all right to take a portion out of each department to pay for the tools. They were fine with it. He wants Darrin to order two Fluke brand meters and get small volt meters too. Joe said he agreed with Darrin they need tools. They have been using tools they have brought from home. We were down to one motor, but now we have two units working. We need to secure the shop and to find a way to prioritize and fix the garage doors. Joe said that Drew had a bid on one door and to service the other two. Mayor Dever will talk to Council Member Snell about this since he is over buildings. A Rural Water Representative was at the employee meeting, He will be coming back to do some training. Joe said they are getting debris and gravel into the sewer system. Mayor Dever informed everyone it is illegal to pump stormwater into the sewer. He would like them to put sandbags around the sewer manholes if they are getting water into them. We need to get the word out to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Overview of Employees

Decided not to discuss this tonight.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

Discussion/Adoption of amendment to Eureka City Noise Ordinance.

Mayor Dever asked Council Member Trepanier what his concern was with the verbiage. Council Member Trepanier said he went back and reread the amendment and decided he was good with it. He does feel they will need to revisit it later. Mayor Dever said he will get with Attorney Mellor have her write it up in the correct language. He would like to review it at the work meeting and vote on it at the council meeting. This was tabled until the next meeting.

State of Water and Wastewater System – Improvements, Repairs & Training needed. Council Member Evans said we have had a whole lot of problems come up. The antenna for the SCADA system got ripped off the building, the repeater went down, this resulted in the city almost running out of water. A number of problems have been uncovered that are related to the SCADA system not working correctly. We knew one booster pump has been down for about year and now another went down this leaves us with one running. We have two on order and will pay for those out of the ARPA funds. The flow meter went down. The cost for two pumps is \$43,056.00 that includes a mobilization charge. This is big money to get the pumps up and running and cycling like they should. Once this is done, we shouldn't have any more problems. We have three sewer plant blower motors, and we were down to one. Darrin and Joe were able to get two of the three back up and running. We still need to buy one because we cannot salvage the other one. Once everything is working, we will get Rebel Automation up here for a full-on

training for everyone involved. Rebel Automation recommended we upgrade the terminal and software to the new program. It has more options to use. We will get the pricing for SCADA once we get everything running. Joe said that each one of the boosters and blowers need to talk to each other. This system is radio based. Right now, everything is being done manually. Council Member Nedreberg thinks it would worth the cost to get it done right. Council Member Evans has also reached out to Rural Water, and we had three people show up. Mike Davis was driving through town and stopped in. He gave us some useful information and will be coming back to do training and help with a maintenance plan. Ron Pierce over the wastewater came and also gave some useful information. Terry Smith came today, and he is over the compliance side. He was extremely helpful and will make a great resource. They work with the State but are not the State. We need to take advantage of these resources. We have one year for our operators to become certified in water and wastewater. There are samples that were supposed to be taken but weren't. Because of this we have points against us. Once the samples are taken the points will drop off. He asked Joe and Darrin to get a list of supplies that are needed.

Discussion of Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 2023 and June 2024.
Mayor Dever told the Council again to get with Recorder Bigler and go over their budgets. Council Member Nedreberg clarified the date of the budget meeting is April 28th. The meeting will be held at 5:00 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

(Citizens who had submitted their question or concerns in writing prior to the meeting may speak at this time, if present, but will be limited to two minutes.)

Larry Bell said during the water project the ditch that runs in front of his home was damaged. He was told after the project it would get fixed and it never was. With the runoff this year it has washed some big rocks out and now the road is starting to collapse into the ditch. Council Member Haynes will look and see what needs to be done. He would like a notice sent out to the citizens and let them be aware these ditches are still being used and to keep them clean of trash and debris. He also mentioned he would like to get the summer hire positions posted. Nick said to check with the Dept of Workforce Services and the school. They have a program for low-income families. If we hire those that qualify for this program, then the State pays their wages. Council Member Haynes will contact Mrs. Leuk at the high school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Evans made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. Nick Castleton said he was supposed to be on the agenda to speak about the emergency preparedness program. Recorder Bigler forgot to put him on. There was a motion from Council Member Haynes to open the meeting again. Council Member Evans seconded the motion. All in favor the meeting was reopened.

Nick said he has several people from town willing to sit on the Emergency Preparedness Committee. He needs to have a Council Member on the committee too. Council Member Nedreberg said he would be willing to sit on the committee put not chair it. Mayor Dever said

because this was not on the agenda, they cannot take a vote, but he can add this as one of Council Member Nedreberg's duties. The rest of the Council was fine with that.

Council Member Evans made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. Attorney Mellor reminded everyone the Open Meeting Training will be held at the May Work Meeting. She would like to have the Planning Commission members there as well.