

**EUREKA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2025, 7:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Toni Dever – Present

Council Member Greg Evans – Present

Council Member Travis Haynes – Present

Council Member Tom Nedreberg – Present

Council Member Scott Pugh - Present

Council Member Jeremy Snell – Present

City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present

City Attorney Todd Godfrey – Present via Zoom

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shay Morrison – R6, Dan Fechner Jones & DeMille, Jesica Nielsen

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

Shay Morrison – Community Advisor, R6 Updates.

Shay gave OPMA (Open Public Meetings Act) training to the Mayor and Council. A quorum for the city is three members. A properly noticed meeting is required to discuss public business. An emergency meeting can be called. All members must be contacted if possible. A majority of the Council needs to approve the meeting. A notice must be posted as soon as possible even if it is under the regular 24 hours. Regular meetings must have an agenda posted at least 24 hours in advance. If action is to be taken on an item, it must be on the agenda as an action item. Recorded minutes must never be edited. On what constitutes having a closed meeting he recommends discussing that with Attorney Godfrey. Closed meetings must be recorded. There are a couple of exceptions such as when discussing the character and competence of personnel. The Mayor must sign an affidavit that states why a closed meeting was called and not recorded. If there are multiple items to be discussed, you need to be careful about what is discussed and where. In closed sessions you must stay on topic. All minutes and recordings are subject to GRAMA. If you have any questions, give him a call. Council Member Snell had a concern about approving the last council meeting minutes. The signed affidavit is not attached to the minutes.

Discussion concerning Eagle Well and proposed easement across Vern Tharpe's Property.

Council Member Evans explained the proposed easement. The easement will allow us access to the waterline that is located on his property. There is no charge he is just giving us a public easement. He is requesting we attach up to 5 acre feet of water to the well. There shouldn't be an issue if it doesn't interfere with city infrastructure. We need to have Attorney Godfrey review the easement after the revisions are added.

Changes in Council Committees
Item was discussed at the work meeting.

Review of Bid to repair failed Booster Pump.
Council Member Evans said if everyone is ok with the \$18,966 to get the part ordered he would like to move forward. He would like to get the new motor ordered and rebuild the pump we have. Before they put the new one in, he would like to do more investigation to see if there is something else we need to do. Council Member Snell made a motion to move forward. Council Member Nedreberg seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

Disclosure Statements from Mayor, Council & Staff as required by HB80 and due by January 31, 2025.
Recorder Bigler passed out the disclosure statement and let them know she needed them back before the 31st. She must post them to the website and with the State.

Review and Selection of Bid for the electrical work in the Memorial Building.
Mayor Dever received a bid from CTR Electric and will get them to the Council. She would like them to vote on it tonight. Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to approve the bid from CTR Electric pending it is lower than the bid from Any Hour. Council Member Snell seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

Discussion of power connected to Shea Building.
Mayor Dever informed the Council the power line connecting the Shea building to the Memorial Building power has now been disconnected.

Discussion and Approval of CIB Application for Road Master Plan.
Dan Fechner gave an overview to update the Transportation Plan that was adopted in 2019. They would start by doing a pavement preservation plan. A survey of the existing roads for quality and conditions would be done so they could give a good recommendation on repair, upkeep, and maintenance. The Council wanted to know if help bring the cost down could a Council Member or city staff could be trained to use the GIS software and do the survey of the roads. Council Member Evan mentioned we are concerned about meeting our match for the grant. Maybe we could do only half the town instead. Council Member Haynes inquired if the roads in the cemetery and the dirt and gravel roads leading to the tanks be included. Dan would need to check. Council Member Haynes made motion to move forward with CIB for the Road Master Plan. Council Member Evans would like to see the proposal. Shay said the CIB grant needs to be turned in by Feb 3rd. Dan said the current amount is \$67,000. This is high and could possibly come down. Council Member Evans added to the motion not to exceed the proposed \$67,000 and the line item detail. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

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.)

No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to postpone approval of the minutes until the affidavit can be included and approve them at the next meeting. Council Member Snell seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor, Toni Dever – Nothing to report

Scott Pugh – The Mayor asked him to check with the County Recorder about the dedication of streets. Council Member Haynes wanted to comment on the subdivision his parents did. He said they wanted to get it recorded before the first of the year. It should be recorded for this year. Council Member Pugh said the County Recorder told him if the streets are not dedicated then they would reject it. Mayor Dever also asked him to talk to Attorney Godfrey about getting procedures for selling alley ways and beefing up the Cottage Home ordinance. Shay said if the property doesn't conform, they should go to the Planning Commission and request a variance. He doesn't recommend having them call an individual Planning Commission Member or Council Member they need to get on a meeting agenda.

Travis Haynes – Didn't have a much to report. The roads are being plowed, and he ordered salt today.

Thomas Nedreberg – He talked to Shay about a community parks and rec grant program. The grant is up to \$200,000 with a 20% match of \$40,000. You can get pickleball courts, playground equipment, and volleyball courts. It can be used in combination with other grants or alone. Jones & DeMille has done some cost analysis and planning for Fountain Green and some other cities. The grant is due in mid-March. Council Member Snell has looked into this grant before and thinks it is a great idea. He would like to see a new pavilion or repair and update the one we have. The Recreation Committee has talked about asphaltting the gravel areas at the park, pavilion repair, and update lights and sound. Council Member Nedreberg wants this on the work meeting agenda. He attended the Legislative Policy Meeting. The Legislative Policy Committee can have three people from each city to present, vote, watch, and take positions on the bills. The meetings are held on Monday's from 12:00 to 1:30 and can be attended in person or via Zoom. He went over the bills that were discussed at today's meeting. Council Members Evans and Pugh volunteered to join the Committee.

Greg Evans – He will be reviewing The Source Protection Plan. A town meeting may possibly be held in March. He is working on the sewer/wastewater application. The State sent it back to us for review. He talked to Sunrise about the Land Use Application. He sent the section pertaining to discharging on our own property to the State for review. This is a grey area, and the Division of Water Quality feels we should push back and stay discharging on our property. He still has not heard back from the State on the wastewater violation fine. He will try to get more information for the next meeting. He will look at the rates with Country Garbage. We may not break even because of the months it was left open without an attendant. Mayor Dever asked about the meters that are not reading. He said some of the meters not reading are from people who leave for the winter, and some are from people who have moved or gave up their

connections. They cannot be removed from the system. He wanted to make the Mayor aware he has been looking at this report monthly. He feels there is a training issue that needs to be addressed. He is hoping he can go the next time the meters are read.

Jeremy Snell – He asked if there was an update on the quote to fix the streetlight by the caboose. Recorder Bigler said it has been ordered, and she has the bid from Black & McDonald who do the installation. She has not heard when they will install it. The community Christmas Tree was taken down. He wanted to thank those who helped especially to Scott Pugh and his wife, Greg Evans, Bruce Nielsen, and Joe Carpenter. The recreation committee is trying to make it an annual thing. Their meetings will now be held in the commons room at the District Office. Patricia Bigler has resigned from the committee. He expressed his gratitude and thanked her for many years of help. Her wisdom has been invaluable. They are working on how to get more people involved and join the committee. The Council thanked Patricia for her work on the committee.

Council Member Snell asked what has been decided about the vacant maintenance technician position. Mayor Dever said we can discuss it at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Evans made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned 8:34 pm.