

**EUREKA CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Castleton opened the meeting and led everyone on the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Nick Castleton – Present  
Council Member Darrin Carlson – Present  
Council Member Larry Ezell – Absent  
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present  
Council Member Leslie Rice – Absent  
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present  
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present  
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom  
Public Works Director – Lynn Elliott

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Russell Bull, Ian Wright – State History, Michael Nielson – Dominion Energy, Steven Ridge – Dominion Energy, Justin Withers, Greg Thornock

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Council Member Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes from September. Council Member Haynes seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$130,348.24
Deposit Amount:	\$ 75,698.96
Withdrawal Amount:	\$120,408.55
Checking Ending Balance:	\$ 85,638.65

City Recorder Bigler read the Treasurer’s Report. Council Member Haynes made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Council Member Carlson seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

**CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY**

Council Member Carlson made a motion to pay the bills. Council Member Trepanier seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

Nick Castleton – another group came this past weekend and cleared more sagebrush out of the cemetery. They were staying at the Vicarage. They even picked up what the other group had left by the fence. They did a really nice job.

Robert Trepanier – Nothing to report

Travis Haynes – Nothing to report

Darrin Carlson – Nothing to report

Leslie Rice – Absent

Larry Ezell – Absent

Planning Commission

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Ian Wright – Discuss Stewardship Program to protect historical sites.

The Utah Cultural State Stewardship Program is a new program designed to help protect historical sites. There was increased pressure from the public to protect these sites. They train the stewards to manage the sites and to work with land managers. They have received permission from Chief to place stewards on one of their sites. The goal of the program is to monitor and report back the findings. There have been two stewards appointed to monitor the site. If there are other sites the city is aware of, please let him know. The stewards can be local residents or from other areas. They must complete a training program before they start. As of right now they only have permission for the Chief #1. Mayor Castleton mentioned he knew of other places that might need help from this program and would like to get with Ian to go over them. Council Member Carlson wanted to know what they were going to do to secure the areas. He wanted to let Ian know he has caught some homeless people in the old Quonset hut several times. Mayor Castleton said the fence on the east side also needs to be looked at.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. Discussion & Approval of Quote to replace existing Street Lights with LED.

Council Member Carlson stated that he thought we were going to pay for the new lights with money taken from one of the City's CD's. Mayor Castleton mentioned that he thought that with the cost savings from the LED lights, we could almost pay for them with what we had budgeted for the monthly bills. Darrin would like to have it written down on paper the actual amount and for the city to commit to saving for as long as necessary to put back what we spent into another CD. Attorney Mellor said they can go ahead and vote, but you cannot dictate what future councils will do. It was asked when we are going to have to pay Rocky Mountain Power for the lights. Mayor Castleton said he would contact Rocky Mountain Power. Council Member Trepanier made a motion to replace existing lights with LED light with the intent to replace CD with future savings into a separate account. Council Member Carlson seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

## 2. Discussion concerning Building Permit/Inspection Fee for Natural Gas.

Justin Withers, Regional Manager and Mike Nelson, Lead Operations Specialist with Dominion Energy were present. They will work with building inspector and the contractors during the meter installations. They wanted to update the Mayor and Council on the status of the project. The high-pressure test is completed and gassed (88%) to the transfer station on the slant. Currently have 221 customers and working on getting the main lines finished. Have three lines ready to go. They recognize we have questions and will see if they can come up with solutions. Mayor Castleton brought up that he had spoken to the building inspector, and he said there is more paperwork with inspecting natural gas. The fuel line size, combustion air, venting and appliances installed to manufacturer's standards. Mr. Nelson said to make sure all is installed correctly, a certified heating/air contractor should be contacted, or the work could be done by the homeowner as long as it passes the inspection. Mr. Nelson said he can come up the same day as the building inspector. Dominion will follow up with our building inspector as well. They do not know what paperwork is required as far as the inspections; but they will always look at it from a safety standpoint. There are two options for the gas pressure, 4 oz or 2 lbs. Council Member Carlson said there is a discrepancy here if our building inspector said he does not test the appliances, generally, the building inspector does the pressure test. Is there a pressure test needed on each appliance? The Dominion Representative stated that, "No when they install the meter, they will check the appliances. They cannot change the pressure. Council Member Haynes said "You mentioned you have three lines ready to go, did contractors do the work or the homeowner. The Dominion Reps. stated that of course those 3 still need to come in and get a permit, but they will be visiting with inspector and would be prioritizing them. We need to make sure residents will have a heat source. They will coordinate with the city. Mr. Nelson wanted to know if the building inspector had come up with the list. Recorder Bigler stated that it was Chris Dever who came up with the list. They asked the Mayor to email them our building inspector, Chris Swenson, contact information. Wished they could have had this done 2 months ago. Mr. Nelson said he could easily hookup 6-8 meters in a day. They will commit more people if they need to. Steven Ridge with Dominion said they are a company with over seven million customers and safety is the number one priority. The Mayor and Council thanked them for coming out.

## 3. Discussion concerning possible funding for Law Enforcement (SRO) Contract between Juab County, Tintic School District and Eureka City.

The Juab County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Pulver had dropped off an example of an agreement that would be similar to what they would like with Eureka. Mayor Castleton mentioned that everyone has a copy of their budget. They need to review and see if there is money that could go towards paying for law enforcement. Lynn Elliott asked why Eureka City is even considering paying Juab County for law enforcement. Why are we not looking for something for our community? Council Member Haynes said that he would like to see them patrolling more up here, even if they could park on the side of the road and just be visible to the people/traffic how much of a difference it makes. He said that he has had 3 people discuss this with him saying that they pay taxes to Juab County, the same as any other community in Juab, so we should get the same services without having to have an agreement. It was mentioned that if they have a certain schedule, they need to commit to being in town. Council Member Haynes said that before Brent Pulver was hired, the County made it a requirement that the deputy would have to live in Eureka. He thinks the County would need to look at that with Brent Pulver retiring.

4. Review, Discussion and Adoption of Special Event Ordinance.

Council Member Carlson thought we had everything worked out. Mayor Castleton read the draft and suggested they table until next month. To pass a resolution along with the fees. Need an application fee and a security deposit. Talked about a \$500 security deposit. Can be part of the update on the City's Fee Schedule. Attorney Mellor has notes on this and will include with Resolution and Fee Schedule.

5. Discussion and Approval of an Amendment to City Council Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2019, concerning awarding Charles Davis the bid for the property on East Main Street and signing of the Real Estate Contract.

Need a motion to amend the written minutes to include the amount of \$30,000. Reviewed the audio recording of the minutes. Council Member Carlson made a motion – after reviewing the written minutes and the audio recording – need to amend the written minutes to include the \$30,000. Council Member Trepanier seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

6. Appointment of Counters for the 2021 Municipal Election.

Made a motion to have the City Employees do the counting. Council Member Carlson seconded. 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 do so at this time but will be limited to two minutes each.)

Public Works Director Lynn Elliott asked the Council what they would like to do with the leased trucks we have. The lease is up, and Ken Garff has taken over and are willing to take over the lease. He said the County is buying all their leased vehicles. We need to think of some other options. We need a vehicle big enough to plow snow. Maybe we need to talk about this at the next work meeting. Council Member Carlson said we need to look at this right now or we may incur another bill. He would have liked to have known about this before now. Lynn said he did tell the Mayor. Council Member Haynes said we could lease one truck for now. How much are plow brackets \$650. Recorder Bigler asked Council Member Haynes if he had checked on getting a bobtail truck. He had not done that yet. He wanted the bobtail for hauling material. The Council asked Lynn to get prices together – cab & chassis for the work meeting.

Mayor Castleton said he had been contacted about sponsoring T-shirts for the high school sporting events. Attorney Mellor reminded the Council they could not vote on this because it was not on the agenda. Council Member Trepanier thought the price was too high.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Carlson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned.