

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Nick Castleton – Present
Council Member Darrin Carlson – Absent
Council Member Larry Ezell – Absent
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Leslie Rice – Present
Council Member Robert Trapanier – Present
City Recorder – Patricia Bigler – Present
City Attorney – Melissa Mellor – via Zoom

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Nielson & Nick Jentsch – Dominion Energy, Sam Malone
Via Zoom – Bonnie Brantley

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Review and Discussion concerning adopting a Special Event Permit Ordinance.
Attorney Mellor said she has been on vacation and has not had a chance to follow up with her law clerk. She will have the ordinance ready for the Council meeting on Monday. She will also be attending the meeting in person.

- b. Review and Discussion concerning Fuel Line Checklist and Permit Information Sheet.
Mayor Castleton asked the representatives from Dominion to step up to the microphone so everyone would be able to hear them. Nick Jentsch introduced himself. He said they need to meet with our inspector to streamline the process. Mayor Castleton asked if they had a requirement for the contractors. They do not require a licensed contractor, but they prefer them. If it meets code and gets the city inspection that's all they need. Council Member Haynes wanted to clarify that if it meets code, and the Building Inspector passes it off they are fine with it. Nick said yes that was correct and that they want to work closely with the Inspector so the process will get done as quick as possible. In a lot of cases, they try to place the service line in the same location as where the propane runs into the home. Council Member Rice had some questions on how they run the pipe to the house. Council Member Haynes said in most cases they will bore directly to your home. Dominion wants to make it as easy as possible on the residents. Council Member Haynes asked when they would have the gas line up and running. Nick apologized he did not have that information. He will get the answer to the city. Mayor Castleton said the cost of the building permit will be \$210 this includes the inspection. If additional inspections are needed, then those costs will fall to the homeowner. Council Member Rice felt most people would not be

able to afford this. Mayor Castleton said Six County may be able to help with the cost if the homeowner qualifies. There may be rebates and tax credits available. Dominion Energy will have a booth at the town celebration where they can answer questions.

Sam Malone has been living at T-Park for a while and was recently arrested by the Utah County Sheriff's Department for a past warrant. They gave him 14 days to get his belongings cleaned out of T-Park. He does not have access to a vehicle and would like to do community service and in return have help getting his belongings moved out. Council Member Rice said she would be willing to help him.

c. Review and Discussion concerning updating Employee Policies and Procedures to include the latest changes in the Utah Retirement System to be compliant with State Law. Attorney Mellor has completed the suggested update to the URS section. To comply with the State Auditor's office some of the language needed to be changed. This can be adopted at the next meeting.

d. Discussion concerning pets at City Park Facilities. Attorney Mellor will forward what she has done to the Mayor and Council. She will have Recorder Bigler put this as an action item for the meeting on Monday.

e. Discussion concerning Quote on new Computers for City Office. Recorder Bigler said the quote is from Les Olson and their email showed which computers were outdated. She requested a new quote from Les Olson but it was not available for this meeting. She will follow up with them.

f. Discussion concerning City Water Ordinance (loss of connections). The Mayor said we need to update our water & sewer ordinance concerning the disconnection of city services. He feels that if a resident gets their service shut off or they decide not to keep the services on a property they own, then the connection fees along with the \$75.00 service fee should be paid before the service is turned back on. Attorney Mellor said a lien could be filed on the property if they have an outstanding water bill and they do not pay it. Council Member Haynes said we should not be having anyone with an outstanding bill of over a \$1,000 or more. Recorder Bigler explained to the Council the issue we are currently dealing with has nothing to do with delinquent accounts, but with accounts in good standing where the home/property owner no longer wants to pay the monthly \$64.00 service fee to keep their services. We are having them fill out a Water/Sewer Service change form saying they agree to give up their connections. But when they decide to have the services turned back on or they sell the home/property do we charge the connection fees along with the \$75 service fee or just the service fee? There is nothing in our ordinance about giving up connections or paying the connection fees again to get the water turned back on. Attorney Mellor asked if we are physically going out and do something like turning the water off or removing the meter. Recorder Bigler and the Mayor both said yes, the guys are supposed to be shutting the water off and taking the meter. Attorney Mellor felt that in this case charging the fee is justified. She said maybe they could pay a lower connection fee. Council Member Haynes did not like that idea he felt if we do this then everyone on the utility service fee would want to do it. We need to keep it high so the city can recoup some of the money we will lose. He explained the loan payments the city must make were based on how

many connections we have. So, if we are not getting at least the minimum payment from the utility service fee then we could be short on the money needed to pay the loans. We need something in writing. Attorney Mellor will look into this issue and wants it as a discussion item for Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Haynes made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Trepanier seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. 8:08 p.m.