

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2019 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 Hortt Carter – Present
Council Member Gordon Grimstead – Present
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Larry Ezell – Present
Council Member Leslie Rice – Present
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present

Public in Attendance

Travis Fields

Travis Fields approached the Council and wanted to discuss how many City Street do not get plowed during the winter. There are a few roads, but they have other access to them. He started off by telling the Council what had happened with his property. The City didn't own the street we sold him. Mayor Castleton interrupted Travis and said all the original plats in Eureka City were recorded in the County before Eureka became a City. Because of this these roads are under the jurisdiction of the Probate Judge. Council Member Carter asked what the Attorney had to say. We have not received a response back from him. He has put in \$3,800 on the street. He would like to get an agreement from the City to maintain that street. Council Member Carter and Mayor Castleton both said we will need to maintain the road until we can find out if we can purchase it from the probate judge and then sell it back to Travis. Travis said if the City maintains the road, he doesn't want it. The only reason he purchased it in the first place was because the Mayor and Attorney told him the City would not maintain the road. Council Member Grimstead said it would be much safer if the City would plow the road by Travis's. Council Haynes said the City would not be able to sand or salt the road because it is a dirt road and all it would do is make a muddy mess. Council Member Ezell said let us maintain the road this year and revisit it after we find out more information. This is probably what happened with the alley behind Gordon's house. For property that has an Environmental Covenant on you must first contact Michael Storck (EPA) and have him write a letter, then the deed will need to be amended. Travis thanked the Council for hearing him out.

Discussion of Items

Review and Discussion of Town Fee Schedule

Recorder Bigler explained the changes made to the fee schedule are shown in red. Mayor Castleton asked Council Member Ezell what wording he wanted changed. He said he would like to change the part saying, "Part-time Resident Fee" to "Minimum Service Fee". Council Member Carter explained how he and Patricia came up with the Minimum Service Fee. Need to send the

Fee Schedule to Attorney Merrill to look over and make sure everything is good. We will adopt the new fee schedule at the next Council Meeting.

Review and Discussion of Current Zoning at our Tintic Junction Well Location
Mayor Castleton contacted Juab Planning and Zoning and was told all he needed to do was to write a letter and send it to them. This came about after he and Council Member Haynes went to the public hearing to change the zoning on some property down at the junction. The gentleman who owns the property had the zoning changed to commercial/highway because he is planning on putting in a data center and powering it with solar panels. If they need to extend their solar panels and would like to lease our property, we would need to have the zoning changed to commercial/highway. The council said to send the letter.

Council Member Haynes addressed the Council about some issues he has with his departments. He said at the last meeting he had talked to the Mayor about the street below Gordon's concerning the road patch that was put in and the Palfreyman meter extension and lid needs to be fixed. Mayor Castleton said he was told we are waiting for the parts to get here. Council Member Carter had him clarify what the problem was. Recorder Bigler said that Derk Palfreyman had been in a couple of times asking when it was going to be fixed. Mayor Castleton said Lynn knew about it and said he was waiting on parts. He wanted to know if the Mayor had talked to them about riding around in the hills and sitting at the Fire Station. Mayor Castleton said he told them people are watching and turning them in. What about the camp trailers around town, did the Mayor check into that? The Mayor said he talked to the people behind Brandy Kirgan's home. They are out of state workers for Newman Construction that are working here in town. They only stay for a few days at a time. What about the Salt usage was that discussed with them? Mayor Castleton said he has talked to them about that. They said they have the salters set at the recommended level. The road patch below Gordon and up by Dever's needs to be fixed. Council Member Haynes has talked to Chad with the State Road Department and he is willing to let them use some winter patch. If this doesn't get fixed, they are going to ruin a plow. Recorder Bigler said they have already had to replace a motor for one of the plows. The old state dump truck down at the shop still has salt on it from last year. It needs to be washed off. Council Member Carter said he thought we surplused that truck. Council Member Haynes said there is nothing wrong with the truck and we should keep it. The big truck should be used to plow most of the City. He feels the City employees should not be out all night plowing the streets, the State doesn't even do that. Mayor Castleton agreed said 5 a.m. would be a good time to start. Council Member Carter said some of the Council wanted a bobtail truck but what we got was this piece of junk and how much are we going to spend to get it up and running. Council Member Haynes said he would rather spend \$400 for batteries and get a truck that runs. If we do decide to sell it, we could get more money out of a truck that runs than one that doesn't. Council Member Ezell suggested they both the Mayor and Council Member Haynes talk to Lynn and Drew. Recorder Bigler said she still has not received the pictures of the surplus property so she can get it posted. Council Member Haynes asked if the workers were filling out anything that shows what work they are doing. Mayor Castleton said they have timesheets they are filling out. Council Member Carter asked if Recorder Bigler had one of the sheets to show him. She showed the Council what they look like and said they are not filling it out. Council Member Carter said the Mayor needs to make them fill them out. Mayor Castleton said they told him they were filling them out. Council Member Carter said if they don't fill them out then that means a few days off. If they still don't

fill them out, then they no longer have a job. The Council went over how the bi-weekly time sheets should be filled out. The Council would like to see the filled-out times sheets each month at the Work Meeting along with a record of time off used. Recorder Bigler let Council Member Haynes know what the budget for snow removal consists of. He brought up an issue he seen with the backhoe running for at least 4 straight hours. This is hours on backhoe and fuel being used for no reason. They should only be loading salt 1 time during a snowstorm. There is only a \$10,000 budget for snow removal and if they are going through too much it will eat up all the budget. They should not be out plowing at 3:30 in the morning it should be around 5 a.m. Mayor Castleton said the new time period starts every Friday at 5 p.m. They should be taking time off during the week if they can, so they don't go over their 40 hours. Recorder Bigler mentioned she has projected the budget out to end of the fiscal year (June 2020) we will be over what was budgeted in wages. The budget for wages for the guys, which comes out of multiple departments, was budgeted for \$65,435. The projected budget shows it will be over \$70,000. This doesn't include overtime. This is also true for the administrated budget. There was only \$60,000 budgeted and the projected budget shows we will go over that amount too. The main reason for the overages is the raises for the fiscal year were not included into the budget. With Lynn being salary, he doesn't get overtime if he works over his 80 hours, he still only gets paid for 80 hours. Lynn is under the impression that he can take all the time off he wants. He still must follow the time off rules stated in the Policy and Procedures. He also needs to schedule his time off like everyone else. Recorder Bigler informed the Council that sick leave has been changed and will not rollover it is use or lose.

Council Member Ezell said he will get the pictures of all the surplus property to Recorder Bigler so she can get the list posted. Council Member Carter told the Mayor he needs to talk to the employees about moving the vehicles they have stored down at the shop. The Council feels the City needs to clean up the City shop area of all the stuff laying around.

Council Member Ezell asked about the letter we had received from Ferrel Thomas. Recorder Bigler read the letter that will be sent out.

Adjournment

Council Member Carter made a motion to move into Executive Session. Council Member Grimstead seconded. All in favor moved into Executive Session.

Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ezell seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned 8:43 p.m.

Executive Session