

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 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 – Present via Zoom
Council Member Larry Ezell – Present
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present came in late
Council Member Leslie Rice – Present
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Jeremy Snell, Emma Snell, Janeel Nielsen,
VIA ZOOM – Gary Poh, Shelly Stansfield

Mayor Castleton made the decision to discuss Citizen Comments before the listed discussion items. He asked Jeremy Snell if he would like to address the Council. Jeremy was present to discuss an issue he had with a dog coming onto his property and attacking and killing his dog. His 6-year-old son witnessed the attack. He said they have had incidents with this same dog coming into their yard. He said he tried to find the ordinances on the website and wants to know if citations were issued and does the City have an ordinance and if so, are they being enforced. He said they also checked the website for a phone number for the Code enforcement officer but the one listed is the City's as it was a weekend that would not have done any good. They ended up calling the Juab County Sheriff's department and they sent an officer who was in the area. The deputy contacted the Code Enforcement officer and had him come up. The dog was taken to the owner and the deputy issued a citation for a vicious dog attack. He said in his neighborhood they have had 4 incidents in the last couple of weeks with a few different dogs. Mayor Castleton said he was not aware of any citations issued by the City. Mayor Castleton said the City cannot afford to have a dog pound with all the rules and regulations the State has imposed. There were concerns from some citizens in attendance about what happens after we issue a citation. Attorney Mellor said these issues of vicious dogs need to be reported to the County. Jeremy said he talked to a Juab County deputy and he said all they can do is cite the owner for a vicious dog attack. He was not satisfied with the answers he was getting and wanted the City to do more. A discussion took place concerning the Code Enforcement Officer. Attorney Mellor said the Code Enforcement Officer is not a law enforcement officer. She also said most small towns do not have full-time Code Enforcement Officers. It was brought up that the City does not have any emergency contact information available on the website. The Mayor and Council thanked Jeremy for coming.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CIB – Capital Improvements List

Mayor Castleton put the flood control on the list and would like it to be ahead of the salt shed because he thinks it is more important. We are working on a grant with FEMA for flood control. He would also like to put the streetlights on the list. There are 3 items on the list. The salt shed, flood- storm drainage, and streetlights. The Mayor believes the lights could be low on the list. Council Member Haynes felt the storm drainage should be first. Council Member Ezell asked if the money for the fences to go around the wells still available and it is. He said he would like to find someone who would do them. He would like some of the gravel we have spread around the wells before the fences are put in. He said this would help keep the weeds down. He feels the City needs to take care of itself. He wanted to also know if any money was put in the budget for the purchase of a booster pump. Recorder Bigler did not think so. Mayor Castleton said they Council needs to prioritize the items on the CIB list. A discussion took place as to what item should be first, second, and third. Recorder Bigler said if the City does not go with the salt shed this year it will be taken of the list because it has been on the list too long. The Council was leaning towards going with the flood-storm drainage.

Streetlights – Upgrade to LED's

The Mayor said he has been going around town and looking at the streetlights that were out or cycling. He spoke to the gentleman from Black & McDonald who was up to fix a light on Leadville. He asked him if he knew who the City could contact about upgrading the streetlights to LED's. He was told to contact Rocky Mountain Power. The person at Rocky Mountain Power said they are planning to put together a proposal to offer communities the chance to upgrade all their lights to LED's. She put the City on the list for communities who are interested in changing their lights. He had City Treasurer Carlson look up the power bill to see how much we are currently paying for streetlights. It costs the City just about \$1200 a month for streetlights. He said if we upgrade all our lights to LED's we can save money. He would like to borrow money from CIB to purchase the new lights this way we would own them. He contacted Black & McDonald and they would put in new ones for \$400 each plus we would need to pay Rocky Mountain Power to remove the old ones. It would cost around \$49,000 to put in our own lights. Council Member Carlson asked who would be paying for the maintenance on these lights. Mayor Castleton said the lights are guaranteed for 10 years and Black & McDonald would take care of the maintenance on them and would only need to pay their labor cost, or we could enter into a contract with Black & McDonald for \$49 per light per year. We could also put them on retainer each year and they would charge us an hourly rate and the parts for the repairs. Rocky Mountain Powers proposal will be available sometime in March. We would need to pay the upfront cost and then the monthly cost. For the first 5 years they would give us a 40% discount. He though it made more sense to have Black & McDonald put them in and then we own them. Council Member Ezell said we must remember that if something happens and someone damages the light Rocky Mountain Power will use its legal department to go after them. We would be on our own to try and get them to pay for the damages. We need to find out all the pricing so we can determine who would be best to go with Black & McDonald or Rocky Mountain Power. Mayor Castleton said he will forward the emails he receives to the Council when he gets them. Council Member Ezell said to make sure to ask the representative from Rocky Mountain Power if they would be willing to do this with no interest. Gary Poh said he agrees going with LED's is a massive savings but what about the poles. Poles are expensive to replace or fix if they get

damaged. If Rocky Mountain Power owns the poles it would be better to have them also own the lights. Council Member Ezell asked Gary if he had any contacts and if he would be willing to give them to the City. Gary said there a lot of approved contractors besides Black & McDonald.

Project Ideas for Planning Commission to work on during upcoming year

The Mayor suggested it would be good for them and Council Member Rice to go through the ordinances. Mayor Castleton asked Planning Chairperson JaNeel Nielson if they would prioritize what ordinances they think need to be done. She said give them a goal for the year, so they have something to do.

ADJOURNMENT

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