# EUREKA CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING JULY 1, 2024 7:00 P.M.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Chris Dever – Present via Zoom Council Member Greg Evans – Present Council Member Travis Haynes – Present Council Member Tom Nedreberg – Present via Zoom Council Member Jeremy Snell – Present Council Member Robert Trepanier – Absent City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom City Maintenance Technician Joe Carpenter – Present City Maintenance Technician Bret Renzello - Present

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Bradly Winger, Robert Jenkins - Planning Commission

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Shay Morrison Community Advisor. Was not at the meeting.

Discussion on the prioritization of Capital Improvement Project List (CIP). Council Member Evans said he has the list but was not able to get it completed. It was decided to table this until the council meeting.

Discussion on Planning Commission/Ordinance requirements. Council Member Nedreberg said they were going to have a meeting last week, but he did not make it back home in time. He has talked to both Tony Atherley and Neils Wright. He hopes to get a meeting set up for this month. They need to redo the Planning Commission ordinance to allow the Commission to run with three to five members. He thanked Robert Jenkins for all the work he has been doing.

Discussion of Grazing & Building Leases.

Joe said he looked at the fence on the grazing property. There are three sides of the fence in good condition. The fence line that runs near the road needs new posts. Mayor Dever asked if we want to lease the property. Council Member Evans thinks it is a good idea. It will keep the weeds down. However, we need to get the rates in place for that piece and the one we lease to Bill Riley. Council Member Snell agreed and suggested maybe we could get Mr. Kogianes to help with the fence. Council Member Haynes said he has talked to Mr. Kogianes, and it seemed he would be willing to help or make a trade. He is looking for a long-term lease of 10 years,

however he would only use it twice a year for his cows. The Council discussed getting pricing for fence material and will compare it to his offer. Council Member Haynes will reach out to him. This item will be added to the agenda for the council meeting. The Council looked at the lease for Bill Riley. It will need to be updated. Recorder Bigler will ask her husband about BLM grazing leases. Mayor Dever asked the Council what they wanted to do with building leases. He asked if they wanted building lease letters sent to Charlie D's and the Tintic Historical. They would like them sent out.

JUB Stormwater Project Update. Mayor Dever said it is moving along. There is a visit from FEMA coming up quickly.

Discussion on SCADA System, new computer.

Council Member Nedreberg said he has looked at a few computers. He needs to know what type of computer is needed, will it be a desktop or a laptop. Recorder Bigler said she will forward the quote from Pat Bendall. He was the one who put in the SCADA system.

Discussion on purchasing 2 Tablets with Internet Access for Maintenance Crew. Council Member Nedreberg said he needs to know what type of tablet is needed. Is there a preference for what type of tablet like an android, PC or Apple. Recorder Bigler said they need to have internet. There was discussion on what type of network is needed. Robert Jenkins suggested cellular service as the best option by using a hot spot. Mayor Dever wanted Council Member Nedreberg to work on this and to have it added as an action item for council meeting.

Discussion of Budget for FY Ending June 30, 2025, consider the purchase of another city vehicle and other miscellaneous equipment needed.

Mayor Dever asked Council Member Haynes if he found anything. He didn't get a chance to look for any vehicles.

Discussion of the need for a Truth in Taxation for next year. Council Member Snell explained what it is and how we go about doing it. Council Member Nedreberg commented we need to look at the water, sewer, and garbage rates. Do they need to be raised and the best way to do it. Council Member Snell felt it is never too early to start planning.

Mayor Dever asked for reports from Maintenance Technicians Joe and Bret even though they were not on the agenda. Joe gave their report.

Last month's sewer inspection, for the most part everything was good. We do have some deficiencies. We need to have an emergency plan in place. He received a call from the EPA concerning the repository. They wanted him to enter into an agreement with them for maintenance on the repository. They have some deficiencies such as a broken fire hydrant along with no back flow prevention. Joe told him it is their responsibility, and he has no desire or time to do their work. He made it clear to him that if they want us to maintain it then they need to provide equipment to do so. The quarterly water reports are due. They have changed how the reports are submitted. They removed what was left of the roof off the electronics building located by the green tank and installed a two-layer rubber roof and cleaned it up. The summer hires are

working out really well. They have been weeding the wells and the cemetery. They are learning how to run the dump truck and the backhoe.

Council Member Evans said the negotiations on the wastewater settlement are moving forward. We no longer need to provide a written response. He will call next week and work on the money portion of the settlement. Recorder Bigler mentioned an issue at the dump this weekend. We had someone take down four to six mattresses and carpet. This filled up one dumpster. Mayor Dever was not sure how to go about handling this. He would like to know how other cities and municipalities handle these kinds of situations. Council Member Haynes asked if we had gotten the gift card for Chase Norman. We have not but will be getting one. The Mayor and Council would like to invite him to the council meeting to present him with the gift card and have him read his essay. Council Member Snell would like to have the crosswalk put on the agenda for next week. He has been getting some complaints about the cars being parked along Leadville. He said he talked to the County Sheriff and was told it is a city issue. Joe said we have developing issue on Church St concerning a power cord running across the side street from Nick Castleton's to a motorhome. Recorder Bigler mentioned we received a complaint today from one of the neighbors about the five dogs that are at the motorhome. One of the dogs went after him. Robert asked if the Planning Commission needed to get involved with these issues. Council Member Haynes felt until we get a designated enforcement officer this issue will just get worse. Council Member Snell is also upset and said we need to stop bumping this issue down the road and get it done. Robert said he has done a lot of research on how other cities handle their enforcement. If we can't get a police officer, then we need to look at training someone from the community. Sevier County enforcement is not done by a police officer. We need to invite all parties to a dedicated meeting to discuss this. Attorney Mellor explained how the legal side would work.

Council Member Snell made a motion to adjourn into the Executive Session. Council Member Evans seconded. All in favor meeting moved to Executive Session.

## ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.

#### **EXCUTIVE SESSION**

Discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.