

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK MEETING  
JUNE 7, 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 – Present  
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 – Present

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chris Dever, **Via Zoom** Gary Poh, Aaron Schauers

**There was an issue with Zoom and the first 15 – 20 minutes of the meeting was not recorded and those attending the meeting via Zoom were not allowed access to the meeting.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Geneva Communications Presentation, Security Camera Systems.

GenCom did not log into Zoom to discuss security cameras for the City's buildings and the fill station. A discussion took place on the hose at the fill station being cut. Recorder Bigler mentioned so far, she had called the mine and 4 other people who get water from the fill station.

b. Review and Discussion of Drafts of Animal Control Ordinances.

Planning Commission Representative Chris Dever said the City needs to think outside the box as to what animals and animal husbandry it will affect. There are a lot of issues that need to be looked at and discussed with the Attorney, especially enforcement.

Attorney Mellor said she was working on a draft for the ordinance, and she will email to Council tomorrow. She wants the Council to review it and provide her feedback so she can have it ready for the Council Meeting. She said it is like Nephi's ordinance. Council Member Ezell asked if it included the fees. She said the fees are done by a resolution so they can be changed more easily.

c. Review and Discussion of adopting a Special Event Permit Ordinance.

Attorney Mellor said the conversation go off on the wrong foot at the last meeting and left everyone a little confused. If we drop Mass Gathering and move in the direction of Special Event, it would be better. This would allow us to contact the Sheriff's department and let them

know a large event would be happening and we could get the coverage needed. The permit would be required when a large group of people would be using City property only. Mayor Castleton like this idea. We also need to make sure they have insurance in case of injury they cannot come back on the City. A deposit is needed to make sure they clean up and take proper care while using City property. Attorney Mellor said they need to look at getting numbers of how many people the restrooms can handle and if they are over that amount, they would be responsible for getting portable restrooms. Gary Poh said he thinks the State or County Health Department should have those numbers. A discussion took place as to how the permit works and how to find out how other places do this. Private and Commercial property need to follow other rules and ordinances. Attorney Mellor suggests those who are having a large group gathering on private or commercial properties work with the City and County. Chris Dever suggested looking at Sturgis and how they handle their gathering since it is a mix of both private and City properties.

d. Discussion of Annual Grazing Leases.

Mayor Castleton asked if we had someone apply for a new grazing lease. Recorder Bigler said this has to do with the grazing leases we have with Bill Riley and Caleb Williams. Caleb Williams contacted the City and would like to continue his lease. He has not paid for the lease yet. She emailed Attorney Mellor asking if we need the leases signed every year and has not heard anything back. Caleb's lease is for the property across from the Cemetery. We have had trouble with people camping and hunting on the property and even getting into the sewer plant. The Council talked about changing or adding additional information in the grazing lease. Council Member Ezell would like him to come before the Council. Mayor Castleton said Bill Riley had come talked to him about a property trade for the part of the road he owns that goes up to the green tank for some property we own inside his pasture. Recorder Bigler said according to the survey we have he owns the bottom part of Butler Rd by Brandon Snell, and the City owns the property where his garage is. The Council discussed some ways of handling this situation.

Mayor Castleton brought up that in 2017 Eureka City had done a General Plan. Citizens and Council members met and decided on what should be in the General Plan. He said that a survey had been sent to all residents of Eureka and we had over a 50% response back from that survey. We had an 80% response from the residents that they wanted growth and annexation. He said the Council should not be calling him corrupt for working with groups to get growth and annexation for Eureka.

**Attorney Mellor, Aaron Schauers, and Gary Poh were finally allowed into the Zoom meeting.** Once they were allowed back in the Mayor revisited the animal ordinance and the mass gathering sections again.

e. Review and Discussion of Department Budget Needs for Preliminary Budget.

Recorder Bigler informed the Council the budget came in at over \$200,000 more than last year and we need to cut some things down. She started with streets. There was a section covering the bobtail, trucks, etc., that came to \$175,000. This is more than what we have available. Council Member Haynes will revisit his budget and see how he can cut it down. Mayor Castleton reminded him we do have an application in with FEMA for a storm drainage grant. Council Member Haynes would like to widen Beck St and put in some culverts and drain boxes.

Recorder Bigler said water, sewer, garbage is good it is only the general fund we need to look at. Council Member Ezell asked were we stood on buildings. We did put in \$25,000 for the Memorial Building in hopes we could get a grant to match it. Mayor Castleton said we need to get this done soon because we need to have a public hearing 10 days before we can adopt the budget. Council Member Ezell said Gary Poh talked to him about contacting the Carnegie Library Foundation to see if they will restore the Memorial Building. It would need to be turned back into a library. Gary Poh sent him links of other Carnegie buildings and most are in rural communities.

Mayor Castleton mentioned we have put in for the At Your Leisure grant of \$52,200. If we get it, we will need to come up with \$14,000. We can use In Kind and volunteer work. Council Member Haynes said this is part of the Trails 360. This money can be used by towns to do commercials which promote their businesses along with the trails. Council Member Haynes also asked about the Thrive125 grant from the State of Utah to the Silver Festival. We received a \$3,000 grant. The Silver Festival committee we will be purchasing banners and T-shirts. Council Member Haynes is planning on doing the car show this year at the lower ball field. He was hoping to get JC Hackett to announce the car show. A discussion took place on some ideas and plans for the celebration. The next Silver Jubilee meeting is Wednesday at 7:00 pm. A discussion on the summer hires took place. It was decided to pay their wages from the Streets, Parks, and Cemetery budget. The Council said to hire both applicants and start them on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Recorder Bigler reminded the Council they needed a date for the public hearing and meeting on the budget. It was decided to go with June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Council Member Ezell wanted to address fireworks. Public Works Director Elliott said today the State issued a statement concerning the drought. There are to be no campfires, no burning. It is up to each community to set regulations. Council Member Ezell would like to have "No Fireworks" banners placed on each end of town. Recorder Bigler thinks we ordered new banners last year. Attorney Mellor stated the City passed a resolution last year and she read the resolution which included a map showing the restricted area. It is broad and it does not have a violations clause or any punishment element. Public Works Director Elliott would like the City to restrict everything throughout the City limits. Council Member Ezell agreed No fireworks period. Attorney Mellor will draw up a new resolution. She asked about water restrictions. We do have water restrictions in place for when residents can water. Council Member Haynes and Public Works Director Elliott felt if we are going to have water restrictions on Eureka residents then we need to restrict the ranchers who are getting water from the fill station.

Public Works Director Elliott brought up some concerns he had with Dominion Energy. He met with them earlier today to discuss his issues. He would like to have project meetings and has brought this up to Dominion. They are in favor of having these meetings and would like them on Fridays. Discussion took place on how to keep track and charge Dominion for hours our City workers spend on their project and issues that might arise if a line is hit and floods the resident's home.

He also informed the Council that the sewer plant is working good right now. They had poisoned the weeds at the Cemetery and the ditch and fertilized the Park. The booster pump is in and repaired. There is plenty of work for the summer hires to do. We are watering the lawn at the park for 30 minutes per section. He is leaving the lawn a little longer, so it does not take as much water. Drew passed his cross-connection class.

**ADJOURMENT**

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