

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
MARCH 4, 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
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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Scott & Sue Pugh

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Shay Morrison, Community Advisor Six County Association of Governments:
CIB List

The survey was sent out today and is open until the 31st of this month. We can put up to three projects to be eligible to go to CIB for funding. The survey is lengthy and asks for cost estimates and priorities. Mayor Dever asked if these grants were more for recreation. Shay said no, these are for more of the big projects. Such as water and sewer projects. He said we can do Planning Grants and it will pay 50% of the cost for those. Mayor Dever asked what we would need to turn in for the water project we need to get done. Shay said to put it as water system improvements and include rough estimates and list it has high priority. It would then go to the County to be included in the priority list. Council Member Haynes asked what type of street projects have been done? Shay said almost every type has been funded. They discussed the issues we are currently having with Church St. Shay said in Mona they did a CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) that lists all the projects that need to be done and their priority. He can get them a copy to see what it looks like.

Hazard Mitigation

Shay said we covered this item in a previous meeting.

Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant

Shay said we covered this item in a previous meeting.

Transient Room Tax

Shay passed out a handout on taxes. We do not have the Highway Tax, Transient Room Tax, or the RAP tax. He highlighted each tax. The Highway Tax is a tax of up to .3%. It is a Sales and Use Tax. It must be used for transportation, and it mostly affects people passing through your town. The Transient Room Tax is a 1% tax on stays under 30 days. This tax usually does not impact residents. The County is limited to using the revenue for tourism, however; cities can use the revenue for the General Fund. Neither of these taxes require a vote, just an ordinance. He would be happy to write the ordinance for us. The RAP Tax is used for recreation, arts, and parks. It is a .1% tax. This tax must be voted on during an election. Mayor Dever asked if the Council would like to add these as an action item for next week. The Council agreed. We need a public hearing and adoption for April's meeting.

Water System Funding.

Shay thanked the Council for sending over the information he needed to work on this item and will have it ready by June. Council Member Evans will also get with him sometime later this month.

Maintenance Technician Report.

Joe said the numbers are improving on our sewer samples. He is looking at May to have the sewer permit rewritten. He is making strides and sent all paperwork over to the State. There is a small issue with water. He is no longer an operator for the city. He asked Recorder Bigler to contact the State to get him reinstated. He said we are going to be starting from ground zero with the State because he has no information for water. He will be meeting with Rural Water. He said there is not a paper trail for the chlorine residuals.

Alan Jenkins – Discussion on Repair of Hatfield Ave.

Mayor Dever explained what happened. The water has come down and washed out and eroded the gutter. It washes into the parking lot of the Cast Iron Bistro. Council Member Haynes said we don't control water and if the property owner removed the retaining wall, then that is on them. If we help fix it for him then we must do it for everyone. We would never keep up with it. Mayor Dever asked if we are going to hold Mr. Jenkins liable in the future if the road washes out. Council Member Haynes said yes. If the current or past owners caused the issue, then again it is on them. Mayor Dever will talk to Mr. Jenkins and let him know the city will not be helping with the problem.

Mike Draper – Request to purchase Railroad Property behind his home on Last Chance St
Recorder Bigler and Council Member Snell explained what had taken place. She said Derk Palfreyman came in and said he had purchased the hill side behind Last Chance St. He was going to talk to the other property owners to see if they wanted to purchase the property behind theirs. He also wanted to get a copy of the city boundaries. Mike Draper came in later with a plat map of his property and wanted to purchase the Railroad property behind him. He also spoke with Council Member Snell and gave him a copy of the map. It was then sent around to the rest of the Council. Recorder Bigler looked at the map of the Railroad Property that was sold to the city. Our records show that Mike did put down \$500 to purchase the Railroad Property behind him but was reimbursed back when it was found the city didn't own the property. He had to have purchased the property from someone else. Council Member Snell said he texted Mike to let him know this would be included on the agenda to be discussed and was welcome to come to the

meeting. He did not hear back from him. Mayor Dever said until we are contacted by Mike, we will leave it as is.

Derk Palfreyman – Discussion on Building Lots on Last Chance Street.

Derk was not at the meeting, so this item was not discussed.

Juab County Sheriff, Doug Anderson - Discussion on Code Enforcement.

Mayor Dever met with Sheriff Anderson about the possibility of helping us with our ordinances when it comes to enforcement. It did not go anywhere. He will reach out to him again. It looks like we are back to hiring an outside source. Council Member Snell said he has been on the Council for two years and nothing has changed. He would like to get the job posted and someone hired. The Council agreed. Mayor Dever asked to have this added to the agenda for next week.

Michael Alexander – Tintic Historical Society.

Michael said they have renewed the corporation with the State and the non-profit is current with the IRS. They are trying to recruit new board members and officers. They are nominating new directors this week and having elections next month. A donor has come forward and purchased some monuments for Maude Finch and the Hassell family. He wants to build a pocket park on the west side of the Old City Hall building. He is open to building it where the Union Hall is located. The Historical Society is open to demolishing the Union Hall Building. Mayor Dever asked Council Member Nedreberg to work with them. Mayor Dever said we have been working on writing the lease for the Old City Hall Building. We want the Historical Society to succeed.

Review of Business License Application for Amanda Bigler, Insurance Sales (In-Home).

The Council asked if everything is in order. Recorder Bigler said she is working for a company selling insurance and does not need to get a business license. She would like to get one anyway to avoid any issues about her not having one. The item will be added to next week's meeting. Mayor Dever said for transparency he owns two businesses, and they are up for renewal. He will get the paperwork for the renewal done and turned in. No action is needed.

Mayor Dever mentioned this is not on the agenda, but we had one of our employees resign. The Mayor wanted to thank him for the efforts he has done with his employment. There were a lot of great things that happened. His efforts are noted as very positive in what has taken place. We need to hire someone for the job. Council Member Nedreberg asked if we are going to have one employee over sewer and one over water or combine them for one person to do. Mayor Dever said it may be determined once we hire someone. He said Joe is committed to becoming both. Council Member Nedreberg asked if it would help to have one person in charge of both of those things and be a lead employee. Currently Joe is the lead employee. He asked then are we were looking for someone to help him. Joe said if you dice up the work like before then there is no transparency and no accountability. He feels we need one person who would oversee everything. He can't handle everything if there are restrictions on him making sure everything is taken care of. He also wants there to be only one person on the Council that the person in charge would go to for questions. Council Member Snell would like to discuss this more in a closed session at the next meeting. Attorney Mellor said to make sure it is noticed. There was some discussion on what should be in the job description such as requiring a CDL, emphasizing the job duties,

paying for phones. Council Member Nedreberg said phones should be in the Policy and Procedures not part of job description.

Items added for next week's meeting – Boyd Knight, Lindsey Andrus rezone of property for the twin homes. Recorder Bigler mentioned she found the meeting minutes from January 2023, and they were there when the zone change was discussed. The next step is they need to come in and apply for a zone change. Joe mentioned issues with the sewer line for the homes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Haynes made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Evans seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.