

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022 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  
Council Member Jeremy Snell – Present  
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Absent  
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present  
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Brian Underwood

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Brian Underwood – Discussion of possible purchase of Railroad Property on behalf of his mother

Brian said the railroad property is roughly 17167 sq ft. and is adjacent to his mom's property. The main drainage ditch for the city runs through the property. They would like to square up the property possibly make it into a building lot. They had Ludlow Engineer survey the property and he does have the description that Ludlow gave them. There was a discussion on where the property is located and what she wants to do with it. Council Member Evans mentioned he looked at the property when he seen the survey stakes. Brian asked if there are any restrictions on property such as an EPA covenant because of the ditch. Recorder Bigler said the EPA did put an environmental covenant on the whole length of the ditch. She can get him a copy of the paperwork. The price of railroad property is \$.30 per square foot for a non-buildable lot. If it is a buildable lot, then the city must sell it at fair market value. Council Member Haynes did not see why the city would want to hold on to the railroad property. Mayor Dever said he would get Brian the EPA contact and he can work with them directly on the environmental covenant to see if it is even feasible to purchase the property.

Tintic School District Inquiry concerning possible purchase of sander from Eureka City  
Mayor Dever said the city currently has 3 sanders. One sander came with the bobtail truck and the other 2 fit in the bed of the pickup trucks we have. There has been an inquiry from the school district for one of them. There was a discussion on if the city should sell one of the sanders. The cost of a new sander is around \$5,000. Council Member Haynes would like to see the bobtail get used along with at least one of the pickup trucks. He thinks we should hold off on selling one until we know for sure what we are doing. Mayor Dever decided to table this item.

### Review and Discussion of possible amendments to Ordinance No. 04-14-2013-1 Ordinance Establishing Noise Restrictions within Eureka City Limits

Mayor Dever feels the commercial side of this ordinance needs to be dealt with sooner rather than later. It will help give the businesses a clear window of what their parameters are, and it also gives the citizens the same. Attorney Mellor said she has been waiting for feedback from the Council. Once she has that she would be happy to get a draft put in place. She felt she did not get enough guidance to move forward. Mayor Dever said he was hoping to get a dialog going with the residents but has not had any response. He personally thinks a one time a year event until 2 am is good and then all other weekends till midnight. Council Member Nedreberg said normally it is 1 am for indoor events. He thinks for a permitted and advertised outside event midnight to 1 am is good. Recorder Bigler stated our Special Event permit says we do not have the authority to make them get a permit if the event is on private property. Council Member Snell asked are we sure we can handle the possibility of having something going on every weekend until 1 am. Attorney Mellor said there are State statues that pertain to noise. A good discussion took place and finally Mayor Dever said let us look at what other cities are doing and readdress this in the next meeting. He would like to finish this up as soon as possible.

### Review and Discussion Concerning Employee Insurance Packets for 2023

Recorder Bigler said she discussed the options with Drew. They felt either option was good as long as the out of network option was included. Council Member Snell said the Council needs to decide on the option tonight and can wait until after the first of the year to decide if the employees should start to pay for a portion of their insurance premiums. A discussion took place, and it was decided to go with option #2

### Review and Discussion of Job Descriptions for Temporary and Full-Time Position in Public Works

Mayor Dever went over the job description he came up with. He included the starting wage at \$18.00 an hour with no benefits and 29 hours a week. He asked if they wanted to form a committee or just have him, Drew and Patricia do the interviews. The Council decided the Mayor, Drew, and Patricia would do the interviews and Recorder Bigler will post the job opening tomorrow. The full-time position will have some of the same wording as the temporary position, but in all it will have a different job description. There was a discussion on the requirements for the permanent job opening. Recorder Bigler said part of the requirements for the job that Drew currently has was he needed to get a CDL and get certified in water and sewer. He is currently certified in water and cross connection and that is it. Mayor Dever would like the certifications completed within a year for the new permanent position. There was a discussion on wages, and it was decided \$18.00 to \$20.00 an hour. Recorder Bigler felt there needs to be a pay schedule put in place. She said the \$1.00 pay increase for getting certified came as a promise from the previous Mayor and was not extended to all the employees which is not fair. Council Member Evans said he had discussed a pay schedule with Patricia and Rachel before and thought it was a good idea. He will work on getting a pay schedule for the next work meeting. Mayor Dever said to put the full-time position on the agenda for the Council Meeting. The new employee will report to Mayor Dever.

Review and Discussion of Fee Schedule and implementing a procedure for setting up accounts for the Eureka Fill Station

Mayor Dever asked the Council for ideas on how to implement the procedures for the fill station. Council Member Evans said there needs to be a monthly fee of \$38.00 for the accounts. Recorder Bigler said she liked Council Member Snell's idea about having a setup fee for new customers. The setup fee for city residents is \$75.00 and the Council felt that was a good amount for the fill station setup fee too. Mayor Dever wants this as an action item on the next Council Meeting Recorder Bigler mentioned the bills for Staker, Juab County, and UDOT about trading water for the work they did at the cemetery. The Council looked over Staker's bill and agreed to not bill them for the water used during the cemetery work.

Council Member Nedreberg gave a quick report on the ULCT conference he went to. He handed out some information to the Mayor and Council. One of the items was from the Governor concerning a mapping project of the States internet speeds. This may help in getting faster internet speeds for parts of the State. He was able to get some different grant information brochures. There is a grant to help with redoing the Master Plan and he thought that was something the city should look at. He also has some information from a company called GenComm. They offer a device that works with Zoom, and it transcribes and records all the meetings. He said this might be something we should look into. He attended a Planning Commission meeting, and they wanted a copy of the General Plan. Recorder Bigler said it is available on our website and we have a couple of paper copies. They also would like to have a better transportation map. Mayor Dever thanked Council Member Nedreberg for his report.

Mayor Dever mentioned he done some checking and we have a verbal agreement with the company that owns property where the gravel pit is and it is still available to the city.

Council Member Snell asked about the project to get the Ride to Light up Eureka Benches. Council Member Haynes said he has looked at some benches made at Barber Metals in Spanish Fork. He said they are little expensive, but they are good quality and come powder coated. Council Member Snell said he would take on the project.

Recorder Bigler mentioned we received tax notices for the caboose and the property we sold Ron Bray and Bill Riley and wanted to know if we should contact the County about paying these bills. Mayor Dever will talk to the County.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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