

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3 2024 7:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Toni Dever - Present
Council Member Greg Evans – Present
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Tom Nedreberg – Present via Zoom
Council Member Jeremy Snell – Absent
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

Robert Jenkins – Planning Commission, Scott and Susan Pugh, Bret Renzello

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Shay Morrison Community Advisor.

Shay did not attend the meeting but will be at the Council Meeting on Monday.

Planning Commission – Review of Ordinance.

Council Member Evans asked Attorney Mellor if she had a chance to review the ordinance. She needs to get with Shay. They have communicated through some emails but need to meet in person. Mayor Dever met with Shay this morning to discuss the ordinances.

Robert Jenkin’s said the Planning and Zoning document that he done for the city has gone through Shay. His number one concern was the number of people for the commission. A conventional Planning Commission has at least five members. We have had a hard time getting and keeping members and that is why he wrote the document for three people to start with. He has worked extremely hard to write the document and to get the commission up and running again. We do not want to keep tabling this item repeatedly. Attorney Mellor said she needs to have a word version sent to her so she can make the few changes required. Robert will get it to her. Council Member Nedreberg would like this put on the agenda for the Council Meeting.

CIP Project List.

Council Member Evans said there is another round of funding coming in October. We may need to change some of the priorities due to the results of the sanitary survey. We may need to repair or replace the chlorination system and booster pumps. He said after meeting with FEMA we may need a sidewalk project. There has been some significant settling going on with the sidewalks. He talked to Shay about getting a scope for each one of the projects. Recorder Bigler mentioned

Shay would like to remind the Council that the CDBG workshop is coming up in September. We need to get the surveys done and send someone to the workshop.

FEMA Project Site Visit.

Council Member Evans and Haynes took the FEMA and JUB group on a tour of the flooded area. They discussed the overall project and the funding available. Council Member Haynes mentioned it is going to be a benefit to the city have the drainage on the south side of Main St. There is still more to do to get the project up and going.

Code Enforcement.

Attorney Mellor said she and Shay have been working on updating the parking ordinance. He combined the two parking ordinances into one. The nuisance ordinance needs to be completely revamped. She will need a lot of feedback to complete that one. The animal control ordinance will need a few updates. The conditional use notice will require her getting with Shay. She said we need to get the basic ordinance in place then adopt the administrative code enforcement. She will need to schedule a time to get with Shay to go over these ordinances.

Update on Water & Wastewater System Issues.

Joe said we have big issues with the water system. We almost burned up a booster pump. This took a lot out of the second booster and the third one leaks. The check valve does not work. This will cause some problems with air hammer. He knows the Council would like to have the check valve rebuilt. He will not do it. He came to work for the city to maintain our systems, not to rebuild them. There are three fire hydrants that are broken below the ground. He had a gentleman come out to look at them. He can repair them, and it will cost around \$6,400 for the four days he will be here. He will train them on how to replace them. There is a fire hydrant on Eagle street that was removed but the pipes are still there and leaking. They were able to fix three fire hydrants. There are two or three hydrants on Main Street that are deadheaded. This means the hydrant is still there but the valve to open them has been filled with concrete. The last blower we have running at the sewer plant is on its last leg. A new one will cost \$4,523 through USA Blue Book. We should always have a blower and an electric motor on the shelf in case we have issues in the future. The price for both those items is \$6,718.90. The prices for these items will increase in the future. The check valve is four hundred pounds per square inch, and it is hard to find. Council Member Evans said he spoke to Widdison, and they should be able to find one and put it in. They have spent the last three weeks trying to bring the sewer plant up to the 2025 standards on our discharge. The test samples need to go down so we can discharge. The DO# will not go down. The water temperature is too hot. This is only an issue during the hot summer months.

Sanitary Survey Results.

Council Member Evans said the report listed a lot of deficiencies. There were nine that were more severe. They had to do with security issues, a gasket at the tank needing to be replaced, paperwork, and testing equipment. The one big issue was the five residents who live below the chlorinator. We will need to resolve the issues within 120 days.

Lead & Copper Surveys.

Council Member Evans said the surveys are due in October. He will talk to Sunrise Engineering to get more information.

Review of Audit for FY Ending June 30, 2023.

Recorder Bigler informed the Council she had uploaded the audit to the drive. They need to review and approve it at the next Council Meeting. The auditor has started the 2024 audit. She has also spoken to Pelorus about their portion of the audit. This should get us back up to date,

Review of Fill Station Requests and Policies.

Recorder Bigler would like to have the Council review the fill station policies. We had a person from Mammoth contact us about getting water from the fill station. They are not part of the Mammoth Water Users. We also had someone from Silver City asking to get water. We were under the impression that the County was not allowing people to live there. We only have eight slots available in our fill station program.

Equipment Purchases – Mini-X and Broom.

Council Member Haynes said he has talked with Council Member Evans a couple of times about the need for a mini -X. The mini-X would be beneficial for the cemetery. There are some graves that the backhoe cannot get to. Council Member Evans said Wheeler Machinery in their rental fleet have an excess of small mini -X's. We may be able to get one for a decent price. He asked about brooms, but they have not gotten back with him. He will follow up with them. We would need to get a trailer for the mini – X. Council Member Haynes said he has located a broom at a reasonable price of \$11,000. Council Member Evans feels there is a need for both pieces of equipment. We need to look at using B & C Road funds to purchase the equipment.

Mayor Dever informed the Council and Robert Jenkins thar Scott Pugh had submitted his application for the Planning Commission and will be serving as one of its members. Recorder Bigler said Scott's application will need to be approved at the Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Haynes made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Council Member Nedreberg seconded. All in favor meeting moved to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of threatened or pending litigation.

Discussion regarding the possible purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares.