

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 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 came in late.  
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present  
Council Member Tom Nedreberg – Absent  
Council Member Jeremy Snell – Present  
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present  
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present  
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present  
Maintenance Worker Darrin Carlson – Present  
Maintenance Worker Joe Carpenter - Present

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Taylor Draper, Steve Child, Laura Kirgan

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Eureka Chamber of Commerce Business License Application  
Taylor Draper represented the Eureka Chamber of Commerce. He would like to see how to license the Commerce and if the city will waive the fee. Recorder Bigler had him fill out an application and come to the meeting. Mayor Dever asked if they had their EIN and The Articles of Incorporation, and they do. Attorney Mellor said it was not uncommon for cities to waive the fees. Council Member Snell feels this is a great idea and supports them. The Council was in favor and will put this item on the Council Meeting agenda as an action item.

JUB Project – Discussion on eureka Drainage Improvements  
Mayor Dever said the process is still ongoing. They are doing a great job on what has been done so far. The estimated project amount is five million dollars. Eureka needs to come up with a 10% match and In-kind can be used. He was thinking about using the gravel from the gravel pit the EPA left us. If we can use it, then a moratorium would need to be placed on the pit to have enough gravel for the project. Council Member Haynes said that some of the road base is needed for the Beck St. project. He does not want to use all the gravel for this project because it will be needed for shoulder work on city streets and other projects the city may do. There was a discussion on whether testing needs to be done on the soil. We may need to find a place to store clean fill. Darrin mentioned that when he was one of the original dirt cops and he was told the gravel was to be used for shoulder work and to cap properties not as fill for homes. Council Member Snell asked what the scope of the project is. The original scope of the project has changed, and the gulch and a catch basin are now the focal point. Council Member Snell would

like to have a presentation on what the work is going to be. How can we be making decisions when we don't even know what their plans are.

Moratorium on gravel pile  
Discussed during the JUB Project.

Before the next item on the agenda was discussed Mayor Dever invited Maintenance Workers Darrin and Joe up to discuss their class or other issues. Darrin said there were some water issues he wanted to discuss. He talked about the problems with the check valves. They are causing some small system failures. They had to have Pat remove some safety features on SCADA to get the new well to kick on. The PRV in the new well may need to be rebuilt. The PRV at the booster station is now starting to have problems. The check valves are ordered, but the process to put them in is huge and is going to take a lot of work and planning. We need to get our secondary water source (Vulcan Well) system going before we can do this work. Even with the secondary water source we will need to put in water restrictions while doing this project. They got in touch with the chlorinator guy and to have him come up. The Mayor will also contact him. They received some bids on the shop doors and will bring them to the Council Meeting.

Discussion on lease of City Truck

The Mayor asked for the Council and Darrin and Joe's opinion on leasing another truck. Darrin said he personally doesn't like the idea of leasing another truck. Council Member Haynes thinks it is a bad idea to lease a truck that will be used as a snowplow. The sander damages the back of the truck. The damage to the truck we have is going to cost the city a lot of money when we turn it in. He would like to get a truck with a dump bed. He has been working on getting pricing from Murdock Ford. A discussion took place on what kind of trucks are needed and if leasing a truck is a good fit for the city. Mayor Dever said he will work with the leasing company to see what options are available and wanted Council Member Haynes to look at the options of purchasing a truck. He would like to discuss this more at the Council Meeting.

Payment from Historical Society

Recorder Bigler said Michael came in with the key to the building and said he will not pay until the contract is ready to sign. Darrin and Joe went into the building to get a ladder and the snowblower but couldn't find either one of them. Mayor Dever will follow up on that. Attorney Mellor said she looked at the lease and does have some concerns on the renewal process and the rent. She said the lease can be terminated because they are in violation. Mayor Dever wants to have this item listed as a discussion/action item on the Council Meeting agenda.

Discussion on Chief/Ruby Hollow mine squatters

Mayor Dever said after the fire on the property last week there were a lot of phone calls and discussion as to what happened. There should not be anyone living on the property due to the Environmental Covenants. Mayor Dever said he will draft a letter to give to both the property owners about people living on the property. He took blocks up to block access into the dump. Council Member Snell mentioned the fire hydrant the fire department hooked up to was dry. He wanted to know who was responsible for the hydrants in town. Recorder Bigler said the city is supposed to take care of them. Council Member Evans commented Rural Water said they could help with this. Council Member Trepanier wants the Sheriff's Office to do more about the

homeless people coming into town. The Council discussed the issue of people living in camp trailers and our conditional use permit procedures.

#### Ordinance Revision

Mayor Dever asked Attorney Mellor how to advertise for the Code Enforcement Officer. She said they can just advertise it for professional services. This does not need to be noticed up for a bid. He will get a job description drawn up and have this put on the Council Meeting agenda as an action item. He would like to divide the ordinances up between the Council Members and have them go over them to see what ones need to be redone and which ones are good. He would like to have them done by the October meeting. Council Member Snell asked Recorder Bigler if we have ever got any of the mapping we needed from the County. No, we need to get them as soon as possible. The delay could cost us another \$1,000.

#### Code Enforcement Procedures and Fines

Mayor Dever would like to address this after the Council gets done going over the ordinances. Council Member Snell would like to make sure we have a process in place to collect the fees. He doesn't want to commit to something we are not sure we can afford. Mayor Dever said at the next work meeting he wants to have Attorney Mellor explain the financial side of the code enforcement. She had previously sent out a link to Cedar Hills to their Administrative Code. She would like any feedback it would be helpful for her.

#### Snow Removal Procedures

Mayor Dever would like to address this before winter comes. Recorder Bigler had given the Council a copy of Tooele's procedures. Council Member Evans said he read over it and felt it was a good one that we could change and make our own. This is something that would be good for the city and for the residents as well.

#### Tintic Silver Jubilee

Mayor Dever wanted to thank Council Member Snell, the Silver Festival Committee, and Council Member Haynes for a great celebration and car show.

#### Conditional Use Permits

This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Council Member Snell brought up the subject of property sales. The last time it was discussed it was decided to do research on the actual ownership of the property. He wanted to know if that was something we need to contract with Juab Title to do a title search. Recorder Bigler said she talked to Attorney Mellor and to the people who donated the property to us. We need to get a survey on the property and to go through Juab Title to get the deeds and a title search. She asked if the Council wanted her to contact Ludlow or another survey company to survey the five pieces of property that were donated to the city and the two alleys. Mayor Dever would like to add this as an action item to the next Council Meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Evans made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.