

**EUREKA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 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 – Present came in late
Council Member Larry Ezell – Absent
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Leslie Rice – Present
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present
City Attorney Mellissa Mellor – Present
Public Works Director Lynn Elliott – Present via Zoom

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE via Zoom

Gary Poh, Corey Hills, Adam Riley, Shelly Stansfield, Kimberlie

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mayor Castleton found a mistake where Council Member Carlson was talking it should read “we can”, that is all he could find. Council Member Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2020. Council Member Trepanier seconded. There was no discussion. All in favor motion carried. Council Members Haynes, Rice, Trepanier – Aye.

Council Member Rice made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Council Member Trepanier seconded. There was no discussion. All in favor motion carried. Council Members Haynes, Rice, Trepanier – Aye.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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TREASURER’S REPORT
FOR DECEMBER 2020**

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$182,220.58
Deposit Amount:	\$118,930.49
Withdrawal Amount:	\$166,010.97
Checking Ending Balance:	\$135,140.10

Recorder Bigler read the Treasurer's Report for December 2020. Council Member Haynes made a motion to approve. Council Member Rice seconded. There was no discussion. All in favor motion carried. Council Members Haynes, Rice, Trepanier – Aye.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

Claims in the amount of \$157,261.48 were presented to the Council. Mayor Castleton asked about the \$91,000 on the last page it was just the summary. Council Member Haynes made a motion to pay the bills. Council Member Trepanier seconded. There was no further discussion. All in favor motion approved. Council Members Haynes, Rice, Trepanier – Aye. Council Member Carlson arrived at 7:25 p.m.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Nick Castleton – He asked the Council to start reading over the previous meeting notes that Rachel emails to them. This will help save time during the current meeting.

Robert Trepanier – Continuing his education on the cemetery.

Travis Haynes – Did not have anything to report. He asked about Jr. Jazz. Recorder Bigler let him know the season had started and we were able to get referees at the last minute. We should be good for the rest of the season.

Darrin Carlson – Nothing to report.

Leslie Rice – Asked Recorder Bigler when the current contract with Country Garbage ends. The contract renews each year unless the City needs to make any changes or cancels it. She said she remembers calling other companies a few years ago and most of them will not come to Eureka. She wanted to know if we had a list of companies that will come to Eureka. The City does not have anything like that. The Mayor said we would need to put it out to bid or list it on the State website. She will need to look at our current contract before she does anything. She asked if Recorder Bigler could email her a copy of the contract.

Larry Ezell – Not present

Planning Commission – Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Schedules for the City Council and Planning Commission

Council Member Rice made a motion to accept both the City Council and Planning Commissions annual meeting schedules. Council Member Haynes seconded. There was no discussion. All in favor motion carried. Council Members, Carlson, Haynes, Rice, Trepanier – Aye.

B. Review of Application from Neils Wright for a seat on the Planning Commission

Council Member Trepanier made a motion to approve Neils Wright for the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Council Member Rice seconded. The vote was not unanimous. Council Member Carlson – Opposed. Council Members, Haynes, Rice, Trepanier – Aye. Recorder Bigler

mentioned we have open positions available on the Board of Adjustments. They have been posted for a while and no one has applied.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Approval of Planning Grant authorized for the Eureka City Master Plans Mayor Castleton told the Council we applied for this grant in 2019. We did not hear anything back and figured we did not get it. We just found out we did get the grant for \$20,000. Council Member Rice made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign for the reimbursement from the grant for the master plans. Council Member Carlson seconded. There was no further discussion. All in favor motion carried. Council Members Carlson, Haynes, Rice, Trepanier – Aye

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

There were no new resolutions or ordinances to be adopted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

(Citizens who had submitted their question or concerns in writing prior to the meeting may do so at this time but will be limited to two minutes each.) There were no comments.

TRAINING

A. Melissa Mellor, Open Meetings & Ethics Training

Attorney Mellor gave a training on open meetings and ethics. Mayor Castleton asked about getting a copy of the training. With the help of Gary Poh Recorder Bigler was able to get the presentation viewable on the TV screen. While she was getting her presentation ready, Council Member Haynes asked about the cost of the natural gas going in. He has been getting asked a lot of questions. Recorder Bigler said a Dominion Energy flyer will be going out with the water bills. Mayor Castleton said there will be no cost to run the line to your home, however; if your appliances need to be updated or brought up to code that expense will be the homeowners. He said if you qualify for the heat program then they can help get your home more energy efficient. Council Member Rice said there is a deadline for getting the application in. Cory Hill had a question about his business on Main Street. It is currently all electric is there a possibility of getting connected to natural gas at a later date. Mayor Castleton said he can have it stubbed off and then you have 2 years to decide if you want to hook up. Gary Poh asked when construction would start. Mayor Castleton said in about 3 months. Attorney Mellor started with the open meetings section of the training first. Recorder Bigler was given a copy of the training to keep on hand. Recorder Bigler said we post our meeting notices on the Public Notice Website, Facebook, Post Office, and City Hall. Gary Poh said you can sign up to get notices from the Public Notice Website. She said to limit discussion to what is on the agenda. If something comes up, you can have the discussion but cannot take action. Emergency meetings still need to be noticed try for at least 24 hours. Public Hearing notices are different they require 14 days or what is stated in the code. Ethics training – Attorney Mellor gave a presentation on ethics training. It is especially important to disclose any personal interest that may pose a conflict. A discussion took place on disclosing different kinds of conflicts. There was also a discussion on accepting gifts.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Carlson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. 8:25 p.m.