

**EUREKA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 13, 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
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Tom Nedreberg – Present
Council Member Jeremy Snell – Present
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Krystal & Brandon Gout, Stacie Montoya, Pauline Williams, Nick Lippincott, Steve Child, Neils & Joyce Wright, Shelly Stansfield, Marisa Davis, Jessica Nielsen, Dayna Rush, Cory & Margaret Hills, Carol Dean, April Lucas, Allene Wray, Autumn Wagner, Janice Boswell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Snell made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2023. Council Member Evans seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Council Member Trepanier made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Council Member Evans seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

**EUREKA CITY
TREASURER’S REPORT
FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$372,614.48
Deposit Amount:	\$ 79,951.42
Withdrawal Amount:	\$113,575.72
Checking Ending Balance:	\$338,990.18

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

Council Member Snell made a motion to approve the claims. Council Member Haynes seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Chris Dever – Thanked the volunteers for their help plowing snow. He is still crunching numbers for the water audit. He explained that the water and sewer project was paid using grants and loans. Now we must find the funds to have on hand to make repairs and replace equipment. We don't have a lot of sales tax revenue in town to offset the fees we have to charge. He knows nobody wants their rates raised but we need to make sure we have the funds in place when we need them. Ean Wright, State Historical Society Steward, said the State is talking about making the Chief property a State Historical Preserved Area. There is a dialog with Juab County as to how we can deal with the Historical Area and incorporate it in the trail system to help bring outdoor recreation to our town We are in the process of hiring a new employee. We had interviews today.

Robert Trepanier – Nothing to report.

Travis Haynes – Thanked Drew and Joe and all the volunteers who plowed snow.

Thomas Nedreberg – Nothing to report.

Greg Evans – He has three reports he is working on that need to be submitted by the end of March. Two of the reports are for water and one is for the sewer plant. The city's water sample came back and passed. For the record our water is safe and potable. Council Member Snell said Brian gave the sampling lab a list of our delinquent samples and they are preparing all the bottles. He will pick them up tomorrow and has put a plan together to get us into compliance. Council Members Snell and Evans wanted to publicly thank Brian for all his help in getting us back into compliance.

Jeremy Snell – At the recreation meeting last week the committee started discussions on the Silver Jubilee. The committee is trying to plan some stuff for the community. On April 14th at the high school auditorium, they have planned a community movie night. Weather permitting on June 2nd an outdoor movie has been planned. They also discussed some ideas on how to honor the veterans in town. He wanted to publicly thank those people involved in the Recreation Committee.

Planning Commission – Neils & Joyce Wright's house plan will be discussed under the action items.

Maintenance Technician Report – Mayor Dever said the Maintenance Technicians have been invited to come to the Council Meetings each month to give a report of what they have been doing. This will be for Council Meetings only.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to discuss.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

Review of Building Permit for Neils & Joyce Wright

Mayor Dever said he does not have a problem with their plans, however; he wants them to make sure they have a clear title to ingress and egress. Neils said they are working on that, and the property has been surveyed. He said he has been experiencing some delays. They have more paperwork to finish before the permit can be approved.

Review and Discussion on Building Permit Waiver/Tax Incentive for Sum-it-Up RV Park.

Laura Kirgan said the total permit fee came to \$6,646.37 and she is asking if any of the fees could be waived. Mayor Dever felt after reviewing the documents he would be fine with taking off the park impact fee of \$1,303.25. The Council felt that taking off the park impact fee was appropriate. Council Member Evans made a motion to waive the Impact Fee for Parks for Sum-it-Up RV Park. Council Member Haynes seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

Discussion/adoption of Amendment to Eureka City Noise Ordinance

Mayor Dever said we have worked through this at the work meeting. He thinks we have come to a good idea as to what would be most equitable. For each event there would be a \$25 permit and it is good for one day. It would be issued by the City Council after all the information on the event had been submitted. The permit would be for any event including Side by Side rides that take place after the curfew. The commercial curfew will be the same as the current residential curfew found in the existing ordinance. As Mayor and Council, they can defend an event and have it posted around town and on the website. This would make it very transparent. He wants to remove the portion in the ordinance that relates to amplification if it takes place during the day before the curfew. Council Member Evans read the quiet hours - during the weekday from 10 pm – 6 am and on the weekends it is 11 pm – 6 am. Council Member Trepanier wanted to clarify what the permits are for. He thinks it is wrong to include commercial the same as residential. Council Member Evans asked him what he thinks would be better. Council Member Trepanier didn't think a bar should need to close by 11 pm on the weekends. Council Member Haynes said this is for outdoor events not for indoor businesses or events. This also applies to Side by Side rides that come in after 11 pm blaring their music. Council Member Snell asked if our next step was to have Attorney Mellor draft the ordinance for us. Attorney Mellor commented she doesn't feel everyone is on the same page and a vote should not take place tonight. She would like to have input for the amendment before she drafts the ordinance. Council Member Haynes made a motion to table. Council Member Evans seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

Set date for Budget Review

Recorder Bigler informed the Council the tentative budget needs to be done by May 1st and the actual budget needs to be adopted in June. Mayor Dever asked if they could meet an hour or two before the next Work Meeting and Council Meeting. Council Member Evans will not be here for the Work Meeting. Recorder Bigler mentioned Attorney Mellor will be holding an open meeting & ethics training at the Work Meeting. Attorney Mellor said she would also like to discuss more of the code enforcement. She did mention that most cities work on their budget on a day other than their meeting days. She said the meeting would need to be noticed but there would not be

any comments taken. After some discussion it was decided to have the budget meeting on April 3rd at 5 pm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

(Citizens who had submitted their question or concerns in writing prior to the meeting may speak at this time, if present, but will be limited to two minutes.)

Mayor Dever restated what he said at the last meeting. We only have an ordinance. There has not been any action taken and no animals have been taken. He said we do not have a lot of money and he worked on what it would cost the city. He took an average cost of kennels, employee wages, drive time, etc. and the cost to take an animal to a no-kill shelter is \$410 per animal.

Allene Wray – Suggestions for Animal Control issues

She is here to help and feels she has solutions. She moved here a year and half ago and realized there is a very out of control feral population. She said if you look up utahhumane.org they have lots of information. She has taken seven cats from her neighborhood and had them spayed/neutered.

Autumn Wagner, Animal Control Issues

Autumn gave up her time to speak.

Michelle Dosson, Best Friends Animal Society – Animal Control

Nick Lippincott said he is the Senior Manager of life saving programs with Best Friends Animal Society based out of Salt Lake. He is very aware of the pitfalls and challenges that communities face. It is expensive to do animal welfare properly. Their main goals are to offer support for Eureka City in making whatever strides we can. Mayor Dever said he appreciates his office and his dialogue.

April Lucas, a local resident, said we can solve the problem with the animals without euthanizing them. She said she helps find homes for the feral cats she has.

Mayor Dever said the city has invited the veterinarian again to the city's pet clinic. Everyone needs to do their part and get their dogs and cats licensed.

Council Member Snell asked if we could go into closed session to discuss the job interviews that were held tonight. Attorney Mellor said you cannot go into Executive Session unless it has been noticed. A special meeting can be held on another night as long as it is noticed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items for Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Snell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Evans seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. 8:07 pm