

**EUREKA CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 8, 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 – Absent  
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present  
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom  
Joe Carpenter Maintenance Technician – Present  
Darrin Carlson Maintenance Technician - Present

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Boyce Sanderson, Laura Kirgan, Jessica Nielsen, Shelly Stansfield, Todd Ryan, Mary Carpenter, Steve Child, Doug Wright, Larry Bell

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

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TREASURER’S REPORT  
FOR APRIL 2023**

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$334,280.61
Deposit Amount:	\$ 56,580.66
Withdrawal Amount:	\$ 76,560.18
Checking Ending Balance:	\$314,301.09
Share Savings (Water):	\$ 47,736.03
Savings (General):	\$210,714.19
Savings (Water/Sewer Project (corp)):	\$ 3,367.20

Savings (Streets B & C Roads):	\$177,947.27
Money Market Fund (Wastewater):	\$ 8,910.77
CD 101 (General):	\$ 11,014.66
CD 103 (General):	\$ 12,068.72
CD 104 (General):	\$ 3,324.96
Savings (Park & Rec Impact Fee):	\$ 3,911.17
Money Market (Wastewater Impact Fee):	\$ 5,107.84
Money Market (Water Impact Fee):	\$ 1,044.01

### **CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY**

Council Member Snell asked if the reason the Chemtech bills were more than usual had to do with the water sampling we are trying to catch up on. Recorder Bigler said yes, there were a lot of previous samples that were missing. He 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 Joe and Darrin for all they have been doing. There are a lot of issues going on with the water and sewer. They are doing their best to get things caught up. He wanted to publicly thank them for all their hard work.

Robert Trepanier – Absent

Travis Haynes – Ditto to what the Mayor said concerning our maintenance workers. The city shop and yard look awesome. He said they got parts to fix the bobtail and have been looking at streets to see what needs to be fixed. He talked to Dominion Energy about some spots that have settled around town. They are going to look into it and get back with him with their findings.

Thomas Nedreberg – Noting to report.

Greg Evans – Discussed last week we needed to get the motor for the 3<sup>rd</sup> pump up and running. He would like to get the Council’s approval on the bid for \$6,718.90. Council Member Snell made a motion to approve the bid from USA Bluebook. Council Member Haynes seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

Jeremy Snell – He would like to remind the citizens of the rabies clinic this weekend. It starts at 10 am and goes until noon. Council Member Nedreberg asked if they can’t make it can they still come in and get your pet licensed. Yes, they can come into the City Office with their rabies information and pay. He wanted to thank Jessica Nielsen for the Veteran’s banner project. We had orders for 54 banners. The banners are double sided. They will be putting them up before Memorial Day and the second set maybe a month later. He wanted to publicly thank all involved. He hopes we can utilize the light poles in the future.

Planning Commission – Council Member Nedreberg said they are having a hard time getting a quorum for their meetings. He said we should seriously look at reorganizing and changing the day of the meeting to Mondays before the work meeting. Mayor Dever said he talked to a couple of individuals and thinks we may have to have a total revision of the Commission. He feels it would be beneficial to hold the meetings at 6:00 pm on Monday night before the work meeting. He talked to Niels Wright, and he is willing to stay, but Brandon Gout is not interested in being on it any longer. He was not sure about Ted Haynes. We need to advertise for at least four Planning Commission members. He would like to discuss this more at the work meeting.

Maintenance Technician Reports - Joe – Last Friday turned the water on in the bathrooms at the snack shack. We ended up having some broken water lines because they were not properly winterized. Trying to get the ballfields ready but are having some water from a spring leaching onto the bottom field. Had a scrapper come and get all the old piping out of the yard and around the wells. At the cemetery we are having issues with people dumping in the back corner. Put some concrete blocks in but still had people dumping over them.

Darrin – He met with the guy to go over the chlorinator. He had concerns about the one from the west side causing issues because of how it was installed and the low-pressure check valve leaking. Darrin said both roads to the tank have big washouts and he wasn't sure who was supposed to take care of them, the city, or the County. Council Member Haynes will call the County. Currently we do not have a light enough piece of equipment to drag the baseball fields. He would recommend the city purchase a used 4-wheeler to help maintain the fields and the area around the park. The top rail on part of the fence along the park and ballfield was destroyed. They will fix it the best they can. He wants to start getting the park fertilized. He will use the fertilizer step program from IFA. We don't have an aerator for the lawns, so we might have to skip that for this year. Mayor Dever agreed and said we need to concentrate on getting the water and sewer fixed. They got the sewer head and should be able to put it in this week. Mayor Dever asked if the new sensor had been put in on the south tank. Not yet, they are still manually watching the water level.

## **NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **JUB/FEMA Discussion**

Mayor Dever was in a meeting last week with the EPA and JUB concerning the discussions former Mayor Nick Castleton had with them about our drainage issues. They are going to refocus their attention on fixing the gulch that runs through town. It sounds like money is going to be available and that we will get it. It will be a 90/10 split between them and the city. There is still a lot of work to do in this process. We are going to have to come up with a game plan on where to initiate the process. There are not any easy solutions to this issue. We declared the city a disaster area. We will have to wait until after all the flooding in the State is done before we know what funds will be available.

### **Flood Repair**

Joe and Darrin cleaned off and filled in the sidewalk. He spoke to one of the property owners about repairing the gulch. There will be an ongoing discussion with the property owners.

## Update on Animal Control

Mayor Dever said we will be having representatives from the Humane Society and Good Friends visit until this animal control issue gets taken care of. Council Member Snell emphasized it is important to have people voice their concerns about pets and the animals in town. We need our citizens to come into compliance with their licensing. We have had at least 18 cats taken in to get fixed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS**

Todd Ryan – Request to purchase railroad property adjacent to his property. He would like to purchase the property so he can build. There is a piece of UDOT property in there and he has reached out to them. The Council looked it over and discussed the survey provided. Mayor Dever decided to table this for tonight until we can do a little more research on easements. The Council would like to have a copy of the survey.

Boyce Sanderson – Request to purchase old coal road adjacent to his property. He passed out a plat map that highlighted the coal road he would like to purchase and what property he owns. He would like to purchase either half of the road or all of it if no other property owner is interested. Council Member Haynes wanted to know if we could send a letter to the other property owners letting them know a request for purchase was made and they have so many days to respond back. Mayor Dever said a survey with a legal written description is needed and then he will approach adjoining property owners. Council Member Snell asked if a notice could be posted, and a public hearing held for the adjacent property owners to allow them to participate in purchasing their part of the road or not. Recorder Bigler said yes, we could do that. A letter would need to be sent to the adjacent property owners notifying them of the public hear. Mayor Dever said they will work on this at the next work meeting.

Doug Wright – Discussion on the Ride to Light Up Eureka  
Doug said Mayor Castleton had asked if he was interested in purchasing the corner piece by his property on the corner of Haulage and Eagle St. This was before the jersey barriers were put in place. He would be interested in purchasing the property and would like to get it put on a meeting agenda. He would not be broken hearted to see the jersey barriers gone. The next Ride to Light Up Eureka has a proposed date of June 10<sup>th</sup>. It will start at the Harley Davison in South Salt Lake City down the freeway to Pioneer Crossing and then crossover to Redwood Rd and into Elberta where UDOT will set up. Their next stop will be the Bergin Mine for a walking tour of the surface property and then on to Eureka. The plan next is to have the “Underground Railroad” group set up on Main Street maybe next to Cory’s. This group works to get the word out and to stop human trafficking especially child sex trafficking. They will also help provide manpower for the poker run. He has talked to the Small Business Alliance about helping. They will have lunch provided by Brandon at the Elks Lodge. He is excited to get the benches in place and Council Member Snell suggested having some trash receptacles done to match. He passed around a photo of the benches he had been looking at. Doug said he is kicking around ideas to use the funds from this ride to fix up the caboos or put in a pocket park. Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to approve ride. All in favor motion carried. Council Member Snell had an idea to paint a mural on the caboos or just restore it.

Discussion/Adoption of Amendment to Eureka City Noise Ordinance  
Mayor Dever said he emailed the changes to Attorney Mellor. She has not had a chance to work on it. She will write up a draft and the Council can go over it at the work Meeting and then vote on it at the next Council Meeting.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Juab County and Eureka City for the Administration of the 2023 municipal Elections  
Recorder Bigler explained the election process and why it would be beneficial to have the County administer the election. Some of the new laws are making it harder for smaller municipalities to hold their own elections. Council Member Evans made a motion to have Juab County handle the administration of the 2023 municipal elections. Council Member Nedreberg seconded. No further discussion motion carried.

Adoption of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 2024  
Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to adopt the tentative budget. Council Member Evans seconded. No further discussion motion carried.

#### **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.)**

Laura Kirgan - asked where to take her tree limbs. Mayor Dever said they can be taken down to the landfill and it is open on Saturdays.

Shelly Stansfield – asked for consent for a single event permit. These permits need to be turned into the DABC within 30 days of the event. She decided to put in for all her events. The permits would be for June 10<sup>th</sup> for the Ride to Light Up Eureka. The poker run for June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and a former citizen who possibly would like to hold a Eureka gathering at the topless bar on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The Silver Jubilee on Aug 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and the last one for Oct 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> for the witch's dance. Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to give local consent. Mayor Dever asked what the occupancy of the building is. Shelly believes it is 80 people and she has 2 bathrooms. Council Member Haynes seconded. No further discussion motion carried.

Council Member Nedreberg address the Mayor and Council about his water bill. Mayor Dever said typically most cities take off half if the homeowner makes the repair in a timely manner. Member Haynes made a motion to take off half off his bill. Council Member Snell said we will have to take action at the next Council Meeting since this was not on the agenda. A discussion took place on how these types of issues should be handled. Recorder Bigler will put it on the agenda. Larry Bell needs to have the ditch fixed in front of his home. Mayor Dever asked if he could wait until we hear from FEMA. Larry wanted to get it done before it collapses the road. Mayor Dever said we should have some answers withing a month or two.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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