

**EUREKA CITY  
SPECIAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2023 6:00 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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Dan & Teri Underwood, Steve Child

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS**

Mayor Dever, Non-Disclosures

He wanted to disclose he has two businesses up for renewal. The Council had no problem with him renewing his business licenses with the city.

Update from Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference

Council Member Nedreberg gave an update on the conference he attended. He really liked the Dignity Index. It is a way to bring people together for discussion without name calling or other such things. He also attended a discussion on development in cities. State law has been taking away rights of city councils and planning commission with it comes to development. The only recourse the cities or communities have is to make sure their ordinances are well written and tight. Mayor Dever said he attended some breakout sessions with other small cities and enjoyed talking with them. A lot of the smaller cities are not happy with what is going on in the Legislature. They are making it very difficult for small cities to even exist. They did pass the city manager program. He recommended the Council to attend one of the conferences offered. The next one is in September in Salt Lake City.

Governor's Office of Economic Development/TMC

Mayor Dever said he received an email from the Governor's Office about Tintic Consolidated Metals. They have applied for a grant from the Economic Development Office. He got in touch with the gentleman, and they discussed what he wanted. They want the city to write a letter supporting them. The Mayor informed him that the mine is not in the same County as the city, and it may not be appropriate for us to do this. He said he would bring it before the Council for

discussion. He will follow up with them on exactly what they want from us and what they are planning to do.

#### FEMA

Mayor Dever said we have declared Eureka a disaster area and the declaration has been signed. Attorney Mellor sent a copy to the State and the County. The County and State have also been declared a disaster area. The County Commissioner's seen firsthand the flooding issues we had. Council Member Evans has been playing phone tag with the guy from JUB Engineering. This would be different funding than what we could get from the County. Mayor Dever said we need to get with Attorney Mellor over the ownership and responsibility of the gulch. Council Member Haynes wants the sidewalk cleaned up and passable. The damaged section of the sidewalk needs to have barricades.

#### Building Permit Review for new home for Dan & Teri Underwood

Dan said they have everything turned in but excavation permit. We need to meet with the permit coordinator (Darrin) to discuss the dirt work. We are waiting for the results of the soil sample we have taken. Recorder Bigler said she has sent the paperwork to the building inspector. Council Member Haynes made a motion to approve the building permit for Dan & Teri Underwood provided they pay all fees associated with the permit and get the soil sample completed. Council Member Nedreberg seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

#### IWORQ Program for Building Permits and Code Enforcement

Mayor Dever said this is a tool to help with building permits and code enforcement. He turned the time over to Recorder Bigler. She attended a Zoom presentation on the software. There are different packages to choose from. A resident wishing to build would go onto the portal and there would be everything they need to fill out to complete the permit. They would not be allowed to move forward until everything was completed. The Planning Commission, City Council, and office staff would have access to the sections they need to look at. The building inspector would also have access to the program where he can look at and approve the permit. The inspections needed throughout the process can be set up online too. Under the code enforcement people could fill out a complaint, the code enforcement officer can upload pictures and all our ordinances would be there along with the fees. She will arrange a Zoom meeting for Mayor and Council to attend.

Council Member Evans gave a report on the sewer and water. Darrin and Joe have been doing quite a bit of work getting things repaired and working at the sewer plant. They got two of the blowers and motors working. The third one will need to be replaced. He would like to purchase another one to have on hand for backup. We received the new sewer screen. On the water side we were down to one booster pump working. We had two fixed, however; it was determined that the first one they fixed the wiring needed to be replaced it had burned up. We were able to get two up and running but the third one both the motor and pump were bad. We are waiting on parts to get it fixed. The cost was around \$9,000. Still working on getting the chlorinator working. He had Joe and Darrin inspect the Vulcan well. It looks like parts from it were used to fix the other problems we were having. It's down until we can get parts to get it up and working. We had a sewer inspection and all he can say is there is a lot to work on. Rural water came up this week and was able to help them with the outflow. Recorder Bigler said Darrin and Joe have come and

looked at our maps of where the wells are and what they are named. They also looked at our water rights. They seem really interested in getting everything together. Council Member Evans said the next thing will be getting the water meters that are not working fixed. He said he will need to budget getting items to have on hand for replacements. Council Member Snell commented he had seen Brian Underwood taking down some more water samples for us and feels he needs to be compensated for this. He wanted to thank Brian publicly for helping the city get their water sampling done. Council Member Evans said he has talked to Brian about this, and we need to get a contract with him. Recorder Bigler suggested having Attorney Mellor write something up. Recorder Bigler said the latest water sample came back clean.

Budget Review for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, and Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Mayor Dever said he and Recorder Bigler spent a few hours going over the budget. Council Member Snell talked to Darrin and Joe, and they need to get the doors at the shop replaced. Council Member Haynes said we need to get natural gas in the city buildings. Mayor Dever said both the natural gas and the doors for the shop were included in the new budget. However, the new truck that Council Member Haynes wanted will have to wait. Council Member Haynes felt that a new truck owned by the city would work out better than leasing a truck like we do now. We would not have to worry about the plow not fitting. He was concerned about the damage to the leased truck and how much it is going to cost. He asked about getting the salt shed done. The Mayor thinks we need to get the water issues taken care of first. He told the Council what items need to be replaced and fixed. There was more discussion on the budget and what was needed and how to pay for it. Council Member Snell asked if garbage was going to be on the agenda next week. Recorder Bigler will put it as a discussion item. We have had illegal dumping by the dump and at the cemetery. Council Member Haynes mentioned summer hires. There was some discussion and Council Member Haynes will contact the Department of Work Force Services and the school. Attorney Mellor informed them her rate will be going up to \$175 starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Recorder Bigler said she will try to make two new line items and separate the Attorney and Building Inspector from administration.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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