

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2020 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
Council Member Larry Ezell – Present
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Leslie Rice – Came in at 8:25
City Clerk Rachel Carlson – Present
City Attorney Mellissa Mellor – Present via Zoom

Public in Attendance:

Brad Knight, Curt Smith, Daniel Parkins-United Way, Brian Kessinger-Dept of Workforce Service, Eric & Charlyn Liehty-Recovered Hands. **Zoom Attendance:** Robert Pagnani, Kimberlie Riley

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Recovered Hands Non-Profit – Present a plan for Chief #1 Historical Site.
Brian Kessinger introduced Eric & Charlyn Liehty and said they would like to request the Council approve their project so they can go to the Chief and ask if they will donate the Chief #1 site to them. They gave a presentation on what their non-profit Recovered Hands does and why they would like the Chief # site. They are about helping people help themselves. They would like to get the property so they can promote it as a historical site museum. They would like to restore the buildings and machinery, have ATV rentals & tours, RV spots, Airbnb train cars. Council Member Carlson asked about their startup costs. They are looking at grants, donations. They are not looking at the City for any funds. The timeline will take a while they are trying for 5 years. Brian said he hopes by presenting this concept to the City the Council will get on board with what they want to do, so he can take it to Chief. Some of the Council would like to get the towns peoples input by maybe holding a town meeting. Mayor Castleton said the Chief will not donate the land unless the Council is on board. Council Member Ezell was concerned with the mine shaft and the issue of it sinking again. He said the liability is extremely high and he wants to know if they can deal with the sink hole. Eric said they are aware of it and the responsibility they would take on. The Council thanked them for their time. Brian introduced two gentleman Shole Smith and Daniel Parkins who are working on a Digital Access Grant that directly impacts Eureka. About 5 weeks ago The National Science Foundation, through US Ignite, authorized a \$300,000 grant for the propose of digital inclusion and Eureka was among one of the communities picked out. Mr. Parkins said the grant would help the people get connected which can help them find jobs. They have partnered with Snow College. They want to get with the Superintendent to get more CTE in old district office. They wanted to let the Council know they are pursuing this for Eureka City. They deadline for the submitted the grant is January 8th. They

have just started talking with CentraCom. They would like to see the people of Eureka have access to remote workstations, telehealth services. Mayor Castleton asked for them to send an email to the City with more information. The Council thanked them for their presentation.

b. Discussion on Roll-Off Containers being used by Mammoth Residents for a fee.

Council Member Carlson said he does not like the idea that Denny would need to deal with money. Council Member Ezell cannot see Eureka having to subsidize Mammoth again. He said let the County take care of them. The rest of the Council agreed the City should not have to deal with this.

c. IT Contracts

Mayor Castleton could not find the bids and it was decided to discuss this at the regular council meeting.

d. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan

Mayor Castleton let the Council know we would need to adopt a resolution

e. Excess Water

Mayor Castleton said Brad Knight, who wants to annex the Utah County property East of the high school, would like to buy into our water. He felt it would be a good idea since we have excess water, and the State might take it away. Council Member Haynes was concerned since we have not been getting very much precipitation in the last few years. The Council asked to hear from Brad what exactly he wanted. Brad explained he would be putting in a formal annexation plan to the Planning Commission. This a mixed-use development they would like to put in East of the high school located in Utah County. He would like 200-acre feet of the 400-acre feet excess water we have. Council Member Ezell wanted to know why they wanted our water when Chief was supposed to have plenty of water. Mr. Knight did not want to discuss what Chief had without them being at the meeting. There was a discussion concerning water and the annexation. Attorney Mellor said we need be careful with water rights. Typically, developments bring water rights not the other way around. Mayor Castleton told the Council the excess water is being saved for future development and this is future development. Mayor Castleton said he talked to Nebo School District and they do not want to send a bus up that close to a school. They would give a portion of their tax money to our district. Council Member Ezell commented he was not interested in letting the development get our water and asked why not annex the property west of Eureka that is in Juab County. Our future is not in Utah County. The Council was not in favor of having the development use our excess water. Attorney Mellor said she has not seen any plans and maybe we are getting ahead of ourselves. Council Member Trepanier asked if by some chance all our vacant buildings and lots filled up would we have any excess water. Council Member Carlson did not believe we would. Council Member Haynes wanted to know how many homes they were thinking of putting in. Mr. Knight said the development would be over 7 years and they plan on putting in 1000 homes. He felt that was too many. Council Member Ezell said they would wait to see the proposal.

Council Member Ezell brought up the heaters in the centennial building. He was concerned about the new vac trailer freezing. He said he would check his budget to see if he could afford to

put something in there. Council Member Carlson said it is too hard to heat the building because it has no insulation. He did not want to heat the building because we were putting way too much out in propane. Council Member Ezell said he needs to figure out a way to drain the vac trailer every time it is used so it does not freeze. Triple T looked at the heaters at the old ambulance station and they are pieced together. It would take about \$1,800 to get one of the heaters up and running. Council Member Ezell said if we do not have the vac trailer yet then we will not put any water in it when we get it.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ezell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Carlson seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Items to be discussed.