

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2024 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 came in late.

Council Member Travis Haynes – Present

Council Member Tom Nedreberg – Present

Council Member Jeremy Snell – Absent

Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present

City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present

City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Absent – Cherylyn Egner filled in via Zoom.

City Maintenance Technician Darrin Carlson - Present

City Maintenance Technician Joe Carpenter – Present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dennis Gunn/Cynthia Gunn – Rural Water Association of Utah

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Shay Morrison, Community Advisor Six County Association of Governments:

- Regional Growth Summit – Will be held the evening of Tuesday, May 21st. He will send out an invitation and registration starts at 5:00 pm.

- Available Trainings – Rob Terry with the ombudsman office is good. He is the Statewide Land Use Training Coordinator and travels around to teach land use to city councils.

- CIB List – Can have up to three projects. The surveys will come out next month. We need to get on the list in March and apply by June 2024, October 2024, or February 2025.

- Hazard Mitigation – Every three to five years this plan needs to be adopted by resolution to be eligible to receive funding from FEMA.

- Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant – This is the States biggest recreation grant and matching funds are around 20-50% depending on what you apply for. Council Member Nedreberg inquired about a bike trail around Eureka. An engineered plan is needed along with what type of surface it would have. Mayor Dever said one of the problems is we don't own the property. Shay mentioned some ways to get help with that.

- Transient Room Tax – Shay explained what it was and how it works. Council Member Nedreberg inquired about the different type of taxes. Shay is willing to write ordinance/resolutions dealing with about five or six different taxes. He will put together a more

comprehensive list and get it to the Council. Council Member Nedreberg feels this is something we need to look into further.

- Water System Funding – Gave information on the different loans that are available. A lot of towns are funding their systems by increasing their utility fees. He would be happy to help with the fee study. Mayor Dever asked Shay if he could throw some numbers together and he will do the same and they can try to meet in the middle. Council Member Nedreberg said maybe we should look at a 5 year to 10 year incremental increases. Mayor Dever asked Shay to use a 30-year life cycle to come up with numbers by June's work meeting. He mentioned that Six County is changing names and rebranding.

Maintenance Technician Reports.

Darrin – He has been working on getting the water reports finished. He worked on getting quotes for the water project. He got bids from Mountainland and Scholzen's. He explained the pros and cons of each bid. Mayor Dever will get with Greg and go over the bids. Council Member Haynes will see if he can get with CentraCom to borrow a reel trailer.

Joe – been working at the sewer plant on the DO sensors. They are seven upgrades behind.

Dennis Gunn, rural water Association of Utah – Discussion on Wastewater.

Dennis showed a Power Point on Technical Assistant for Eureka City. He talked about when he first met with Joe and Darrin, and they mentioned we had violations with the State. He worked with the State to get them suspended. The violations could have been very expensive. He worked with Joe and Darrin on sampling and on how to do manual composite samples and explained the process to the Council. Composite samplers can cost around \$5000 - \$10,000. He spoke with Heber about the samplers they were not using. We now have one sitting down at the shop. Until we can get them in Joe can do the samples manually. The next thing needed was a Ph Meter and that has been ordered and we are waiting to get it. The reports are being done and Joe needs to start logging into NET DMR. There will be a class on Asset Management on April 24th. He explained what it was and why it would be beneficial to the city. The Council thanked Dennis for all the help he has given Eureka.

Water Right Proof of Beneficial Use Application.

Council Member Evans said the report is due at the end of March. We have had Sunrise Engineering do it in the past. The Council discussed what the report consisted of.

Review of Request by Kathryn Pannell to split her building lot on Haulage Road in half. Recorder Bigler informed the Council what she had told Kim. She wants to split her lot in half and build two homes. She would retain ownership of both lots and she and a family member would live in the homes. She would have to use the cottage home ordinance to do it. Recorder Bigler told her the ordinance was for smaller lots and not for big lots to be split. Mayor Dever agreed with that statement. The Council discussed the item. Joe got up and said if the Council allows her to do this then he will want to do the same thing with the property he owns. Council Member Trepanier mentioned the next thing you know in a few years they will want to sell the properties separately. Mayor Dever wants this as an action item for Monday's Council Meeting.

Review of Business License Application for Taylor Draper – Tintic Pizza Co.
Recorder Bigler said Taylor had applied for the license months ago and he has been waiting on the Health Department. She spoke to the Mayor and was told since it was going in his already established business to go ahead and let him start as long as he follows the rules. Taylor turned in the Health Department paperwork and everything passed. We issued his license. She just wanted to make sure we followed the procedures. Mayor Dever said he allowed him to start since he has a current business license, and it will be in his current business.

Council Member Haynes said he went to Eureka, Nevada and brought a brochure home with him that shows information on the town. It talks about their businesses, lodging, and attractions. He thinks the Chamber of Commerce should be looking at doing something like this. Council Member Nedreberg said he can show it to them at their next meeting. He liked how they fixed their old buildings up and their new building looked like they belonged. Recorder Bigler said we do have an historical ordinance that states every business front should look like their old. It is an old ordinance and should be updated.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Haynes made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Nedreberg seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned 9:09 pm.