

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 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 – Absent  
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  
City Maintenance Technician Darrin Carlson – Absent  
City Maintenance Technician Joe Carpenter – Present

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Scott & Susan Pugh, Steve Child, Stan Chidester

Mayor Dever said Rachel had asked him to have the Council speak closer to the mic. She is having a hard time hearing them sometime.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion on language for Lease/Rental agreements for City Properties.  
Mayor Dever reminded the Council they had voted, at the last Council Meeting, to raise the rent on the city properties. There is still some discussion needed on the not-for-profit properties. We will start working on the new leases in June. In the meantime, is there anything else they would like to see added to the contract. He will send out a rough draft of the most important lease items.

Discussion on Water Rate Increase.  
Mayor Dever said he has been working on this since he took office, and it is starting to come to fruition. He is working on the New Year's letter to the citizens. He mentions the increase in water rates. We have some issues like the air in the water. He wanted to go on record that it is not a bacteria issue, and it doesn't create bacteria. We will be fixing the issue, but it is a few months out. There are other issues with the water and sewer that need to be fixed and we cannot do this on grants alone. Council Member Nedreberg said we need to look at inflation rates. We know what we need, and we are in a much better place, but we have a lot more to fix. Council Member Snell said we need to show and explain to the citizens why we need to raise the rates. Council Member Nedreberg thinks we need to raise it a little every year over a couple of years or every two years. We are in a good spot right now. We need to make sure people understand that and include it in the letter. Maintenance Technician Carpenter agreed with the Mayor the boosters are an engineering nightmare. He said most cities are going away from the system we

have and are going with SKIDS. We do have a SKID in the Beck St. Booster Station. We need to financially support and secure the wells. They will not keep working if we don't put some capital into them. The sewer plant is now in compliance. He said if the Council wants to know how the water or sewer systems are doing Recorder Bigler has all the copies of the samples and the results.

#### Discussion on Code Enforcement.

Mayor Dever said he has a meeting with the Juab County Sheriff about how to deal with Code Enforcement.

Discussion on Creating or Amending Ordinance for Overnight Parking on Main Street. Council Member Haynes said there is way too much overnight parking on Main St especially at the bottom of town. This is causing problems for the snowplows. Council Member Snell commented this is also true of some residents that are parking on Main St. He believes no parking is allowed on the north side from Adren's down to the bottom of town. There are "No Parking" signs on part of it. Council Member Haynes said in no way is he trying to take away from the businesses. He looked at the situation with the UDOT Traffic Engineer and the simplest solution would be no overnight parking. Council Member Trepanier asked since it is a State Highway can we adopt an ordinance for parking on the highway. Council Member Haynes said yes, the city can adopt an ordinance for any street within city limits. Once we have the ordinance in place the State could then put up the signs. After some discussion on the overnight hours the Council came to a tentative agreement of 2 am – 6 am. Mayor Dever asked Attorney Mellor to draft an ordinance and to have Recorder Bigler add this as an action item for next week's Council Meeting. Scott Pugh asked if it would be possible to alternate days like even days for the south side and odd days for the north side. Unfortunately, this is not a viable option. They appreciated the suggestion.

#### Discussion on Upcoming Grants.

Mayor Dever said we missed the window on the grant that Shay had for us. The surveys we did are still good, and we can use them next time. We will need to have more done as we didn't get enough back. He wants to make sure the Council is actively engaged during grant times. Shay will also be helping to keep us up to date with them. He would like to lean on Council Member Nedreberg to help with the grants.

#### Discussion on Truck Lease.

Mayor Dever said to get out of the lease on the truck the city will need to pay \$16,907 in damages. He is not sure if our insurance will cover any of the cost. We have three options: to buy the truck outright for \$71,807, to pay for another two months plus get repairs made and have it re-evaluated, or to just pay the \$16,907 and be done with it. Council Member Haynes didn't want to buy the vehicle. He thought maybe the option was to bring the truck back and have the insurance pay for the damage if they will and see what the lease company says. Mayor Dever thinks we should just take our losses and pay the damages. Council Member Snell agrees with the Mayor. After discussing each option, the rest of the Council agreed and thinks we should just pay the damages. Council Member Snell thought it maybe worth asking if they will take less than the \$16,907.

Review of 2024 Annual Meeting Schedule.

Mayor Dever asked the Council to look it over. Recorder Bigler mentioned she needed to post it on the Public Notice website and didn't know if it needed to be voted on. Mayor Dever decided to have it as an action item for next week's meeting.

Mayor Dever said a Mammoth Water User was filling his water tank at the Fill Station and because of the air in the water it knocked the gentleman almost completely off the truck and hurt him and broke his tank. He would like a sign posted about using it at your own risk. He will talk to Attorney Mellor and get advised as to what needs to be posted. He feels the city should replace the gentleman's water tank. He would like this as an action item for next week. Maintenance Technician Carpenter said if they are filling from the top, it will knock you off even before the air issues. They have tried to encourage people to fill from the side. He said the top hose is designed to go into a water truck. There is no way to lower the pressure. Recorder Bigler suggested having a new application with the new wording in it and have everyone re-sign it along with having signs posted at the Fill Station. Council Member Snell agreed with her. Mayor Dever said we don't want anyone to get hurt and he will work with Attorney Mellor to get a release or application written up. Council Member Nedreberg suggested having a "how to operate the system" sign posted at the Fill Station.

Mayor Dever said he didn't feel we needed to go into the Executive Session posted on the agenda. Council Member Haynes felt it was necessary. He made the motion to move into the Executive Session. Council Member Nedreberg seconded. The Council moved into Executive Session.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to move back into regular session. Council Member Haynes seconded. The Council moved back into regular session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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