**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL**

**WORK MEETING**

**JANUARY 7, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Castleton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Staff in Attendance:**

Patricia Bigler – City Recorder

**Public in Attendance:**

Larry Ezell

Ferrel Thomas

**Roll Call:**

Nick Castleton – Present

Hortt Carter – Present

Gordon Grimstead – Present

Leslie Rice – Present came in late to meeting

Kimberlee Clem – Present

Tamra Jameson - Present

**Discussion Items:**

**Rural Water Assoc. – Wastewater Award**

Recorder Bigler read a text from Phil Harold, Rural Water. Eureka City is the recipient of the “Most Improved Wastewater System. We will receive our award at the Rural Water Conference Award Banquet on Thursday, February 28, 2019. Phil will be coming up to take pictures. Lynn will need to have the Mayor, or a Council Member accompany him to the accept the award.

**Council review of City Budget items to be amended**

City Recorder Bigler informed the Council the checks from the Corp. of Engineers have been received. One check was for $876,017.66 and the other check was for $48,183.92 for a total amount of $924,201.58. This amount will need to be included in the amendment to the budget.

Council Member Carter asked if the percentages on the budget were working out. Recorder Bigler said yes, however; because we had the workers through the Department of Workforce Services the Administrative and Street Departments are not showing correct. She has talked to Council Member Clem about it. If you look at the Street Department wages it shows, we have spent $15,438 and only budgeted for $5,000 but we have taken in $16,642 from the Department of Workforce Service. This will need to be adjusted on the budget. We have gone over on equipment because of the sanders that were purchased. They were not in the budget so the money will need to be pulled out of the B & C Road fund. Recorder Bigler told the Council they need to stick to their budget. They will need to find out prior to making their budget what is going to be needed in the upcoming year. She said we maybe short on funds in B & C Road when it comes time to fund the road project because of the sanders. She said the Cemetery budget is going to have problems because we no longer have a backhoe. Until we get a new backhoe, we will have to rent one anytime we have a burial. She will contact the State and USDA to get the current payoffs of the loans. Recorder Bigler reminded the Council the County will be giving us the old ambulance shed and it will be an added expense. She said we have not budgeted for the furnace for the shop. She asked how we are going to pay for it. Council Member Jameson said Lynn told her the sale of the truck to Mark Rowley for $1,000 was to pay for the furnace. Council Member Carter said he found one for $800 online. Council Member Jameson we were not putting it out to bid. We are just going to buy the furnace and Lynn can install it. Council Member Carter will send the information on the furnace to Recorder Bigler to get it ordered. We will be cutting it close on Garbage because the Spring Clean Up went over budget. Need to get the money from the Corp. of Engineers put into Water, the money from B & C roads into Streets to pay for the sanders, the money from Dept. of Workforce Service to show in Administrative, and watch Garbage, the budget should be good.

**Discussion on what loans to pay down with funding received from the Corp. of Engineers as part of the Water/Sewer Project.**

The funds of $924,201.58 from the Corp. of Engineers can only be used to pay off or pay down some of our existing loans. There are two loan payments that need to be paid right away. The auditor recommended paying off the loans with interest. Loan #3S033 payment of $23,695.70 is due and is an interest-bearing loan this maybe a good one to payoff. The payoff is around $103,304.30. The Council discussed which loans to payoff. It was decided to payoff USDA Loan at 3% interest for $747,906.87, Loan #3S033 at 2.91% interest for $103,304.30, pay loan payments that are due, and with the remaining funds pay on the other USDA Loan for $1,475,326.86. The Council will need to vote on this at the next regular Council meeting.

**Discussion on Impact Fees.**

Mayor Castleton said he had America First deposit the large CD into checking to pay for impact fees. He said he will talk with Jesse Ralphs, Sunrise Engineering, on Tuesday, January 8th about how much they would charge for the impact fees. He feels Sunrise can do it cheaper because they already have the figures we need for the water/sewer. No one had anything else to discuss about the impact fees.

**Review of current Council Assignments.**

Mayor Castleton asked if everyone was okay with their current assignments. Everyone seemed to be okay with the assignments they currently have. Council Member Grimstead informed the Council the Jr. Jazz had their first game on Saturday and everything went well. Council Member Carter asked about the renovation and if we have received a price yet. Recorder Bigler said she sent it to everyone. Council Member Grimstead had his with him and let Council Member Carter look at it. Recorder Bigler said the amount is around $299,000 and the Council needed to remember we still owe Savage Albrecht $20,000. Recorder asked if we need to put it out to bid. Mayor said no because they have already given a bid to the State to work for them. We need to talk to Attorney Merrill to be sure about how the State Contract works. The amount would cover all the renovations we wanted to do. Mayor Castleton will call Attorney Merrill.

Council Member Clem would like the Council to be made aware of what building permits are getting approved. Mayor Castleton said Recorder Bigler can still approve the building permit if it meets the zoning requirements, setbacks, and everything else and then put it on agenda so the Council can see what is going on. Council Member Clem likes that idea. Recorder Bigler said we need some kind of follow up to make sure they are following the plans/setbacks the City was given. The Council discussed building inspections and who should pay for the follow up inspections when it doesn’t pass the first time. The Council feels the person doing the building should be going through the City to contact the building inspector for inspections. Council Member Rice needs to come up with a deal and we can discuss it with the building inspector. Ferrel Thomas asked if the City can put a time frame on the new contractor for renovating the building. Mayor Castleton said he would check with the State. Larry Ezell thanked the City Council for the donation to Victor. He is very excited about going to Australia on July 6th.

**Adjournment:**

Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Grimstead seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned.

**Executive Session:**

No items to be discussed