

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
MARCH 2, 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 Hortt Carter – Absent
Council Member Larry Ezell – Present
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Leslie Rice – Present came in late

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ferrell Thomas

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Discussion on Capital Projects Fund and Upcoming Budget Items.

Mayor Castleton informed the Council the office had received a letter from the State Auditor's Office. It stated Eureka City had exceeded the general fund balance limitation requirement and will need to set up a Capital Improvement Fund. Council Member Carlson told the Council when he was looking at grants for windows for the Memorial Building this subject keeps showing up. Ideally, we should be adding and taking off finished projects every year. We should have a 1 year, 3 year, and 5 year plan. Council Member Haynes asked if there was any way to change the amount of money for the salt shed. He said the wall of the shed are not normal walls because we would be stacking salt against them. He has gone over the bid and wanted to know if concrete was included. Mayor Castleton said he will contact Travis Kyhl, Six County, and see if we can add the Memorial Building to the list. Council Member Carlson told the Mayor the guys will need to some prep work before Serv Pro comes up. There is a timeline and the guys will need to get it done in timely manner. He also wants to change the paint color and put in a new door. He figures he can roll \$1300 to \$1500 into a Capital Budget fund for the furnace. He needs the radiators out, the floor prepped, and the hole in the wall by the door patched. He will do a breakdown of hours when it needs to be done. His time frame is to have everything completed by the end of April. The insurance wants to meet with him to discuss smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, access to buildings. He will have a full breakdown ready for the Council to look at by next meeting. Mayor Castleton asked if anything else needed to be put on the list. Council Member Haynes said we need to double the amount for the Salt Shed. Council Member Carlson said the furnace at the shop is illegal. He asked about using a waste oil furnace. Council Member Haynes said his dad has a clean burn waste oil furnace and it requires special cleaning and has a lot of special parts. Council Member Ezell said let's revisit this next year and by that time we may have natural gas. Discussions took place in detail concerning the unfinished wall at

the shop, the furnace running nonstop and where to park the trucks during winter. Council Member Haynes agreed sanders need to be inside. We need to look at single cap trucks when we get new trucks. What kind of projects are they working on right now? Mayor Castleton said they are just working on keeping things running. We need to get with them working on the trailhead. Mayor Castleton recommended Council Member Haynes talk with former Council Member Gordon Grimstead concerning the trailhead. He was the one working on that project. Council Member Ezell said the guys need to clean and organize their shop during their down time. They have stuff laying around from hell to breakfast down there. They are spending too much time riding around together in a truck. Council Member Haynes said this is why the Council decided they could work the crosswalk and the dump while Dennis and Jenifer were gone. There was a big discussion on where they are working and what they are doing. Council Member Rice was concerned about having to pay for them to work the dump out of her budget. Mayor Castleton explained to the Council they are to show on their timesheets what department they are working for so it can be taken out of that budget. Council Member Carlson asked if the parts for the downspout had been ordered or picked up. He submitted a work order for the downspout. He even included all the costs on the order. Mayor Castleton said they hadn't asked him to get parts. Recorder Bigler said they are still not writing in what department they are working in. She has now combined the two timesheets into one and is now sending it out in an email. They can fill it out on their phone, save it to the computer, or print it off. Council Member Haynes said he wants to keep our ambulance and fire going but why are the guys up there plowing and salting when the City lots are not getting done. He feels the City parking lots and streets should be done first. The truck has been seen a lot at the fire station during working hours. Council Member Ezell told the Mayor he should not have to listen to the Council complain about this issue and then explain it to the guys. He and the rest of the Council are willing to explain it to them. He doesn't appreciate being called and told I will quit if things keep going this way. He and the Council agree that we cannot be sending letters out to people about the state of their yards when the City shop looks the way it does.

Review Updated Information on Impact Fees.

Mayor Castleton asked if everyone had a chance to look at the Impact Fees. We need to change our water and sewer connection fees when we adopt the impact fee. This is just the wastewater report. According to the report the impact fee will be \$1,920.00. Our current sewer connection is \$1,000. The connection fee would need to be lowered to somewhere around \$500.

Ferrel Thomas addressed the Council and wanted to know about the change to the Maintenance Fee. Mayor Castleton tried explaining how the Maintenance Fee was supposed to work and the reason is was not working.

We must do all the Impact Fees together. We will have this put on the Council Meeting agenda. We were supposed to have this done in December and here it is March. We must wait 90 days after they are adopted before we can begin charging them. Recorder Bigler asked about the Transportation plan/Impact Fee. Mayor Castleton said that it wasn't done because when a new development comes in, they are responsible to put in the roads. She said what about the impact of more traffic on our roads. Some of them are in rough shape already what will more traffic do to them. Council Member Haynes agreed with Recorder Bigler.

c. Review information set for a Public Hearing concerning a Right-of-Way/Easement on City Property and possible sale of property.

Mayor Castleton explained about the Planning Commission meeting. He showed the Council the map the Planning Commission used. Discussed maintaining an easement. After having discussed the issue at length the Council decided to cancel the Public Hearing the Planning Commission had scheduled. Council Member Ezell asked if we have the money to have our Attorney send Chief a letter concerning streets. He feels we need to get the road issue taken care. Council Member Haynes said we need to look at getting rid of the railroad property and Council Member Ezell said we need to look at putting an easement on the property before we sell it.

Council Member Haynes said he was getting prices on chips, oil etc. to chip seal more roads. Does anyone have any issues with continuing the South side of town first? The Council didn't have any issues. Mayor Castleton said Church St needs to be looked at. It may need to be paved. The Council suggested Member Haynes check to see if there is anything urgent on the North side of town. There are potholes starting to appear in several of the roads. The guys need to start fixing the streets. The State Road is going to have some cold mix and they can talk to Chad about getting some.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ezell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items to be discussed.