

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
MAY 3, 2021 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 – Absent
Council Member Larry Ezell – Present
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Leslie Rice – Present
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present
City Record Patricia Bigler – Present
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Elliott
Gary Poh via Zoom

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Review and Discussion of Drafts of Animal Control Ordinances

Attorney Mellor said she had been waiting for input from the Council and did not receive any. She sent out an email in March and again in April with links to compare what surrounding areas have. Looking for the Council to give her a little bit of guidance. Do you want her to write something up, she can give some suggestions? Is that the direction they want her to go? Mayor Castleton asked the Council to go over the ordinances and get back with her. Council Member Ezell said he would get back to her by Thursday.

b. Review and Discussion of adopting a Mass Gathering Ordinance

Mayor Castleton asked the Attorney to check on it and the City does not have a Mass Gathering Ordinance. He said we had an issue with a group of motorbikes and ATV's coming to Eureka. She said if they are just stopping in Eureka to gas up, get something to eat, etc., this does not require a permit. If they are coming to Eureka as an organized stop then a mass gathering permit maybe needed. She does have a mass gathering ordinance the City could look at. Council Member Haynes asked if this was concerning the UTV ride that came from 5 mile pass and the motorcycle ride that arrived in town around the same time. The Mayor was concerned about the traffic being stopped on a State Highway. He said with a mass gathering permit we would have notified the sheriff's department and ambulance and had coverage to take care of any issues that may have come up. Gary Poh commented that these events are put on somewhere else. These people are coming through and stopping and spending money in our town. He agreed that the

stopping of traffic is not our responsibility, and he felt a mass gathering permit was not needed. A discussion took place on when a mass gathering permit is needed. Recorder Bigler mentioned that the Special Even Permit was brought about when Brent Pulver and Drake Underwood were on the Council. They did not adopt an ordinance but put it on the fee schedule. Attorney Mellor will work with Recorder Bigler on getting an ordinance or resolution.

c. Review and Discussion of Department Budget Needs for Preliminary Budget

Council Member Trepanier felt the Cemetery budget was adequate as written. Council Member Haynes said he has not spent much of the Streets budget except for snow removal and labor and should be good. As for Parks & Recreation we have not been getting enough signups for sports. The Park just needs its usual maintenance. Been looking at bobtail dump trucks for the City. He has plenty in budget. Mayor Castleton said to make sure he puts it in his budget. Council Member Rice said as far as Garbage and Planning and Zoning their budgets should stay the same as last years. Council Member Ezell asked Lynn about the muffin monster or screen for the sewer plant. The original numbers that were given to Sunrise for the screen were too high and that is why it does not work correctly. Mayor Castleton said we should see some more Cares Act Money and that could help pay for either item. Mayor Castleton told the Council they need to get their numbers together and bring them to the meeting next week.

Council Member Haynes asked if anyone had heard anything about the development that was supposed to go in behind B's. How many homes were they going to put in? Mayor Castleton said he has not heard anything new or when they plan on putting the development in. Gary Poh apologized for getting a little passionate on the Special Event Permit. Lynn Elliott asked where we stand on law enforcement. He has had 4 incidents in his neighborhood since November. He had to install security cameras at his home and wants to know what the City is doing about this issue. He said he has talked to the Sheriff's department and they tell him the City needs to pay for their services in order for them to cover up here. He does not think we should have to pay them. We are already paying taxes to the County. Attorney Mellor said they have an obligation to respond to law enforcement like a burglary or something like that. He said it took them 25 minutes to get to his home when there is a cop living here in town. Council Member Ezell said he understands his frustration and the City is trying to come up with a solution. Lynn also brought up people living in camp trailers and nothing is being done. The Council said they need to get a paper trail going. They asked the Attorney if the County Health Dept could do something. She said only if it poses a health problem. There was a discussion on law enforcement as to our options. Lost the internet connection which in turn dropped the zoom attendees. Recorder Bigler finished recording the meeting on her phone. The Council continued their discussion on law enforcement for a brief time and then adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ezell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. 8:10 p.m.