# EUREKA CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING October 3, 2022 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 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

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Christina Dever, Jesica Severa, Shelly Stansfield

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Follow up discussion – Mark Terry property trade Nothing was discussed will put him on the next meeting agenda

Council Member Greg Evans – Discussion on use and charges for water from the Fill Station

Council Member Evans said he was talking with Patricia and Rachel, and they suggested putting whatever money we get from the fill station into a separate savings account. This money could be used as the raining day fund to purchase new equipment or to pay for repairs for water related issues. He commented that the money collected from when residents go over the 10,000 gallons could also be put in this account. Council Member Haynes thinks that is a good idea. Mayor Dever stated during the last discussion concerning the fill station they talked about making a tiered scheduled. He felt this was a good idea to add to our water audit. Council Member Snell asked if there was a cost in setting up an account. Recorder Bigler stated that "no" nothing has been setup. He thought a yearly renewal fee for the account was something we should look at. Mayor Dever will add this information and go over all the numbers. He would like to have it completed and an ordinance in place before the new year.

Council Member Greg Evans – Discussion on the equipment that has been ordered for sewer plant

He said he contacted the company we were dealing with on the new sewer screen, and they never received an order from us even though it was supposed to have been placed in May. Recorder Bigler said she received an email today with a credit application that needed to be filled out. She finished the application and emailed it back to them. It has now been ordered and hopefully it will be shipped out soon. The quote we received from them was for the equipment only. She

said the 2 motors we ordered should be here in the next couple of weeks. Council Member Evans will keep on top of this.

Mayor Chris Dever – Update on Water Audit He worked on it some more and will have more information coming soon.

Planning Commission – Training, Direction from City Council Mayor Dever said we need to get some training for them. He asked Council Member Nedreberg if he would be the liaison and help them with direction, and protocol. Recorder Bigler let the Council know who is on the Planning Commission. We have 5 people but need an alternate. Council Member Snell asked if they receive a stipend. Recorder Bigler said they receive \$10.00 per month. She commented that her and Rachel were going to ask if the Council would like them to withhold payment of the stipend until they start attending meetings. We have done this in the past and it has worked. Council Member Snell said he doesn't know the right answer, but he thinks the Council should look at what we are paying them. Mayor Dever said we may need to hold an Executive meeting soon to discuss employees' wages and stipends. Council Member Nedreberg will be going to the ULCT conference and will ask around as to what other cities are paying. He plans on giving a report next week.

#### Vacancy in the Public Works Department

Mayor Dever thanked Lynn Elliott for his years of service. He talked to Drew about his responsibilities now that Lynn is gone. He has let Drew know to ask him or the Council if he needs any help. Council Member Nedreberg asked if this is the position we need to advertise. Mayor Dever replied this is what him and the Council need to decide. Do we want to open this position up and where do we want to go in the future with this position. There was a discussion on what they might want to do with this position. He said Drew has been very open about his employment and his thoughts and ideas. He knows he has some certifications he needs to take. They talked about hiring a temporary employee until they get everything in place with the pay, job description, etc. Council Member Evans and Snell would like to have Drew attend the Council Meeting to get his thoughts and ideas. Mayor Dever will extend the invitation to Drew. He asked Recorder Bigler to create a google doc with all the job descriptions and post it on the drive for him and the Council to look at and add comments to. We can use it to build a job description.

#### Discussion on Employees Health Insurance Renewal

Recorder Bigler handed out the renewal packet including the rate sheet for the Council to review. A decision needs to be made by the renewal date in November. There are renewal kick off meetings from Oct 12<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. The open enrollment opened today and goes to November 18<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion on what would be the best option for the employees and the possibility of the employees paying some of the cost. Mayor Dever asked Council Member Haynes, Snell, and Nedreberg to work with Recorder Bigler on what type of insurance plan would be best for the city and the employees. Recorder Bigler said she was planning on attending a renewal kick off meeting to get more information. Council Member Snell would like to contact Curtis Tonks and see if he could come talk to the Council about the different plan options.

## Citizen Comment – Shelly Stansfield – Water Issue (Business/Residential Rates) Witch Dance

Shelly said the businesses came together and formed a group called The Eureka Small Business Alliance their motto is Unity for Community. At their meeting they discussed their concerns about how the businesses are paying the same rate as the residents for water and how she is planning a Halloween Spooktacular Extravaganza for everyone that will include a Witch Dance. Recorder Bigler stated the businesses on the water audit are not local and are using the fill station not metered water. Council Member Nedreberg commented just like the businesses some residents do not use very much water but pay the same rate. This is an equal scale for businesses and residents. Recorder Bigler said most cities have a commercial or business rate and residential rate. Shelly also brought up bringing the Zoom meetings back to help with transparency and to control rumors. The Mayor thanked her for her time.

Council Member Nedreberg attended the County Commission meeting on Truth in Taxation. He is not sure if it concerns the city. Mayor Dever said we need to wait and see how the County deals with their Truth in Taxation before we do anything.

Council Member Snell said the high school athletic department will be sponsoring a cleanup of the cemetery on October 12<sup>th</sup>. He had a call from Shanna Memmott with Juab Travel. She asked him if he would participate in the County rebranding. They are rebuilding their website redoing the County logo. She asked him if he would represent the Eureka Community on their committee and he wanted to make sure the Council was ok with this. The Mayor and Council thought it was a good idea. Council Member Nedreberg said he would be willing to be a backup if Council Member Snell couldn't make it to a meeting.

Mayor Dever said he had been contacted by Fred Garbett who is working for Eagle Mountain Sewer. He would like to temporarily borrow our Auger Monster. He said they could. He felt this would foster a relationship with them in case we needed anything.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Evans made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. 8:30 pm