

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2021 7:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Castleton opened the meeting and led everyone to 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 came in late 7:06 p.m.

Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present

City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present

City Attorney Melissa Mellor - Present

Others Present

Greg Evans, Gregory Thornock, Douglas Anderson, Brent Pulver

Gary Poh – via zoom, Lynn Elliott – via zoom

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Discussion concerning Performance Guarantee/Bonds.

Attorney Mellor went over what the bonds are and who needs them. This is for any development being done. The City Council and the Planning Commission need to understand what these bonds are and why they are important. She was planning to attend the last Planning Commission meeting, but it was canceled. She will get with them soon to discuss this issue.

b. Discussion concerning the Cottage Home Ordinance.

Attorney Mellor said this ordinance is based on the Historical Residential District copy that Park City has. Eureka does not have a historical district so this ordinance would be for existing non-conforming lots that at one time had or still have a home on them. They do not necessarily need to meet the previous footprint of the home but meet the setbacks for the size of the lot. Council Member Haynes thinks that we should require at least two off street parking spots. Attorney Mellor informed them that driveways or even a cement pad are considered off street parking. Council Member Rice wanted to know why it is only for one-story homes. Attorney Mellor said it can be changed but a height restriction would probably need to be added. She needs the Council to go over it and give her feedback on what they want. May need to push this item out until November.

c. Discussion concerning Building Permit/Inspection Fee for Natural Gas.

Mayor Castleton said he called the building inspector about the fee. He was told the maximum amount would be a total of \$210. The inspector said there is more paperwork required for this inspection than for an electrical, heating, or plumbing permit. Mayor Castleton would like to get

more information from Dominion on what paperwork they require. Council Member Ezell felt the fee for the natural gas should follow along the lines of what we charge for electrical, plumbing, and heating. The Council talked about amending the natural gas fee to make it more affordable to the residents. Mayor Castleton asked the Council to take it home and read it.

Council Member Ezell brought up an inspection problem he was made aware of. The new home being built on Haulage had dug and installed the water and sewer line and then covered it back up without an inspection from the City. Mayor Castleton said as far as he knew it had been inspected but they did not wait for a meter they put in a jumper. It was the back fill that was not inspected. Council Member Haynes said it is important that we get the back fill inspected. Our ordinance requires an inspection. If we are not going to require contractors to follow the ordinance, then maybe we should just get rid of it. He said there are testing companies that will come out and do the compaction test. He wants all the paperwork and tests completed and signed before the inspections are signed off.

d. Discussion concerning the Utah Main Street Program.

Mayor Castleton attended a meeting on this program at the ULCT conference. He explained the grant is mostly for businesses and he handed out some brochures he had received. If anyone knows of anyone on main street who may want to improve or upgrade their property let them know about this grant.

e. Discussion concerning Quote on replacing the existing Street Lights with LED.

Recorder Bigler handed the quote out to the Council at the last meeting and the Council was to go around town and look at the lights to see what is needed. They talked about using one of the CD's we have to pay for the lights. A discussion took place on adding new lights to areas that need them. Some of the Council felt we need to worry about the lights we have now and get them changed over before bringing in more lights. Mayor Castleton said there are a couple of areas where lighting is needed and areas where the existing light is no longer needed. He thinks we need to look at how much it would be to move those lights to the areas that need them. Look over for next meeting and be prepared to vote on it.

f. Discussion concerning Law Enforcement in Eureka.

Mayor Castleton asked the Council if they had any questions for the Sheriff. Council Member Ezell wanted clarification on when the officer would be here in town. Sheriff Anderson said for the nine months school is in session there would be a dedicated officer for school safety. For the three months off season the officer would be here for emergencies. He said this is being looked at first and for most for school safety with the benefit of having an officer here who could respond to emergencies. The 3-way investment that has been discussed would be about \$28,000 per investor. This covers the salary and benefits. This RSO would be for the school here in Eureka and the West Desert. Council Member Ezell wanted the dollar amount the City would need to pay for the year. Sheriff Anderson said he did not have that figure, but Eureka City would pay a proportionate amount of about \$5,700 to \$7,000. Attorney Mellor asked if there is a proposed MOU with the exact amount and everything as well as what the Sheriff Department has for a commitment that could be presented to the City and for her to review, then the Council would be in a better position to make a decision. Council Member Haynes brought up enforcing our ordinances. Attorney Mellor suggested the Code Enforcement Officer would do all the work

and then the Sheriff's Department would come in and issue the citation. This would limit what the Sheriff's Department would have to do but still be part of the case. This would make the City put forth a system for how they deal with zoning and nuisance cases. Attorney Mellor would prosecute those cases. Sheriff Anderson wanted the Code Enforcement to issue the citation and testify. Since the Code Enforcement Officer is not a law enforcement officer a long form would need to be done instead. Sheriff Anderson said he recommends any code enforcement be screened through the County Attorney's Office. Council Member Haynes said before the Council can look for the money in the budget, we need to know the maximum amount needed. Sheriff Anderson did not have that figure and said the amount could change each year.

g. Discussion concerning Special Event Ordinance.

Mayor Castleton asked if anyone had any questions on this ordinance. He did not see anything wrong with the copy Attorney Mellor had provided. He said if there are no further questions let's move forward.

Council discussed going into executive session to discuss budget and numbers for the SRO or should they wait until the next meeting. Council Member Ezell said we should wait and discuss this later. Recorder Bigler reminded the Council that the purpose of work meetings was to discuss items before the regular Council meetings. Council Member Ezell then asked if they wanted to discuss where to get the funds for the SRO tonight. Attorney Mellor said the discussion on the contract for the SRO would need to be discussed in an open meeting. She also stated there is no definitive statement on how much money they are asking. A general discussion on the SRO is on the agenda and can be discussed. As for deciding on the funding a specific amount has not yet been determined. The Council needs to go look at their budgets to see where they can find the money. This item will be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting. Attorney Mellor said the reason a MOU would be helpful is that it states how much it is going to cost and what is received for payment. It seems like they are stating it is primarily a school resource officer with other benefits. She does not feel it is the City's position to create the MOU to say this is what we are going to do. It appears the Sheriff's Department is working to gather partners and once they get people on board then they will send out MOU's if a contract is wanted or some other greater commitment. It needs to come from them. It is important for the City to demonstrate an interest in this. The next step is theirs.

Gary Poh asked about how he can get more information on the Main Street Program. Mayor Castleton gave Gary his email and said to email him and he will forward him the email and contact information for the program.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Ezell made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. 8:29 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items to discuss