

**EUREKA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 8, 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 – Present
Council Member Larry Ezell – Present
Council Member Travis Haynes – Present
Council Member Leslie Rice – Absent
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present
City Attorney Mellissa Mellor – Present via Zoom

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Janice Boswell, Jeremy Snell, Greg Thornock, Derk Palfreyman, Karen Palfreyman. Via Zoom: Shelly Stansfield, Patricia Wahlberg, Cory Hills, JaNeel Nielsen, Gary Poh, Adam.

Tim & Debora McMahan came in at the beginning of the meeting, talked to Council Member Larry Ezell and left right after.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2021. Council Member Trepanier seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried. Council Members Carlson, Ezell, Haynes, Trepanier - Aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$119,113.89
Deposit Amount:	\$ 83,455.75
Withdrawal Amount:	\$ 59,702.11
Checking Ending Balance:	\$142,867.53

Council Member Haynes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Council Member Carlson seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried. Council Members Carlson, Ezell, Haynes, Trepanier - Aye.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

Claims in the amount of \$55,136.62 were presented to the Council. Council Member Carlson made a motion to pay the claims. Council Member Ezell seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried. Council Members Carlson, Ezell, Haynes, Trepanier - Aye.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Nick Castleton – Nothing to report

Robert Trepanier – Meeting with CIB for the grant on the Old City Hall on Thursday at 10 am over zoom if anyone wants to go. Council Member Carlson asked what exactly we are doing since he is over buildings. CIB told him we have the grant, but only for \$7,500 if we can get it done before August 25th, we would be able to get the full \$10,000 which we will match with labor. The back door needs to be done and what is left will be used for a security system.

Travis Haynes – Saw Drew patching potholes the other day. He said there is a patch mix called Perma Patch and it is for potholes. He said it may be a benefit for the guys to try using it rather than what we are using now. He wants to hold off on chip sealing the roads since Dominion Energy will need to dig them up for the natural gas line. Council Member Ezell said Dominion Energy are talking about putting 2 lines down each street. Travis said everything on Jr. Jazz is good. Asked if the baseball signups had gone out yet. Recorder Bigler said yes, and we have had a few get turned in already.

Darrin Carlson – Put in a work order some time ago to put in splash guards on the down spouts here at City Hall and it has not been done.

Leslie Rice – Absent

Recorder Bigler informed the Council that Jay Mecham with Country Garbage called and said all the other cities have set dates for their city cleanups and it leaves Eureka only being able to do it the last 2 weeks in May. He does not want to bring up a tire bin since we did not have many tires last year.

Larry Ezell – Talked to Public Works Director Elliott about getting the sewer screen. He said he would see if he could get it for free or at a reduced price. We will need to pay someone to install it. He has not heard back yet from Director Elliott.

B. Planning Commission

No report

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid Acknowledgment on Orange 10-Wheeler – Terry Allred, Rocky Ridge Town.

A bid \$12,000 for the Orange 10-wheeler truck was accepted at the office. The Council had a copy of the bid and read over it. Council Member Carlson made a motion to accept the bid from Rocky Ridge for \$12,000. Council Member Ezell seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried. Council Members Carlson, Ezell, Haynes, Trepanier – Aye.

Council Member Ezell said we need to find a bobtail that we can afford. Council Member Haynes has a good idea of what we need. The Council discussed some ideas for the bobtail.

B. Derk Palfreyman - Palfreyman Homes – Offer to purchase a piece of Railroad Property. Mr. Palfreyman was present to request to purchase a piece of City Railroad Property. He has met with Patricia Wahlberg about purchasing some property from her. Council Member Ezell asked Patricia if she will still need the easement from the City and if she was ok with the sell to Derk. She said she has met with Derk and is fine with the sell and will not need the easement. Council Member Haynes made a motion to sell the property. Council Member Ezell seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried. Council Members Carlson, Ezell, Haynes, Trepanier – Aye.

C. Joni Wall – Animal Rights for Properties in Eureka. Received an email asking to be removed from the agenda, she could not make it to the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Melissa Mellor, City Attorney – Discussion on Code Enforcement for Eureka City and Information from recent meeting with Juab County.

Attorney Mellor said that she, along with the Mayor, met with the County Attorney and Sheriff Deputy Brent Pulver over code enforcement and animal issues. The current issue with the vicious dog attack is being handled in court. Code Enforcement - She explained that after talking to Deputy Pulver he told her they do not cite for City Ordinances. The Code Enforcement Officer needs to do all the investigation and then turn it into the Sheriff's Office for them to cite. They can cite for alcohol related issues with Business Licenses. Mona has a MOU with Juab County Sheriff Department at a cost of \$10,000 per year. She requested a copy. Depending on staffing availability they try to have a deputy come out to Eureka at least once a shift to patrol. The County Attorney will not prosecute nuisance cases because of an issue they had in Mona. The City needs to have their own prosecutor for those cases. Those cases would be handled through the Juab County Justice Court and any money would be split 50/50. They discussed the possibility of a school resource officer, who would be stationed at the school but could respond to any emergency. The cost of this officer would be \$28,000 a year. For our animal control we may need to enter a MOU with Nephi or Levan. Council Member Ezell wanted to have Attorney Mellor clarify what the Code Enforcement Officer does. She said he will gather all information for the investigation such as pictures, reports, documentation and be prepared to testify in court. Another discussion took place with the Council and Greg Thornock and Jeremy Snell with the Tintic School district about the Resource Officer.

B. Review of Department Budgets.

The Mayor said after looking at the budget we are doing good. Council Member Haynes said we have a lot of fuel expenses and we still have 3 months left. Discussion about possibly splitting the fuel expenses between streets and water. Recorder Bigler said the fuel invoices do not show where the fuel is being used only the amount and what truck. To split the fuel, the guys will need to keep track of which department they are getting the gas for and submit a ticket or something to the office. A discussion on animal control and what is needed in the budget. First need to get the Code Enforcement Officer up to speed and then get a MOU with either Nephi or Levan. The Mayor did not want to go with Levan because their kennel does not meet State code.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A. Review and Discussion on Animal Control Ordinances from other cities/towns.

Was not discussed

CITIZEN COMMENTS

(Citizens who had submitted their question or concerns in writing prior to the meeting may do so at this time but will be limited to two minutes each.)

Greg Thornock was representing the school district and they are gathering data to extend the high school track. Looking at rubberized lanes with grass in middle. This could help with school and community activities. He is not asking for money but asking for an alliance between the City and the school. He feels this would be a good place for the community and others to gather. He would like to have the City's help in maybe finding and getting grants that they do not have access to. They are looking at get matching grants. They received a donation from Jim Fillmore upon his passing and would like to use it for this project. Council Member Carlson said in April he can talk to Tyler Timmons with Six County about CDBG grants. Council Member Haynes asked if they have any figures and a list of what they need. They do not have that available right now they are still in the gathering stage. Council Member Haynes gave Greg some ideas to where they could get topsoil and maybe work with the City to get it. The City may be able to use some of our soil we have to help. Greg would like to put a pavilion of sorts in between the track and the ballfields that the community could use as well.

Zoom Comments:

Cory Hill: Can you tell us what MOU is?

Recorder Bigler: An MOU is a memorandum of understanding

Cory Hill: Thank you

Shelly Stansfield: well I'm having trouble hearing everyone but Melissa. However, she was saying some interesting things about getting the citations enforceable!

Melissa M: memorandum of understanding. a non-binding contract

Cory Hill: Remind the Council they are muffled cannot understand them

Melissa M: I just sent an email to the Mayor and Patricia asking about the microphone system. I agree it needs to be implemented ASAP. Council Member Carlson said they will be up on March 16th to install the microphones.

Gary Poh: Thank you Melissa

Shelly Stansfield: Yes, thank you! I'm really struggling to hear!

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Carlson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ezell seconded meeting adjourned.