

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND WELCOME – Mayor Castleton

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
City Recorder – Patricia Bigler
City Attorney – Melissa Mellor
Public Works Director Lynn Elliott – Came in towards end of meeting

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ferrel Thomas, John Webber, Pauline Webber, Bob Trepanier, Warren Holman, Cabot Peacock

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes from February 10, 2020.
Council Member Ezell seconded. All in favor motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

**EUREKA CITY
TREASURER’S REPORT
FOR FEBRUARY 2020**

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$ 26,133.52
Deposit Amount:	\$ 76,289.91
Withdrawal Amount:	\$ 66,758.53
Checking Ending Balance:	\$ 35,664.90

Recorder Bigler read the Treasurer’s Report. Council Member Rice made a motion to approve.
Council Member Carlson seconded. All in favor motion carried.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

Claims in the amount of \$42,366.69 were presented to the Council. Council Member Ezell asked how many propane tanks the City had and if we owned any of them. The City has 5 tanks and that includes the one at the Old City Hall. She doesn’t think we own any of them. Council Member Ezell made a motion to pay the claims. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Nick Castleton – Asked what the Council wanted to do with the money left from project. He would like to keep some of it and then pay down the fund balance. Council Member Rice asked if we need to keep any to purchase needed supplies to keep on hand. He didn't know if we can use it for that. Recorder Bigler said we need to update our computer system to a new program called Harmony. She handed out a list of the items that we will need and how much it will cost. He will need to talk to Jesse, Lynn and Pat to make sure everything is functionally correctly. Attorney Mellor suggests writing a letter to let them know we have further obligations.

Hortt Carter - Absent

Travis Haynes – Need to get the pricing for the chips, oil, etc. Will need to get the measurements of the roads such as Beck St, Church St, Railroad St, and Dublin. He will see if the guys can do it. Rachel is working on baseball sign ups. Talked to Gordon on the bathrooms for the trailhead. Mayor Castleton said he received an email from Tara. He didn't know if she was over the grant, but he will forward the email to him.

Darrin Carlson – Worked up a schedule for the Memorial Bldg. He figures the job should take 2 garbage totes. Recorder Bigler mentioned the City Shop was getting a dumpster. He went over the schedule with the Council. He will pick up the paint and the door. He will be building the door to help save money.

Leslie Rice – The Planning Commission meeting had several families attend to discuss an easement. The Council discussed this issue at the work meeting and canceled the Public Hearing. Council Member Haynes said we are not here to provide access to people's property. Council Member Ezell reiterated what he had said at the work meeting that the City needs to keep an easement on property we sell. Council Member Haynes said at the work meeting he had asked if a letter could be sent out to adjacent property owners asking if they would like to purchase the property. Attorney Mellor said she will check into the matter further. Council Member Rice asked if we could also have Attorney Mellor look into the issue with the probate judge and our streets. We received a letter from the County when we tried to sell the property to Travis Fields and Taylor Draper.

Larry Ezell – Tried to get online to see if the SB on natural gas had passed. Mayor Castleton said it had passed. He asked if Dominion had approved the Franchise Agreement. Mayor Castleton talked to their Attorney and he has not heard if there were any changes. If they get approval from the Public Service Commission in June they could start by October or November. Hoping by the fall of 2021 all connections should be completed. Mayor Castleton found out the Building Inspector will need to inspect every connection. The homeowner will have to pay for the inspection. Warren Holman asked if they gave us any idea how much this was going to cost. They have said the total project could cost \$20 million.

B. Planning Commission

1. Discussion of Planning Commission's recommendation for a proposed easement. (Public Hearing was canceled by City Council until more information can be obtained.) See discussion under Council Member Leslie Rice's report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ferrel Thomas – Inquiry concerning wastewater service fees if not being used

Ferrel wanted to know who is raising our water rates and who does he talk to. The Council recently went over the maintenance fee rates and realized there needed to be some changes done. With the added expense of loans from the water & sewer project and people abusing the way the fee was intended to work the Council decided to do away with the fee. In its place a new utility service fee was set up.

B. Tintic Historical Society – Discussion on City Services Charges for Old City Hall and Mining Museum

Warren wanted to know why the Historical Society is now being charged for water. The City was informed during one of our audits that we needed to start billing everyone including the City for water. Recorder Bigler said anyone with a water connection now must be billed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Cabot Peacock, Request to purchase City property adjacent to old medical clinic

Mr. Peacock introduced himself and why he would like to purchase the property. He understands why the City is reluctant to sell the property. The Council looked at the drawings and had a discussion with Mr. Peacock on parking spaces, RV parking along with no overnight parking, and the ditch. The Council's main concern would be to keep the public parking free. He will have his engineers in Cedar City work up a site plan. Council Member Haynes asked if they could have the plan worked up with two different scenarios. One with City owned property and one without. He is thinking of three small retail spaces and the Silver Club possibly would have a hotel/saloon type façade, but it would be family friendly. The Council told Mr. Peacock to have it ready for the work meeting in April.

B. Impact Fees for Water, Sewer & Parks & Recreation

Council Member Carlson wanted to know why we don't have a transportation plan, why the wastewater fee went down, and finally why the water fee is so low. Mayor Castleton said with the work we have recently done on the roads it was felt an impact fee wasn't needed. He wasn't sure about the sewer and water fees. Council Member Carlson doesn't want the City to sell itself short on not getting enough on our fees. Attorney Mellor felt it is reasonable to ask Zions to come and explain how they came up with the fees and to address our concerns. She knows we want them implemented as soon as possible. We will need to hold a Public Hearing before they can be implemented. She will contact Zions Bank and set it up to have them come talk to the Council. If any of you have more questions on the impact fees let her know. Mayor Castleton said we need to have you write a letter to Chief concerning the roads in the Fitchville area. He said the City talked to Chief before starting the Water & Sewer project about getting the roads. However, Chief sold part of Haulage to Dayna Kirgan when she purchased her property from them. Council Member Carlson thinks the original agreement was the City was to have all the roads surveyed and give that to the Chief. Mayor Castleton said the City has done that twice.

Attorney Mellor would like to see all the information on the annexation and anything else we have.

C. Presentation of Corrected Survey from Robert Allinson on Lot Split

The new map shows the corner pin was moved as requested by the Council. Recorder Bigler asked if it needed to be notarized or attested since it is in our ordinance. She read the ordinance to the Council. Attorney Mellor said we need to follow what ordinance says. Council Member Haynes said he thinks there is an issue with one of the survey dots. Council Member Carlson agreed and said he thinks the description is wrong too. Attorney Mellor said she knows the surveyor and will call him about this and to add a line for Recorder Bigler to attest.

Public Works Director Elliott reported one of the booster pumps has died again. They found the problem and fixed it by working with Pat from Rebel Automation. He said the repeater went down Friday night and he figures this led to the problem with the pump. He will need to get the pump replaced as soon as possible. A new pump costs around \$12,000. He found out that the Master Links software needs to be upgraded. They went to Harmony just after we got the software we have now, and we will need to upgrade to Encore. It will cost about \$2,500 to upgrade to Harmony. We will be able to use Encore if we upgrade to Harmony and shouldn't have to upgrade for 30 years. On our SCADA the State is now requiring reports from it. Currently our computer doesn't have the Excel program to run the reports. Rebel Automation can load it on the computer for \$100. Mayor Castleton said due to these additional projects he will be hiring a temporary employee to handle the crosswalk and the dump. The light pole we had to put in is not quite the same as the old ones. Because of this it took longer to install.

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

No items

CITIZEN COMMENTS

(Citizens wishing to address the council may do so at this time with any questions or concerns but will be limited to two minutes each.)

No comments were taken

EXECUTIVE MEETING

There were no items to be discussed

ADJOURNMENT

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