

**EUREKA CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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 via Zoom
Council Member Jeremy Snell – Present
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Present
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom

Mayor Dever said that Council Member Nedreberg was excused. He may try to join the meeting via Zoom.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tina Wall, AJ Fite, Joyce Wright, Niels Wright, Shelly Stansfield, Jessica Severa

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Council Member Trepanier made a motion to approve the minutes from September 12th. Council Member Haynes seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Council Member Trepanier made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Council Member Evans seconded. No discussion all in favor motion carried.

**EUREKA CITY
TREASURER’S REPORT
FOR SETEMBER**

Checking Beginning Balance:	\$204,385.77
Deposit Amount:	\$189,253.71
Withdrawal Amount:	\$140,427.51
Checking Ending Balance:	\$253,211.97

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY

Council Member Snell asked what the Google bill was for and if it was a monthly payment. Recorder Bigler replied it was for the city email account and it is a monthly payment. He then made a motion to approve the claims. Council Member Haynes seconded. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Chris Dever – Has been working with Vernon City on a Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant through the State.

He spoke with the Engineer for the proposed RV park about getting some engineered plans. Council Member Evans mentioned they only turned in a concept plan.

Recorder Bigler said Council Member Nedreberg and Attorney Mellor had joined the meeting via Zoom at 7:11 pm.

Robert Trepanier – There will be a grant available next year for the State Historical Preservation for up to \$10,000 and he will be putting in for it again. He said we got the grant a couple of years ago, but the project fell through and we lost the grant.

Travis Haynes – Nothing to report

Thomas Nedreberg – He attended the ULCT conference and has a lot of information he will report on at the next work meeting.

Greg Evans – The two motors for the sewer plant have been delivered. Recorder Bigler said the company for the sewer screen has a new guy over our order and he asked for another credit report. She filled it out and emailed it to him. They have not sent any information of it being sent out.

Jeremy Snell – He met with Shanna Memmott and Vistaworks and they went through the museums and went on a side-by-side ride. They took some drone pictures of Main St and the autumn leaves. This was part of the Juab County rebranding he is involved with. He talked to Sarah Swalsberg with Tintic High School about the cemetery cleanup the athletic department will be doing. She told him they will be doing a video and would like to present it to the Council when it is finished. She did ask where they could pile the sage brush and weeds. Drew mentioned they could put it in the brush pile located behind the cemetery. Mayor Dever asked Drew if he could help oversee the project.

Planning Commission – Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Updating Citywide Curfew

Mayor Dever said they need to look at amending the curfews to include a commercial curfew. He would like to get input from the businesses and residents on what they would like done. He

wants to have clarity in the ordinance so when a complaint comes in, we have something to go by. He wants this on the agenda for next month's work meeting. Council Member Trepanier had some questions as to what the ordinance we have entails. Recorder Bigler said it is under the noise ordinance and she gave everyone a copy. She said we have a noise ordinance and an actual curfew for kids. She feels a city-wide noise ordinance would be a good idea. Council Member Evans said as it stands now quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am during the week and on weekends it is from 11 pm to 6 pm for residents. Council Member Trepanier thinks that would be ridiculous to have the businesses follow that rule. Council Member Snell believes it should be more of a noise ordinance than a curfew. He said the ordinance needs to be something we are willing and able to enforce.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTION ITEMS

Drew Froula – Discussion/Thoughts on vacant position

Drew had given the Mayor a letter asking for an increase in pay. Mayor Dever asked Drew to come up and state his reasons for asking for the increase in pay. Drew said the job is more than just riding around. There are a lot of things that get done that people are not seeing. There are certifications that he has had to get since he started working for the city. He felt with all he has done and is now being asked to do he should get a raise. Mayor Dever said there will be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss employee wages and the vacant job position. He hopes to get an answer to him tonight. Drew stated a part-time employee would be good, but it would work better if he had another full-time employee especially during the winter with all the plowing that is done. Council Member Snell felt it was important to have Drew's input when it came to putting together a job description. We need to take our time and get this right. A discussion took place on what should be in the job description and what type of person is needed. Council Member Snell asked Drew his opinion on the code enforcement officer and could it be incorporated into public works. Drew thought it could easily be incorporated into the public works. The guys out in the field are the eyes and ears of the city and can spot issues more quickly. He felt there is a lack of following through on the enforcement by the city attorney and not having a fee schedule. He said usually 90% of them can be solved by just talking to the person. Mayor Dever felt Drew was representing the city very well.

Health Insurance Renewal for employees

Council Member Snell contacted Curtis Tonks with Utah Local Governments Trust. He had a good discussion with him, and he was given a link to get more information. He used the link and was able to get the information he needed. He feels this will play into the discussion they had about employee compensation and benefits. The good thing is the rate increase for the insurance this year was not very high it only 3.5%.

Amending Job Descriptions for employees

Mayor Dever and Council Member Nedreberg had discussed some ideas. He knows that Drew's, Patricia's, and Rachel's job descriptions are particular on what the expectations are and what they must do. The Mayor will continue to work on this.

Opening of temporary position in Public Works Dept to fill vacancy on a "Temporary Basis Only" until Official Notice is placed

Mayor Dever told Drew until they can get someone hired, please call him or any of the Council Members if he needs help. Council Member Snell said we need to make sure the posting is clear that it is a temporary position with no benefits. Council Member Trepanier made a motion to allow the Mayor to fill this temporary position at what hours and pay he deems necessary. Council Member Nedreberg second. No further discussion all in favor motion carried.

Decision on Accepting applications from new customers for the Eureka Fill Station/Charging Set up Fee

Mayor Dever said he will bring a tiered rate to the next work meeting. Recorder Bigler mentioned we had a gentleman come in today that wanted to set up an account and get water. He was doing some work at the Silver City Cemetery. He said he was able to get water over the weekend from someone who was using the fill station. The users are not supposed to give their pin numbers to anyone or let them fill up if they do not have an account. She asked him who allowed him to fill up, but he would not give her a name. She printed off a list of all those who used the fill station over the weekend if the Council wants to look at it. Council Member Snell really wants to have a setup fee for new accounts. Council Member Haynes agreed and felt there needs to be a debt service fee too. All the Council agreed. Mayor Dever wanted to table voting on anything until they decide on the setup and debt service fee. Council Member Haynes said the debt service fee should be the same amount as what the city already charges. Recorder Bigler mentioned we are getting more people from the Elberta and Goshen area signing up because of how cheap it is. Mayor Dever wants this as an agenda item for the work meeting. The Mayor said the office could start setting up new accounts.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

(Citizens who had submitted their question or concerns in writing prior to the meeting may speak at this time, if present, but will be limited to two minutes.)

Shelly Stansfield

She brought up bringing back zoom meetings again. She still feels this would help stop the rumors and promote positive communications. She said she has contacted Doug Meadows about using the parking area below the Emporium on Saturday, October 29th for the Eureka Spooktacular the businesses are putting on. There will not be a charge for any of the activities. She said that Chris Trowbridge with Gas Hole has a drone they are going to use to film the witch dance and put in on YouTube. Mayor Dever would like to have her fill out an event permit just in case and we would waive the fee. He also said he would pay for the use of the Memorial Building for restrooms or in case of bad weather, however; Recorder Bigler said the building was being rented that day. Council Member Snell said the recreation department could possibly cover the cost for a couple of portable restrooms. Drew suggested we reach out to the Sheriff's Office to see if they can patrol that night. She said the goal of the Small Business Alliance is to build unity in the community and this is a good start. She had some questions concerning the curfew and if it is really that important. Mayor Dever felt it was and once everything is put in place it would protect the businesses and the residents. He would like to get the businesses and public input on what should be in the ordinance. Attorney Mellor said not to call it a curfew it would fall under the noise ordinance. As far as enforcement some cities have moved to an administrative code enforcement. The code enforcement officer would issue the fine and if it was not paid then a lien could be placed on their property. Shelly said she has talked to the Mayor

about the possibility of having a forum of one or two Council Members to come speak to the Small Business Alliance to help build bridges and enforce transparency.

Council Member Haynes made a motion to move into the Executive Session. Council Member Trepanier seconded. No discussion all in favor meeting moved into closed session. 8:40 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel: Job Descriptions, Wages and Benefits

When the Mayor and Council came back into the regular meeting Mayor Dever reported the findings of the executive meeting. They will be increasing Drew's wages to \$19.00 per hour starting the next pay period. A cost-of-living adjustment increase of 5% will be given to the rest of the employees starting the next pay period. Because of the wage increase Drew will not be included in the 5% cost-of living adjustment. The new temporary position wage will be \$18.00 per hour. They will discuss the wages further during the new budget sessions. At the next work meeting in November, they will be discussing job descriptions. Council Member Snell said a decision needs to be made on the employees' insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Haynes made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Evans seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned. 9:46 pm