

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK MEETING  
DECEMBER 3, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Castleton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Public in Attendance:**

Clifford Francom	Jonathan Street
Kim Savage	Ryan Savage

**Staff in Attendance:**

Patricia Bigler – City Recorder

**Roll Call:**

Nick Castleton – **Present**  
Kimberlee Clem – **Present**  
Tamra Jameson – **Absent**  
Hortt Carter – **Absent**  
Leslie Rice – **Present**

**Discussion Items:**

**Ryan Savage, Discussion on City Hall Renovation**

Ryan and Kim Savage were present at the meeting to discuss the renovation of City Hall. Went back through plans and we won't get everything we planned on. He said that everyone was scared because it is an old building. Mr. Savage said the City has a grant of \$333,000 and basically what we can do is the flooring, roof, cleaning of the basement, stucco repair, and gas furnace. Would not be able to fix the bathroom to ADA accessibility or get the new office space. Council Member Grimstead said it would be better to build a new building and give the old one to the Historical Society. Council Member Clem can we fix up the building we are using now. A brand new proposal would have to be done. Council Member Grimstead thanked them for what they have done so far. We could go back to see if we could move money to another project if that is what Council would like to do. Need to wait for a full Council to make that decision. Put back on the agenda for next week.

**Jonathan Street and Clifford Francom asked if they could speak to the Council about a proposal for the existing tree farm**

Mayor Castleton said he had been approached by Jonathan Street and Clifford Francom with a proposal to lease the tree farm. Both gentlemen were present at the meeting. Mr. Street passed out a copy of the proposal for the Council to look at. He went over each page of the handout. Council Member Grimstead asked have you calculated that there is enough water available for the proposed 17 acre Christmas tree farm. Mayor Castleton said that is the current size of the tree farm we have now. Council Member Grimstead mentioned growing Marijuana. Mr. Street said that was part of the idea he had. How long will it take to for the trees to reach the height needed. It should take about 8 years. He would initially fill his pond with sewage pond discharge water.

He said over time the aquafer will rise and he would use that water. Mr. Street would like to rent the land at \$1.00 an acre per year. He proposes to give the City a 2% gross revenue of the business. Eventually he would like to have activities like ice skating, live bands, sleigh rides, etc. along with the tree sales, and selling knickknacks. He feels this would bring in business to the other business in Eureka. In the summer he will plant flowers to sell. Council Member Grimstead asked if any studies were done in case the aquafer doesn't rise or is drained. Mr. Street said he is relying mainly on the sewer discharge and rainfall, so this should not hurt the aquafer. Council Member Grimstead said it is a wonderful idea, but he is not sure about it. He would have to do some checking. Mayor Castleton said when he gets the contract finished email it to him and the City and he will distribute it to the Council.

### **Discussion of City Finances and scheduling a Public Hearing to Amend the Budget**

Council Member Grimstead asked how much money do we that is unencumbered. There are some CD's that are earmarked for the General Fund. Recorder Bigler said we cannot take out all our money we have saved, or we won't have any money left. She informed the Council we are close to not having any money left because of the money spent that was not in the budget. She said we are very low on funds and one of the reasons is the State messed up one of our loans. They had not billed us for 3 years. When the auditor found this mistake, she called the State to get it fixed. They mailed us out the bill and demanded we pay the loan current. She said with all the other spending that was done this left the funds very low. The budget will need to be opened and amended because of this. Council Member Grimstead asked Recorder Bigler what the best way to get the budget amended and done right. She needs more cooperation from the Council when it comes time to due the budget. They need to sit down, take the time, and go over what they are going to need for the up coming year and not wait until after the budget is finished to decide they need money for this project or for that repair. We need to look more closely at the budget. Recorder Bigler said the administrative budget is hurting. The hiring of Travis Beard really took a toll on the administrative budget. We did not have the money for him budgeted. Council Member Grimstead asked if we have ever received any kind of report from him on what he was working on. Mayor Castleton said he got a signed contract with the school to do a tech/call center. He also asked for a written report, but never received one. The City has no information on if this took place. Council Member Grimstead said if the tech/call center doesn't go through then there is nothing to show for what we spent. Can we ask the Department of Workforce Services to see if they have anything? Mayor Castleton said he would contact them. Recorder Bigler said to go over each of your budget sections to see where you went over. She said that her and the Mayor have done the budget themselves because the Council didn't turn in anything. Recorder Bigler said at the last Council meeting the Council voted to refund a building permit, a water leak that was on the resident's side, made donations, this needs to stop.

### **Discussion on Impact Fees**

Mayor Castleton said he talked to Jesse Ralphs with Sunrise. He said the stuff that Mat Kennedy does is basically what we need. Recorder Bigler said according to the lawyer this is only for water and sewer and are not actually impact fees. He also said if we are going to grow, we need to have impact fees on parks and streets. Recorder Bigler said she agrees we need to pull the money out of the CD to pay for impact fees. She said we need do them right. We will need to have public hearings. We need to talk to the lawyer.

Mayor Castleton mentioned annual meeting schedule. Look over the schedule and let Recorder Bigler know if there are any issues.

**Adjournment:**

Council Member Grimstead made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Rice seconded. All in favor meeting was adjourned.

**Executive Session:**

There were no items to be discussed.