

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
JUNE 3, 2024 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
Council Member Jeremy Snell – Present
Council Member Robert Trepanier – Absent
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom
City Maintenance Technician Joe Carpenter – Present
City Maintenance Technician Bret Renzello - Present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Carpenter, Robert Jenkins, Bradley Anderson,

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Shay Morrison Community Advisor.

Council Member Evans said he didn't think Shay was going to make it to the meeting, but he sent out the Community Advisory update. Mayor Dever wanted to publicly thank Shay for everything he is doing for us.

Discussion on the Capital improvements Project List (CIP).

Mayor Dever said we need to get a list together of what we need. Council Member Evans said we need to identify the different projects whether they are parks, water, or sewer and have them ready to go when grants come available. Council Member Nedreberg felt we should look at having Sunrise or someone help us redo all our ordinances on zonings, etc. Jones & DeMille is another company we could look at. Council Member Haynes asked how engineers estimate works if the project doesn't get done. Council Member Evans said he didn't think it was too hard to update the estimates. Mayor Dever recommended the Council come up with five ideas they feel are important and have them ready to discuss and prioritize at the next meeting.

Discussion on Setting Goals & Projects for the future.

This item was included in the discussion above.

JUB Stormwater Project Update.

Council Member Evans had a meeting with JUB. The EPA had an issue with putting in the detention pond and channel. This was initially going in up by the motorcross, but because that is in the middle of the floodplain it cannot be disturbed. He showed them pictures of the flooding

we had last year, and it changed the scope of the project and brought costs down. UDOT may put some funding in and that would be part of our match. He explained to the Council how the project would work. Mayor Dever gave props to former Mayor Nick Castleton for getting this started. Council Member Haynes asked can we extend anywhere else into project like Beck St. Council Member Evans said there were several streets that were included. They will come up in August for a site visit. The floodplain has changed and that is a concern.

Announcement of new employees.

Council Member Nedreberg said we have Heather Zufelt who will be handling the dump and janitorial duties, and two students Conner Fuell and Eloisa Thornock. Mayor Dever thanked Recorder Bigler for staying late and making calls.

Discussion of Letter received concerning Wastewater Department, Possible Fines.

Joe said he received an email about the possibility of fines from the year the city did not have a water operator and the negligence the State found at the sewer plant. We need to give them a formal response to the fines this week. The fine is currently \$35,000 but it can go higher into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. He spoke to Amber, and we may be able to get the fine reduced even more. She likes what she has seen since the new operators came on board. She has been talking with the State and they said there has been a complete turnaround and change in what has been done. This is why the fine is as low as it is. Amber will try to be here on June 11th when Jennifer is here. We have a simple sewer system and if we don't comply, they can make us upgrade to the newest system. The city cannot afford that. The sewer plant has been out of compliance since at least 2020. Jennifer wants our application updated by July. Mayor Dever wanted to give Joe, Bret, and Darrin props for getting the systems up and running the way they should be. Council Member Evans will work with Joe and Dennis with Rural Water to get this taken care of.

Joe said we have five benches and two garbage cans from the Ride to Light Up Eureka funds. He needs to know where the Council would like to put them. Recorder Bigler mentioned Doug came in and said he will leave it up to the Council to decide where to put them, but he wanted one in the pocket park. Council Member Haynes asked if they would be removed during the winter. He was concerned the salt from the roads would damage them. Council Member Snell said they are very heavy, and it might be difficult to move them around. He will work on a solution and discuss it at the next meeting. Joe wanted to thank Recorder Bigler for all her work on the interviews and getting things ready for the summer hires.

Discussion on SCADA System, new computer.

Council Member Evans asked if we had received an estimate yet from Pat. We have not. Recorder Bigler mentioned she tried to go into the system using her phone, but it didn't work. Council Member Nedreberg will check on getting computers for guys.

Bret talked to Lynn about the fire hydrants. He said they tested five of the hydrants that were black bagged and were able to get four turned on. One of those still needed work. It was leaking from the base. The valves were shut off in the road. He would like to test all of them.

Discussion of Grants on Water Projects.

Mayor Dever felt they had discussed this and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Discussion of Budget for FY Ending June 30, 2025, consider the purchase of another city vehicle and other miscellaneous equipment needed.

Mayor Dever felt an old cop car would be the way to go. It could be used for going to conferences, bank deposits, and for Heather to use at the dump. Council Member Haynes said he thought Santaquin City had a used crossover for sale. He will work with Recorder Bigler to find a vehicle. He asked Council Member Snell to look at the Public Surplus site for anything that might work for the city.

Mayor Dever would like the Council Members to meet with Recorder Bigler to go over their budgets. The Public Hearing will be next Monday at 6:30 pm.

Discussion of recent vandalism at City Park restrooms.

Recorder Bigler said someone had started fires in both the bottom restrooms and one of the hand sanitizers was broken. Joe caught a person camping next to the restrooms who had hooked his motorhome up to the water in the men's restroom. The very next week someone filled the women's toilet with dirt and toilet paper. The maintenance workers were able to get the toilet working again. Someone painted with chalk on the snack shack. A work order was sent out to get it pressured washed before anymore was added. The Council talked about putting cameras at the park. Recorder Bigler said we need cameras at City Hall, Fill Station, City Shop, and the Snack Shack. We do have a set of new blink cameras that could be installed.

Robert Jenkins, a new member of the Planning Commission said he has been looking at easements. He said when someone comes in to get a building permit the city can state that an easement is required in this spot for utilities. He would like to work with the lawyer to get the wording right. Recorder Bigler said Neils Wright is still interested in being on the Commission. So far, we have three people on the Planning Commission. Council Member Evans said Shay is more than happy to meet with the Planning Commission to update our ordinances. Mayor Dever commented he had been approached by a developer about the property for sale above the fire station. Council Member Haynes said when that property was rezoned to residential it was mentioned at the time that neither water tank is high enough to feed the area and they would need to install a new tank. He wants to make sure the developers know this. He doesn't want it to fall back on the city to provide the new tank. He would like the developers to come before the Council to avoid any side meetings. Robert feels the city should figure out how many homes can be added to our existing system. The Mayor said the rough estimate done a few years ago was 200.

Discussion of Grazing & Building Leases.

Mayor Dever said we have talked about raising the rates for both the building and grazing leases. Do we want to go ahead and raise them? He has talked to Charlie D's and the Historical Society seems to be more solvent. Recorder Bigler mentioned we have a gentleman on the agenda for the Council Meeting who would like to lease the property by the sewer plant. The maintenance workers need to check out the condition of the fence and the condition of the property. She said currently Bill Riley is leasing property from us. He doesn't have a current lease all he has done is

pay the \$250. She has brought this up a couple of times but has not received any guidance. He has been leasing this property for several years. He signed the lease the very first year and that is it. Attorney Mellor said she believes it is for a one-year term that renews every year. The lease for the Historical Society had been drafted but not executed. The rate for the Historical Society has been set. We still need the paperwork from them before we can move ahead. Council Member Snell feels the three leases need to be on the agenda for the Council Meeting. He wanted to know who was dumping where the old dump used to be. Mayor Dever said he let a couple of people dump their clean fill there. Council Member Haynes said we need to make sure the dirt is tested clean. If we are going to allow this then a gate will be needed, and a fee charged. Council Member Snell does not want another dump next to the cemetery. Council Member Haynes would like to put the procedures for the topsoil on next week's agenda. Attorney Mellor asked if there will be any fireworks restrictions this year. Let's put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Attorney Mellor will write something up and will follow up with the Mayor.

Council Member Snell brought up that Chase Norman, a fourth grader from Eureka Elementary School, won the Statewide Utah League of City and Towns essay contest. He was presented his award at the elementary school awards assembly and a big ceremony will be held in September during the ULCT meeting. He would like him to come to a Council Meeting and read his essay "Why you are Proud of your Community." He proposed the city buy him a gift card or recognize him somehow. Recorder Bigler mentioned she put his essay in the newsletter. Mayor Dever would like a Decree made up along with a gift card for Chase and to also recognize his teacher Bariann Haynes. He would like to do this at the July meeting. Attorney Mellor will write something up.

Council Member Haynes made a motion to move into Executive Session. Council Member Evans seconded. No discussion meeting moved into Executive Session. 9:02 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Nedreberg made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Haynes seconded. All in favor meeting adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.