

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2023 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 – Present  
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present  
City Attorney Melissa Mellor – Present via Zoom

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mary & Joe Carpenter, Brian Underwood, James Sadler, Allene Wray, JaNeel Nielsen, Dayna Rush, Niels & Joyce Wright

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Water & Sewer Department

Council Member Evans started off by thanking Brian Underwood for helping with the water. Brian attended the water conference and found out we are behind in our samples. He has a list of the samples we need and will be getting them done. He plans on taking a bacteria sample up on Friday. He said a line inventory needs to be done by 2024. What this entails is going through all the existing lines checking for lead and copper lines. The city should be good because we just updated all the lines when we did the water project, however; this does include residential as well. He said he would be willing to help, but suggested we contact Sunrise Engineering for the feasibility study. There is money out there to help with this. He said John Chartier is also a good resource to reach out to. Mayor Dever told Brian we will be compensating him for his help. Council Member Evans said last Monday a citizen was out walking and found a water leak. The one-inch line going into the chlorinator blew apart. Greg, Joe, and George Dever got it fixed. He will be working on getting the sewer compliance information. Council Member Nedreberg asked if the city has any kind of program to help citizens if they have a water leak that might take a while to fix. Recorder Bigler mentioned we have done something in the past on an individual basis.

Noise Ordinance

Mayor Dever felt we need to make the ordinance the same for commercial as residential with the added stipulation for events. They would need to approach the council for a permit or waiver per event. Council Member Nedreberg thought it was a good solution. Council Member Evans felt all we needed to do is add commercial to section D-1. Council Member Nedreberg said he thinks the permitting is the big thing that will help the city & the residents. It will give the people

holding the event protection as well. Council Member Haynes thinks the city should post a notice of the event and that they have a permit. Council Member Nedreberg thinks that is a good idea, but it should not be part of the ordinance. Mayor Dever would like to get a price set. A discussion took place on the price and how it would work for multiple days. Mayor Dever would like to have this put as an action item for next week. Council Member Evans said we need to add recreation vehicles/off road vehicles to the ordinance. There is nothing in the ordinance about them. Council Member Snell mentioned the copy of the ordinance Six County showed us had a section pertaining to off road vehicles we could just copy and paste what we want into ours. Recorder Bigler will email the Mayor and Council a copy of the Six County ordinance.

#### Animal Control Protocol

Mayor Dever said he has been getting lots of calls on this subject. There is still a lot of work that must go into the protocol. Recorder Bigler read how many animal licenses we currently have. It was 44 dogs and 2 cats. Mayor Dever went over the figures which included travel miles, kennels, traps, employee training. He will say it again the city is not in the business of euthanizing cats or dogs. Council Member Snell said he called South Utah County Animal Shelter, and they have a lot of interlocal agreements with other municipalities on taking animals. We need to look at what process we want to use such as a warning or ticket/fine. The pet owners need to be responsible. Mayor Dever wants to work on this again at the next work meeting.

#### Snow removal Policy & Procedures

Mayor Dever said the policy we currently have is pretty strong, but vehicles being parked on the streets is a big problem. This is something that we will need to address. Council Member Haynes said we also have an issue with people plowing snow into the city streets which is against the law. Recorder Bigler stated we do not have a snow removal policy only a parking restriction policy. She had uploaded to the drive samples of other cities procedures for them to look at. She really liked the procedures from Tooele. It deals with routes, vehicles in the roads, garbage pickup. She encouraged them to look at it.

#### Review Application for Maintenance Technician Position

Mayor Dever said we have 3 applicants and would like the Council to look them over. He would like to get a time and a committee setup for the interviews. He would like the entire Council involved in the process if possible, and to get it done as soon as we can.

#### Employee Training Discussion

Mayor Dever would like to discuss training with Joe and the future new employee. He feels it is very important and will be sending a template to the Council with a list of each of their department's responsibilities for them to go over. He wants to get a work list of everyday items that need to be done so they can check them off each day. We need to start coming into compliance with our safety meetings. He made arrangements for Joe to go down to Mona and observe their water and sewer employees.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission did not meet last month, and a set of house plans needs to be looked at. Neils Wright handed out a smaller version of their house plans. He said these are just plans for a home for them to live in while they build their permanent home. They are trying to buy more property and then they will decide where on the property their home will be located. Recorder Bigler informed Neils that we need to have the building permit along with the necessary paperwork turned into the city office. Mayor Dever said we will have this put on the agenda for next week. Council Member Snell asked about the status of getting new Planning Commission members. Record Bigler replied we have not received any applications so far.

### Thank you for Citizen Help

Thank you to the citizens that have stepped up in our time of need with all the snow removal. We will recognize them in the next newsletter. Council Member Haynes thanked Brian Underwood, George Dever, Ted Haynes, Kyle Bigler, Kent Brewer, and Nick Castleton for their help.

### Water Audit

Mayor Dever said he is using the original contractor payouts and estimates as the basis for the water audit. What the figures are showing him right now is that we will need to raise the water rates. The wells on East side are not up to where they need to be. We cannot rely on grants to make the repairs. Council Member Nedreberg commented we just finished a water project we need to maintain it.

### Melissa Mellor, City Attorney

Mayor Dever said he had a discussion with Attorney Mellor about law enforcement and tickets. There is going to be quite a bit of discussion needed to help solve this issue. Attorney Mellor feels the best approach for Eureka is to go the Administrative route. It focuses on compliance and keeping the fines smaller. The penalties can be ramped up for those who remain noncompliant. She will be sending links with more information to the Mayor and Council so they can see how it works. She will provide a summary of how they do it.

Council Member Snell asked if we needed to discuss what items should be on the agenda for next week. Mayor Dever said to look for an email from him about what items should be on the agenda. Council Member Evans wanted to make sure the noise ordinance and the building permit are placed on the agenda. We need to get a date set for the budget. Council Member Snell would like to have the employees give the Council a report on what they have been doing and what concerns or priorities they have. Mayor Dever asked Joe if he could give his report at the Council Meeting next week. Council Member Snell asked if Country Garbage and possible refunds should be on the agenda. Mayor Dever said he has been talking to them and it came down to accessibility and whether he should have chains on his truck. He didn't think refunds would be a possibility because we have not established a protocol to address our part and their part. We definitely need to discuss this at the next work meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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