

MINUTES  
CITY OF EUREKA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 30, 2024

There was a regular meeting of the Eureka City Council on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Mayor Tammy Cantrell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Susan Wisdom did Roll Call. Present were: Mayor Tammy Cantrell, Councilmembers Evelyn Broxson, Debbie Childress, Bront Luna, and Mike Wisdom; and Secretary Susan Wisdom. Absent was Councilmember Adrian Richardson. Also present were Justin Farmer, Amanda Donoho, Philip Crowell, Kurt Knauth, and Dennis Donoho.

Bront Luna moved that the Minutes from March 26, 2024 and the financial reports be approved. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Next was the report from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department. Kurt Knauth reported a total of 15 total calls: 9 medical, 2 fire investigations, 1 lift assist, 1 auto accident, 1 hazard in road, and 1 vehicle fire. He also reported that the building addition to the fire department was complete. The big fundraiser for the volunteer fire departments sponsored by ReMax will be on July 20. He had told Jackie Baker that once he had his building demolished they would burn it. It has been demolished, but Mr. Baker is going to have to have some trees removed before they can burn the debris. Mr. Knauth is going to talk to Mr. Baker regarding this.

Next was the consideration of approval of the Final Plat for Mark Mills regarding his request for Carmel Valley Subdivision on FM 2859. All fees have now been paid to MEN Water Supply and the City of Eureka. Mike Wisdom moved that the Final Plat be approved and that a Specific Use Permit be issued to Mr. Mills for Carmel Valley Subdivision. Bront Luna seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Next was to be a discussion with Gary Holloway regarding if he is running a business from his property or not. Mr. Holloway was not in attendance. Susan Wisdom is to send Mr. Holloway another letter asking him to come to the meeting on May 28, 2024. Include a copy of the map showing where he is in the Eureka city limits.

Next was a discussion of proposed construction of 10-11 three bedroom rental homes with 2 baths and double carports from 1243 to 1510 sq. ft. each to be completed by 2030 requested by Philip Crowell. The sewer system will be like the ones for the duplexes he built. The plan he presented to the Council showed all the plots being less than the 1-acre requirement. If Mr. Crowell wants to continue with this project, he will need to present to the Council a new plan with each plot being at least 1-acre in size.

The Council asked Susan Wisdom to check and see if Gary Ramsey obtained a Specific Use Permit for his business.

Next was the discussion of Trey Gordon's request to build a house and a guest house on his property in The Overlook at Richland Chambers Lake. MEN Water Supply said if he has 2 houses, he will have to have 2 water meters Susan Wisdom is to send Mr. Gordon a letter requesting that he attend the meeting in May and bring sketches of his plan for these houses.

Next was the discussion of whether or not the variance granted to Tammy Cantrell, d/b/a Aggie General Store, on July 28, 2020 giving her permission to build up to the property line between her property and Pineda's Nursery property is still valid. She was granted the variance since it is commercial property to commercial property and no residential property was involved. She said they would leave a 6-ft. space between the properties so they could mow. The building they are planning on building there will have gutters. Mike Wisdom moved that the variance is still valid Bront Luna seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Next was the consideration of approval of an ordinance regarding short-term rentals. Mike Wisdom moved that this item be tabled. Bront Luna seconded the motion.

Next was the discussion of amending the fire hydrant ordinance. Susan Wisdom is to type a sample for the Council to consider requiring 1 fire hydrant per a certain number of houses, customized for each subdivision, with guidance from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department.

Next was the discussion of the consideration of amending the sign ordinance. Before a sign can be put up, there needs to be an easement away from the water line easement. This item will continue to be discussed.

Next was the table top review regarding variances and draft resolution for variances. Since Councilmember Adrian Richardson has been doing the research on this matter and was not present, Mike Wisdom moved that this be tabled until the meeting in May. Bront Luna seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Susan Wisdom was asked to contact Mr. Richardson to be sure everything is ok since he has now missed two meetings in a row. The Council is missing his input and valid opinions.

Mayor Cantrell informed the Council that someone was wanting to store an RV on their property temporarily. It will not be lived in, only stored. The Council agreed to give this person a Temporary Permit for 6 months as long as it is secured in place, no one living in it, has tags, and has wheels. When the 6 months is up, the temporary use permit can be renewed, if necessary, for one time only.

Next were the following comments. (1) Mowing the property owned by the City on Hwy. 287: it was decided that Ronnie Childress should mow this property. (2) Changes in two polling places for the May 4, 2024 election: From Mildred Baptist Church to Mildred High School and from the Fannie Mae Vernon Room to Corsicana High School.

There were no new items for the next meeting's agenda.

Mike Wisdom moved that the meeting adjourn. Bront Luna seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Mayor Cantrell adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

*Minutes by Susan Wisdom, Secretary*