

MINUTES
CITY OF EUREKA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

There was a regular meeting of the Eureka City Council on Tuesday, July 26, 2022. Mayor Tammy Cantrell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Tammy Cantrell; Councilmembers Evelyn Broxson, Bront Luna, Adrian Richardson, Mike Wisdom; and Secretary Susan Wisdom. Absent was Councilmember Debbie Childress. Also present were: Kurt Knauth, Amanda Donoho, Yuridia Mendoza, David Bell, Peggy Thomas, Mark Thomas, Margaret Thomas, and Kenny Bourgeois.

Bront Luna moved that the Minutes from June 21, June 28, July 12, and July 19, 2022 and the Financial Reports be approved. Evelyn Broxson seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Kurt Knauth gave the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department report. He reported that the department had received 21 calls: 7 grass fires, 3 structure fires, 3 car wrecks, 1 automobile fire, 4 medical, and 3 lift assists. On August 6, Richland Chambers Benefit will host a poker run. All volunteer fire departments with lake access will receive donations from this fundraiser. Mr. Knauth said that they receive more money from this event than they receive from the County.

Next was a discussion regarding the proposed "The Meadows" subdivision on FM 637 with Kenny Bourgeois. Mr. Bourgeois submitted recommendations from Davis and McDill Engineers. (*see attached*) A contractor has been hired to take care of the recommendations made by the engineers. It was stated that they thought a berm would not last long at all. Mark Thomas wanted to know who was going to maintain the drainage situation. Mr. Bourgeois stated that there would be 10-ft. drainage/easements behind each property. The Meadows subdivision, if approved, will not have an HOA (Home Owners Association) and there are 11 lots. Amanda Donoho, representing MEN Water Supply, stated that there will not be an issue with water with MEN Water Supply. Mr. Bourgeois stated that this subdivision will not adversely affect neighbors. The City will try to get TXDot to clean out the ditches at Hwy. 287 and FM 637. Bront Luna moved that the Specific Use Permit for The Meadows Subdivision be approved. Mike Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0. Councilmember Evelyn Broxson abstained from voting.

Next was the public hearing regarding a proposed car lot at 9296 S. Hwy 287 requested by Yuridia Mendoza. There were no public comments regarding this request. Bront Luna moved that the Specific Use Permit for the used car lot be approved. Mike Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Ms. Mendoza also requested a building permit for an office. The building will be 10' x 12' totaling 120 sq. ft. The building permit was granted and all fees were paid.

Next was to be a discussion with Mike Wright regarding his request for 7 rental houses on SE CR 2250. Mr. Wright was not in attendance. This issue will be removed from future agendas unless Mr. Wright asks to be put on the agenda again.

Next was an update regarding the Steven Isbell NSF issue at 8980 S. Hwy. 287. Susan Wisdom reported that she received a call from Steven Isbell on Thursday, July 14, 2022. Mr. Isbell said that he had mailed a Western Union Money Order to the City of Eureka about a month before. Susan Wisdom never received the money order. He mailed it to the City Hall physical address instead of the mailing address. Also, he used the address of 8980 S. Hwy. 287 as the return address. 8980 is only a 9-1-1 address and not a mailing address as there is no mailbox at that location. Susan Wisdom suggested that he contact Western Union where he purchased the money order to get a refund and then obtain another money order to replace it. Bront Luna moved that this be tabled until the regular meeting in August. Mike Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Bront Luna moved that the discussion of Certificates of Occupancy be taken off the agenda until he lets us know he is prepared to discuss it.

Next was the discussion of the Clark Fullwood Estate property at 8901 S. Hwy. 287. Mayor Tammy Cantrell stated that she has contacted the office of Attorney Neal Green who is handling the Clark Fullwood Estate to get an update regarding the property conditions or an address for his wife, but was never able to speak with him. This matter will be tabled until the regular meeting in August.

Next was the consideration of a resolution designating an official newspaper and providing an effective date for the City of Eureka. It was decided to wait until the meeting in October to do this as this will be the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Next was the consideration of voting on estimates for property line cleanup and removing the cottonwood tree and the discussion of the Eureka City Hall facilities, etc. Mayor Tammy Cantrell only received one estimate. It was a verbal

estimate from John Murray in the amount of \$4,200. He thought the tree was not on the City's property. It was decided that Mike Wisdom would contact Cecil Ford with C & J Trees and Alex Dugan (Wood Wranglers Tree Company) to see about getting estimates for this project. This matter will be voted on at the City's work session if estimates have been submitted by then. Bront Luna presented option #3 regarding City Hall improvements which would cost about \$3,000 (removing the first restroom and repairing the floor & ceiling in it). He said option #1 (removing the first restroom; move existing door on back restroom to open into new addition; and adding an additional 1,375 sq. ft. at the back of the existing building— approximately 20 ft. back and 79 ft. across) would cost approximately \$200,000; and option #2 (same as option 1 only extending it back 10 ft. to make it even with the existing extension fire department already has would add approximately 590 sq. ft.) would cost approximately \$95,000. It was also discussed about buying a metal classroom building that would already have electric, air conditioning, and lighting. A storage shed would cost approximately \$500 to \$3,000 depending on the size and type. Buying a metal shipping container for a storage building was discussed.

Adrian Richardson did not have anything new to report on codification.

An online open meeting act training was discussed. Every elected official is required pursuant to section 551.005 of the Texas Government Code to participate in OMA (Open Meeting Acts) education training sessions within 90 days of taking office. This can be done by an online training offered by the Attorney General. After completing the training, the official must print a certificate and give it to the City Secretary to keep on file.

A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to last one hour to discuss City Hall facilities, etc. and work on Preliminary Draft/Editorial and Legal Review Codification provided by Franklin Legal Publishing.

There were no further public comments or 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 Tammy Cantrell adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes by Susan Wisdom, Secretary