

MINUTES
CITY OF EUREKA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2024

There was a regular meeting of the Eureka City Council on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Mayor Tammy Cantrell called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

Susan Wisdom did Roll Call. Present were: Mayor Tammy Cantrell, Councilmembers Evelyn Broxson, Debbie Childress, Scotty Glick, Bront Luna and Mike Wisdom; and Secretary Susan Wisdom. Also present were Kurt Knauth and Jamie Kitchens.

Bront Luna moved that the Minutes from July 30, 2024 and the financial reports be approved. Evelyn Broxson seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was the report from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department. Kurt Knauth reported that there have been 19 calls since his last report: 14 medical; 1 structure fire; 2 fire alarms; 1 lift assist; and 1 car wreck. He said they don't know the amount they will receive from the Re-Max fundraiser, Fuel the Firefighters, that was held on July 20, 2024 at Harbor Inn, but they are supposed to receive the checks on September 26. They received a grant from the Texas Forestry System for rescue equipment. They are planning on getting a couple of breathing apparatus. They also plan to get some bare minimal equipment consisting of a pair of boots, a coat, pair of pants, a helmet, and a pair of gloves that costs about \$4,000 for one person. Mr. Knauth said that they will be dropping off their medical bags at Allegiance Ambulance Service and they will replace all the things that need to be replaced in them.

Next was to be a discussion with Adrian Mendoza regarding permits for a modular home. Mike Wisdom moved that this item be tabled as Mr. Mendoza was not at the meeting because he did not have all of his information ready yet. Scotty Glick seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was a report about getting a reserve deputy. Susan Wisdom had contacted Juan Luna, a reserve deputy at Mildred I.S.D., to see if he would be interested in being a reserve deputy for the City of Eureka as well. When he checked into it, he was told he couldn't work for the City as it would be too great of a liability for Mildred I.S.D.

Next was to be a discussion of the Amendment regarding short-term rentals. This matter was tabled at the last meeting until we could find out about getting a reserve deputy. Since we were unable to get a reserve deputy, Mike Wisdom moved that this matter be tabled. Scotty Glick seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was the discussion of considering the City getting a new sign. Susan Wisdom presented the Council with some information regarding "City Pride Signs" through TxDOT. It was mentioned maybe contacting the Eagle Scouts, the Ag Department at Mildred I.S.D., Mark Thomas, etc. to see if they would be interested in making a sign(s) for the City. Mike Wisdom volunteered to contact the Mildred Ag Department. Scotty Glick moved that this matter be tabled. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was a discussion regarding Ideal Storage (purchased Eureka Storage) wanting 5 sign permits. They will first need to obtain a Specific Use Permit since there has been a change in ownership. Susan Wisdom will start the process of having a Public Hearing for the Specific Use Permit. After the public hearing, the sign permits will be discussed.

Next was the discussion of Philip Crowell's request to have the portion of his property that is in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) be released from the City per Senate Bill 2038. It was noted that the regulation for the size of lots in the City of Eureka and its ETJ that the City of Eureka adheres to is based on the regulation from the Tarrant County Water Board and Navarro County to protect the health of our citizens. It was stated that the City Council must follow the law regarding the state regulation for jurisdiction of the ETJ, just like the developers and property owners. It was also stated that the laws and regulations regarding lot size are to benefit the health of the people who live here, presumably not to make real estate transactions more profitable. The City of Eureka requires each lot to be a minimum size of 1 acre. At the City Council Meeting on April 30, 2024, Mr. Crowell presented a proposed construction plan to be completed by 2030 of 10, possibly 11, 3- bedroom homes with 2 baths and double carports ranging from 1,243 to 1,510 square feet to be built on a reported 8 acres of property. He stated that all plots are greater than ½ acre. The Council denied his request presented on April 30, 2024 due to the size of lots not meeting the City of Eureka Codes and Mr. Crowell was told if he presented another plan with lots of at least 1 acre, the City would consider the new plan. The Council is questioning whether or not the property is in a floodplain. It was stated that the City needs to stay in communication with MEN Water Supply and Navarro County regarding this property. Mr. Crowell did not present the City Council with all the required

paperwork as described from Senate Bill 2038. Scotty Glick moved that Mr. Crowell's request to have the portion of his property released from the City's ETJ be denied until all the proper information is received at which time the Council will reconsider his request.

Next were public comments. Jamie Kitchens wanted to know what the plan on maintaining the roads was with all the heavy trucks tearing up the roads to the new subdivisions and is there going to be enough water? She was told that the County is maintain the roads and that Dennis Donoho, with MEN Water Supply comes to the meetings regarding new subdivisions. There are field tests done and he says there will be enough water, although some water lines might have to be enlarged.

The only new item for the next meeting's agenda is to vote on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

Mike Wisdom moved that the meeting adjourn. Scotty Glick seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0. Mayor Tammy Cantrell adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes by Susan Wisdom, Secretary