

MINUTES
CITY OF EUREKA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2025

There was a regular meeting of the Eureka City Council on Tuesday, January 28, 2025. 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 Scotty Glick. Also present was Pam Mieth.

Bront Luna moved that the Minutes from October 29, 2024 and November 14, 2024, the Financial Reports, and the Audit Report be approved. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Next was the report from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department. Kurt Knauth was not able to attend the meeting but gave Mayor Tammy Cantrell the information and she presented it. Mr. Knauth said they have been super busy with medical calls in the last 30 days. 24 medical calls, 2 grass fires, 1 auto fire, 2 auto wrecks, and 1 physical disturbance for a total of 30 calls. He also reported that the tanker repair should be done within the next week and have it back in service. Total cost for repairs is approximately \$4,700.00. This includes 2", 3", 4", and 10" valves they purchased directly from vendor and stainless-steel welding repair done by James Mfg. They received a small grant from Texas A&M Forest Service, Helping Hands Division, for some slightly used bunker gear, boots, and gloves. The Helping Hands Division takes fire fighting equipment from departments that receive brand new equipment and after it has been inspected and refurbished it is distributed to other departments. As soon as the Eureka VFD receive their grant for new gear, they will donate the gear back to Helping Hands for other departments to use. There were no public comments or new items for the next meeting's agenda.

Next was to be the discussion with Philip Crowell regarding environmental impact study. Mr. Crowell was not in attendance, but emailed some information to Secretary Susan Wisdom to present at the meeting. We believe that the County

requires a minimum of 1 acre lots as does the City of Eureka. If this is the case, we do not understand why a variance would be granted for this. Mr. Crowell submitted a letter signed by Navarro County Planning & Development Director, Stanley Young and Navarro County Precinct 2 Commissioner, Eddie Perry. The letter stated that Crowell Properties, LTD, has requested a variance to allow the installation of septic systems on lots that comprise an area of greater than one half acre. The tract of land subject to the requested variance is more particularly described in the attached Property Division Drawing entitled "Crowellville." The City was never contacted by Stanley Young or Eddie Perry regarding this variance request. The Council requested an environmental impact study as they do not want the people down from this property to be negatively affected from this. Bront Luna moved that Secretary Susan Wisdom send a letter to Attorney Terry Jacobson as soon as possible. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. No action was taken on Mr. Crowell's request for a variance from the City of Eureka to construct a home on the one parcel that is almost completely within the city limits located to the south of his office and to the east of the house that he relocated 3 years ago.

Next was to be the discussion of consideration of the City getting a new sign(s). Bront Luna moved that this item be tabled due to the absence of Councilmember Scotty Glick. Mike Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Next was the update on drainage causing erosion to neighbor's property to the north of the City Hall. Mayor Tammy Cantrell said she had contacted Commissioner Eddie Moore. He looked at the culverts while it was raining and said the drainage is going the opposite direction from the City Hall, so therefore it is not our problem. Bront Luna read Navarro County's Culvert Policy as well.

Next was the discussion of septic issues and how to resolve them. Mike Wisdom moved that we get Richland Sanitation to clean out the septic tank and see if they could tell us if there are any roots that need to be removed and go ahead and take care of anything that needs to be done to fix the problem, whether it be Richland Sanitation or hiring someone else to take care of any other issues if necessary. Bront Luna seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Mike Wisdom said he would contact Richland Sanitation.

Next was the discussion of the May 3, 2025 City of Eureka General Election. The terms expiring are: Mayor Tammy Cantrell, Councilmember Debbie Childress, and Councilmember Mike Wisdom. The last day to file an application for a place on the ballot is February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting dates are: April 22-27 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and April 28-29 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. A joint contract with Navarro County to conduct the election was signed and an Order of Election was signed.

Public Comments: Pam Mieth requested to get a Specific Use Permit for a farm and feed store. Susan Wisdom is to proceed with this request. Due to specific time requirements for Specific Use Permits, it was decided to move the February Council Meeting to March 4, 2025 at which time a public hearing for this request could be held and acted upon.

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

Mike Wisdom moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bront Luna seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Mayor Tammy Cantrell adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes by Susan Wisdom, Secretary