

MINUTES
CITY OF EUREKA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2024

There was a regular meeting of the Eureka City Council on Tuesday, March 26, 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, Adrian Richardson, and Mike Wisdom; and Secretary Susan Wisdom. Also present were Kurt Knauth, Justin Farmer, Jack Baker, Don Walton, Joe Hull, and Michael Maust.

Evelyn Broxson moved that the Minutes from January 30, 2024, February 20, 2024, February 27, 2024 and the financial reports be approved. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Kurt Knauth gave the report for the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department. He reported that they received a total of 10 calls since his last report: 6 medical, 2 grass fires, 1 structure fire, and 1 auto accident. He said that the slab has been poured and the forms taken off for the addition to the building. He also reported that the Re-Max Fundraiser for the volunteer fire departments will be held on July 20, 2024.

Next was the Public Hearing for Carmel Valley Subdivision to be located at 601 FM 2859 and consideration of approval of the Final Plat. Lot 14 and Lot 16 have 52 ft. entrances. Dennis Donoho said it would be the end of this week before the engineer gives him the costs. The final plat has a fire hydrant between lots 8 & 9. There will only be one entrance to the development. The homes will all be site-built, single-family homes. Each lot will have its own septic system. Since the engineer's costs have not been given to MEN Water Supply Co., the consideration for approval of the Final Plat will be moved to the meeting on March 26, 2024.

Next was the discussion with Jack Baker regarding the City of Eureka Citation to show cause why the building located at 8536 S. Hwy. 287 should not be declared to be a substandard building and why Mr. Baker should not be ordered to repair or destroy such building. Mr. Baker said he is waiting on a price from Jimmy Rash to demolish the house and burn it. The Council decided to give Mr. Baker 90 days to have the house demolished and the property cleaned up.

Next was the consideration of approval of an ordinance regarding short-term rentals. City should consider the regulations with state authorities Adrian Richardson provided the Council with some information on this. Adrian Richardson moved that this item be tabled. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was the discussion of fire hydrants and consideration of approval of an ordinance regarding the requirements for fire hydrants in subdivisions. Whether to locate the fire hydrants in the easement or in the subdivision depends on how close to the road it would be as this location could be more dangerous. It was mentioned that turning on the roads of a subdivision with fire trucks could damage people's driveways and damage the roads of the subdivision. Kurt Knauth, with the Eureka VFD, said he is fine with the proposed location of the fire hydrant for Carmel Valley Subdivision. Bront Luna moved that a variance be granted for Carmel Valley Subdivision (9.02.002). Mike Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was the discussion and consideration to amend ordinance on fireworks or whether to give the Aggie General Store a Temporary Use Permit to continue to sell fireworks. Bront Luna said he tried to get in touch with the Navarro County Fire Marshall, but Navarro County does not have a Fire Marshall. Bront Luna moved to grant a Temporary Use Permit to the Aggie General Store to allow them to continue to sell fireworks through January 2, 2025 with the stipulation that: they will not be allowed to purchase additional fireworks to sell; they can only sell their current inventory of fireworks; must follow all state laws, regulation, and guidelines regarding fireworks; must post notice in fireworks stand that is visible to all potential fireworks buyers/users that: "The use of fireworks in the Eureka City Limits is prohibited (no person can cast, throw, or fire any fireworks of any kind withing the Eureka City Limits. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Evelyn Broxson, Debbie Childress, Bront Luna, and Mike Wisdom for and Adrian Richardson opposed.

Next was the discussion concerning Docks R Us wanting to change their sign to a back-to-back tv sign and consideration of amending the current sign ordinance. Mike Wisdom moved that the Council look at the sign ordinance for Ennis. Bront Luna seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was cancelling the May 4, 2024 election due to no opposition. Susan Wisdom presented the Council with a Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 4, 2024 City of Eureka election. Mike Wisdom moved that Resolution

#26, cancelling the May 4, 2024 City of Eureka election be approved. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0. Mayor Tammy Cantrell and Secretary Susan Wisdom signed the Resolution and Order of Cancellation form.

Next was the table top review regarding variances and draft resolution for variances. Bront Luna moved that this item be tabled. Mike Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was the discussion and consideration of purchasing some type of lighting at the entrance to the City Hall. Bront Luna moved that this item be tabled. Mike Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

There were no more public comments.

The new item for next meeting's agenda is the discussion with Brian Albert regarding a manufactured home permit.

Mike Wisdom moved that the meeting adjourn. Adrian Richardson seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0. Mayor Cantrell adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes by Susan Wisdom, Secretary