MINUTES

CITY OF EUREKA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

There was a regular meeting of the Eureka City Council on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Mayor Tammy Cantrell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were: Mayor Tammy Cantrell; Councilmembers Evelyn Broxson, Debbie Childress, Bront Luna, Adrian Richardson, Mike Wisdom; and Secretary Susan Wisdom. Also present was Kurt Knauth and Eddie Moore, Commissioner for Pct. 3.

Bront Luna moved that the Minutes from October 25, 2022 and the Financial Reports be approved. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was the report from the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department by Kurt Knauth. Mr. Knauth said they had received 13 calls since his last report: 9 medical, 1 fire alarm, 1 auto accident, 1 grass fire, and 1 stuck vehicle (ambulance). He also said that the burn ban has been lifted.

Next was the consideration of Jimmy Howell’s request to approve a Commercial Specific Use Permit and/or annexing the balance of the proposed Dollar General property into the City with a Commercial Specific Use Permit. The neighborhood area for this location is mainly commercial. Susan Wisdom is to ask Attorney Terry Jacobson whose ETJ part of the property is in and can we do a contract with someone we are annexing defining what can be put in. Bront Luna moved that this matter be tabled until January. Adrian Richardson seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

It was decided that the City Council will have a work session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting for January will be on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Next was a discussion regarding solicitors/peddlers in the City of Eureka. Bront Luna moved that this matter be tabled until the January 10, 2023 City work session. Mike Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

There was a discussion regarding weight limits on roads. This matter will be discussed further at the called work session on January 10, 2023. Eddie Moore said that if the City decides to put weight limits on roads and buys the signs, he would put them up. Arrowhead’s road weight limit is 30,000.

Next was an update on Steven Isbell living on property with no septic or water. City Attorney Terry Jacobson said that living quarters in a single-family residential area have to be constructed onsite, which the camper isn’t and this is a violation. Under at least 1 of the City’s ordinances, the City has the authority to issue citations and should do so. If necessary, the citation can be left attached to the camper (a picture should be taken showing it is taped to the door). The citation should probably include to contact Terry Jacobson to provide guidance. Mr. Jacobson said that since the City does not have anyone who can issue a citation, the first thing we need to do is appoint someone such as a Constable. They would be able to issue citations. He said that he was pretty sure that Dan Williams is a constable for Mildred. The Constable for Precinct 2 is Dan Williams and the Constable for Precinct 3 is Bobby Rachel. Steven Isbell is living in Precinct 3. After we get a constable, we need to get a Justice of the Peace to hold court. The Council might want to consider adding an ordinance that specifically addresses living in RV’s or other than in mobile homes and site-built homes. It can then be outlawed without a specific use permit. The Council could also adopt a recreational vehicle ordinance that requires screening, sewer, etc. and makes it a violation to live in one except in a designated RV park. The City of Corsicana has a good example of one. Bront Luna moved that the City hire Constable Bobby Rachel and Justice of the Peace Darrell Waller no matter what the cost. Adrian Richardson seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Next was a discussion regarding annexation. This matter was tabled until the January 10, 2023 work session.

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 5-0. Mayor Tammy Cantrell adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

*Minutes by Susan Wisdom, Secretary*