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The City of Eureka Board of Aldermen met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at roll call were: Mayor Coffey, Aldermen Kee, Britt, Sir, Berry, Beckerle and Leistner. Also in attendance were City Administrator Craig Sabo, City Attorney Kathy Butler, Police Chief Michael Wiegand and City Clerk Ralph Lindsey.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Leistner and unanimously passed, the Minutes of February 3, 2015 were approved.

3. POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Police Chief Wiegand introduced Eric Moore and recommended that he be hired to replace John Clute who is retiring. He said that Eric Moore has been a Police Officer for twelve (12) years and was currently with the Festus Police Department.

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, Chief Wiegand's recommendation was approved.

4. GUESTS

A. Don Bohlmann introduced himself, Teresa Arnett and Don Betcher and said the three (3) of them were working towards organizing a Police Recognition Week, starting May 11th, to coincide with the National Police Memorial Week. He commented how the Police walked a difficult line between enforcing the law and maintaining a good relationship with the citizens and he felt they were often times not appreciated for their work.

Mr. Bohlmann explained that they would be selling t-shirts to raise money and also contacting local businesses for their support. With the proceeds, they would be purchasing gift certificates for the Eureka Police Officers and possibly have other events. They also hope to have a banner across Central Avenue recognizing the Eureka Police Department.

The consensus of the Board was that this would be a greatly appreciated event.

B. Dan Corley explained that he owned the property addressed as 21 East 5th Street, which was originally a service station and repair shop. He said it has been leased for numerous uses over the years. In July, he was approached by an individual who wished to open a used car lot and repair shop. The Special Use Permit application was completed and Mr. Corley attempted to file it at City Hall. He said he was told that the City Administrator could not accept the application, with no explanation as to why. He said he was still unsure as to why the application was rejected and his property remains vacant.

At this point City Administrator Sabo stated that on two (2) separate occasions he explained to Mr. Corley that his proposed use was within 1,000 feet of Assured Automotive which has a Special Use Permit to sell used vehicles and; therefore, would be a violation of the Municipal Code and could not be considered.

City Attorney Butler explained the current Code requirement for a 1,000 foot separation between used car lots. She also said she had contacted both he and Bob Gudermuth and explained how they could apply for a Code amendment which, if passed by the Board, would allow for consideration of a used car lot on either Dan Corley's property or Bob Gudermuth's property.

Kathy Butler also related that Bob Gudermuth had applied for a Code amendment but withdrew it before it was considered. Mr. Corley could submit a similar application or fashion it to what he desired.

Mr. Corley said he would discuss a Code amendment with his attorney.

C. Cate Stephens and Jacob Gyori introduced themselves as Boy Scouts who were in attendance as one of the requirements for the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

5. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. Farmers and Merchants Bank - "Bike Rodeo" - 619 Stockell Drive - April 25th.

B. Farmers and Merchants Bank - Shredding Event - 619 Stockell Drive - May 2nd.

C. Farmers and Merchants Bank - "Pets Day" - 619 Stockell Drive - June 13th.

5. CONT'D.

Shay Hawkins was asked if she knew about the City's shredding event. She said had found out but they had already scheduled their event, which also included electronic equipment recycling. She was told that the City event was now being held every other year.

On motion by Alderman Beckerle, seconded by Alderman Berry and unanimously passed, the three (3) Special Events were approved.

6. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FROM 2-11-15

A. The Commission recommended approval of a petition from White Castle for a Special Use Permit for the demolition of the existing building and construction of a new fast-food restaurant with a drive-through component located at 78 Hilltop Village Center Drive.

Michael Klaesner, the Service Supervisor for White Castle, briefly reviewed their proposal to demolish the existing structure and construct a new updated building, parking lot, lights and enhanced landscaping. He said the new building would be slightly larger and take approximately three and one-half months to complete.

On motion by Alderman Beckerle, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, the Special Use Permit was approved.

This permit will be scheduled for review in February, 2016.

B. The Commission granted approval of a petition from Brent Milner for a boundary adjustment of properties located at 1 West Fifth Street and 527 North Central Avenue (no Board action is required).

7. BILL NO. 2429 RE: MOSQUITO CONTROL CONTRACT

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Leistner and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2429 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2429: AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Kee and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2429 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Leistner and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2429 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Berry moved, THAT BILL NO. 2429 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Leistner.

The roll call vote was as follows: Alderman Leistner - YES; Beckerle - YES; Berry - YES; Sir - YES; Britt - YES; Kee - YES.

The motion for adoption was passed unanimously.

Mayor Coffey declared Bill No. 2429 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2322.

8. BILL NO. 2430 RE: POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Leistner and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2430 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2430: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Britt and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2430 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Kee, seconded by Alderman Britt and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2430 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Berry moved, THAT BILL NO. 2430 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sir.

The roll call vote was as follows: Alderman Kee - YES; Britt - YES; Sir - YES; Berry - YES; Beckerle - YES; Leistner - YES.

The motion for adoption was passed unanimously.

Mayor Coffey declared Bill No. 2430 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2323.

9. REVIEW OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS

- A. Home Service Propane Gas, L.L.C. - 1,000 gallon aboveground petroleum storage tank - 25 Truitt Drive.
- B. Lighthouse Acquisitions, LLC - Outdoor storage and display of merchandise, material, and equipment - 1500 South Outer Road.
- C. Eastern Missouri Concrete, LLC - Concrete batching plant - 435 West Main Street.

On motion by Alderman Kee, seconded by Alderman Berry and unanimously passed, all of the above listed Special Use Permits were extended for a twelve (12) month period.

These permits will be scheduled for review in February, 2016.

10. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

The list of bills was considered by the Board

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Leistner and unanimously passed, the list of bills was approved for payment.

11. STATEMENT OF FINANCES - JANUARY 31, 2015

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Leistner and unanimously passed, the Board of Aldermen acknowledged receipt of the financial statements for the period ending 1-31-15.

12. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Britt and unanimously passed, a Closed Session was called for discussion of matters relating to attorney-client privilege, contracts, potential litigation and personnel.

13.

Alderman Berry thanked the Public Works Department for their work in keeping the streets clean during the recent snow storm.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

16.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

For a record of the Closed Session at Item No. 14, see Minutes this date in the Closed Session File.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Ralph M. Lindsey, Jr., City Clerk