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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 Murray. 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 Murray and unanimously passed, the Minutes of November 17, 2015 were approved.

3. GUESTS

There were no guests present who wished to address the Board.

4. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FROM 11-25-15

(The meeting was cancelled; therefore, no Board action is required.)

5. RESOLUTION NO. 12-1-15-1 RE: AUTHORIZING TRAIL PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

The resolution was read in its entirety by City Attorney Kathy Butler.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-1-15-1: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT PROGRAM.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Berry and unanimously passed, the resolution was passed and approved.

6. BILL NO. 2468 RE: CODE AMENDMENT RELATING TO PEDDLERS

Neal Gilb, the Government Affairs Representative for Charter Communications, explained that they would like to be able to go door-to-door to contact residents who do not currently have Charter cable service. He said they employ their own sales people and have identification badges and uniforms. He commented that the more customers they get the greater the franchise fees the City receives. Alderman Murray inquired as to if they had sales offices; Neal Gilb said they have several in the St. Louis area.

Alderman Britt asked about the success rate with door-to-door solicitation.

Brenda Auger introduced herself as a twenty (20) year sales representative for Charter and said their success rate was approximately twenty-three (23) for every four hundred (400) contacts.

Alderman Beckerle inquired about the number of visits their representatives make.

Brenda Auger said they normally made residential contacts once per year.

A question was asked about the collection of payments with door-to-door contacts.

Ms. Auger said that with new contracts they normally collected payments for the first month of service with a debit or credit card. She also said that if individual residences or entire subdivisions had "no solicitation" signs posted, they did not visit those areas.

Several Aldermanic comments were made about residents preferring not to have door-to-door solicitors.

Alderman Beckerle asked the City Attorney if the Charter representatives could visit residences if first invited via phone contact; she said they could.

With the discussion concluded, on motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Beckerle and passed with 5 "YES" votes and 1 "NO" vote (cast by Alderman Sir), Bill No. 2468 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2468: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PEDDLER REGULATIONS.

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Beckerle and passed with 4 "YES" votes and 2 "NO" votes (cast by Aldermen Sir and Kee), Bill No. 2468 was read for the second time by short title.

A motion was made by Alderman Britt and seconded by Alderman Beckerle for the third reading of Bill No. 2468. The motion failed with 3 "YES" votes and 3 "NO" votes (cast by Aldermen Berry, Kee and Sir).

6. CONT'D.

(Because the bill did not receive a unanimous vote for the third reading at the meeting at which it was introduced, it could not be read and; therefore, was automatically tabled to the meeting of 12-15-15.)

7. BILL NO. 2469 RE: CODE AMENDMENT RELATING TO SIGNAGE

Terry Selbert briefly reviewed his proposal and commented that he thought the previous code amendment covered what he was now proposing.

The City Administrator referred to his Closed Session Memo regarding the square footage that would be permissible with a traditional sign and what would be permissible with an LED sign if the bill was passed.

Following a lengthy general discussion, on motion by Alderman Beckerle, seconded by Alderman Britt and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2469 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2469: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SIGNAGE REGULATIONS.

On motion by Alderman Beckerle, seconded by Alderman Britt and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2469 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2469 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Britt moved, **THAT BILL NO. 2469 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Beckerle.

The roll call vote was as follows: Alderman Murray - YES; Beckerle - YES; Berry - NO; Sir - NO; Britt - YES; Kee - NO.

The roll call vote resulted in 3 "YES" votes and 3 "NO" votes.

Mayor Coffey voted "NO" and the bill failed.

8. BILL NO. 2470 RE: UTILITY EASEMENT VACATION AND DEDICATION

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2470 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2470: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION AND GRANTING OF CERTAIN UTILITY EASEMENTS.

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Kee and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2470 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2470 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Berry moved, **THAT BILL NO. 2470 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE.** The motion was seconded by Alderman Murray.

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

The motion for adoption was passed unanimously.

Mayor Coffey declared Bill No. 2470 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2358.

9. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

A question was raised about the two (2) payments for meter reading errors.

City Administrator Sabo explained that those two (2) meters had been incorrectly calibrated by the manufacturer. The City's software program detected a potential error which was confirmed (by the Utility Clerk and the Public Works Supervisor). This resulted in the credits for revenue the City should have not received.

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

10. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

11.

Alderman Sir referred to an email he received from Mark Brawley, a resident at 725 Hilltop Woods Court, whose property adjoins The Arbors of Rockwood Subdivision. In the email, Mr. Brawley expressed concern about the amount of tree clearing for the development.

The City Administrator asked for a copy of the email and said he would review it.

12.

Alderman Beckerle said he was contacted by a resident, requesting that the City take some measures to control the deer population, especially within The Legends.

Following a brief Aldermanic discussion, it was suggested that Alderman Beckerle let the resident know that the City does provide for bowhunting in appropriate areas.

13. 2015 BBQ BLAST

Economic Development Director Julie Wood distributed copies of her summary of the BBQ Blast, held on November 7th and 8th. She commented that more family friendly activities were needed to increase foot traffic and keep people at the event.

Julie Wood reviewed the budget and expenditures showing that there was a remaining balance of \$4,900.00. She suggested that the balance be put toward providing more family friendly attractions. She also said that if it could be held earlier in the year, the weather would be warmer.

Alderman Sir suggested possibly including a competition category for "backyard barbequers".

There was a general discussion about the fact that the number of community events has grown and consideration should be given to combining several events to increase attendance.

The consensus of the Board was that the Mayor, any available Aldermen, Julie Wood, Missy Myers and Chief Wiegand should meet to discuss combining events and adding attractions to increase attendance. A summary will then be provided for further discussion.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

16.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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