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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 Kee, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, the Minutes of December 15, 2015 were approved.

3. GUESTS

A. Chuck Couch, of 334 Eureka Road, submitted information and pictures of Grace Hill Subdivision erosion problems which he said would impact the east side of Eureka Road. He commented about the work done by the City on the west side of the road and said improvements were necessary on the east side to address those issues.

Mayor Coffey said that more improvements were being planned for that area.

B. Lisa Huck, of 712 Vista Glen Court, inquired as to the timeline for remediation of the methamphetamine at 715 Vista Glen Court.

City Attorney Butler said she had just received a mitigation plan, which would allow entry into the residence for that purpose but there was no timeline.

City Administrator Sabo said there were several items identified through the Exterior Appearance Program which required attention and the owner was notified of those matters which needed to be addressed.

C. Brenda Creamer, of 339 Cerny Avenue, commented about the recent flooding and the fact that the flooded roads prevented any ingress or egress for the entire Augustine Heights area.

Police Chief Wiegand said there was an emergency access but it was through private property.

Mayor Coffey said he was looking into creating a public emergency access, possibly through The Timbers Recreation Center property.

4. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 12-23-15

A. The Commission recommended approval of a petition from Flower and Fendler, Inc., for rezoning of approximately 13.57 acres from R-1 and 1-A Single-Family Residential to R-1 Community Unit Plan located at 84 and 86 Augustine Road and 333 and 339 Cerny Avenue.

The petitioner has requested a continuation to the meeting of 1-19-16.

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Beckerle and unanimously passed, the requested continuation was approved.

B. The Commission recommended approval of a petition from William Zielonko, representing Lighthouse Acquisitions, LLC, for an amended Special Use Permit for the inclusion of a carport for the storage of boats and recreational vehicles located at 1500 South Outer Road.

William Zielonko said that due to the flooding and the resulting physical changes to his property, he would need to change the location of the carport. He also asked if the City was involved in obtaining FEMA assistance.

Mayor Coffey explained that President Obama had taken the first step by providing cleanup assistance but there had not yet been a "disaster declaration" for the area.

Mr. Zielonko was informed that if it was now his intention to change the location of the carport, a new application would be necessary.

As a result of this information, William Zielonko withdrew his application.

5. POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Police Chief Wiegand introduced Lucas Lowe and recommended that he be appointed as a police officer for the Eureka Police Department, contingent upon passing several additional tests. He said Lucas Lowe has been a police officer with another entity for the past five (5) years.

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

**6. BILL NO. 2477 RE: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH THE EUREKA SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2477 was read for the first time by short title.

**BILL NO. 2477: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN ATHLETIC FIELDS LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE EUREKA SPORTS ASSOCIATION.**

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2477 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2477 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Britt inquired as to if the operation of the concession stand was included in the contract; City Administrator Sabo said it was not, based on the decision of the Board at the 12-15-15 meeting for the City not to take over the concession stand.

Alderman Kee moved, THAT BILL NO. 2477 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Britt.

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

The motion for adoption was passed unanimously.

Mayor Coffey declared Bill No. 2477 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2365.

**7. BILL NO. 2478 RE: AMENDING A LEASE WITH THE EUREKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Britt and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2478 was read for the first time by short title.

**BILL NO. 2478: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE EUREKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Kee and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2478 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Kee, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2478 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Britt moved, THAT BILL NO. 2478 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; Murray - YES.

The motion for adoption was passed unanimously.

Mayor Coffey declared Bill No. 2478 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2366.

**8. BILL NO. 2479 RE: CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING PARKING WITHIN BERRY PARK**

On motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2479 was read for the first time by short title.

**BILL NO. 2479: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE PARKING PROVISIONS WITHIN BERRY PARK.**

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Berry and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2479 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Britt and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2479 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Sir moved, THAT BILL NO. 2479 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Murray.

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

The motion for adoption was passed unanimously.

Mayor Coffey declared Bill No. 2479 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2367.

**9. RESOLUTION NO. 1-5-16-1 RE: ADOPTING ST. LOUIS REGIONAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

The City Administrator explained that this plan was already in place but it must be readopted every five (5) years.

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Berry and unanimously passed, Resolution No. 1-5-16-1 was passed and approved.

**10. BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

An amended list of bills, with the changes identified, was considered by the Board.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, the amended list of bills was approved for payment.

**11. 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.

**12.**

Alderman Britt expressed his appreciation for all of the support from the City officials, staff, Eureka Fire Protection District and local volunteers who assisted during the recent flood event.

Mayor Coffey and the other five (5) Aldermen concurred with Alderman Britt's statement. Alderman Beckerle also commented about the support from outside the community and the work of Central Baptist Church for setting up a relief center.

**13.**

Alderman Kee commented that even with the revised residential plan from Flower and Fendler, he was still opposed to the rezoning of the property on Augustine Road.

**14. CITY BEAUTIFICATION SERVICES PROPOSAL**

Kristy DeGuire, of DG2 Design, LLC, Chamber of Commerce President Patrick Feder and Economic Development Director Julie Wood were in attendance to present a proposal for City beautification services for the City.

Dr. Patrick Feder explained that they began meeting approximately six (6) months ago with Aldermen Britt and Beckerle about Eureka beautification. With direction from Kristy DeGuire they began looking at improving the appearance of Eureka through enhanced streetscape, landscaping and signage.

Kristy DeGuire reviewed her proposal which focused on the four (4) "Gateways" to the City: I-44 and Highway 109, I-44 and Six Flags Road, Central Avenue/Fifth Street, Highway 109/Central Avenue and the thoroughfare along Fifth Street between Highway 109 and Six Flags Road. She also reviewed and provided designs which were implemented in the City of St. Charles.

The cost for these services will total \$11,440.00.

Following a general Aldermanic discussion, the consensus was to consider a proposed ordinance to enter into an agreement on 1-19-16.

**15. CLOSED SESSION**

**16. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED**

**17.**

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

For a record of the Closed Session at Item No. 15, see Minutes this date in the Closed Session File.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

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Ralph M. Lindsey, Jr., City Clerk