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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 Leistner, Britt, Sir, Berry, Beckerle and Murray. Also in attendance were City Administrator Craig Sabo, City Attorney Kathy Butler, Police Sergeant Dave Sindel and City Clerk Ralph Lindsey.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, the Minutes of April 19, 2016 were approved.

3. GUESTS

A. Theresa Arnett distributed flyers for National Police Week. She said she had received approval to place banners at QuikTrip, Walgreens and the new Verizon store. She said they would also be soliciting donations for the Support Eureka Police Fund.

There was a consensus of approval for the requested banners.

B. Curt Newsome and Kate Patterson addressed the Mayor and Board regarding the "Yogurt In Love" panel sign that was on the Legends Corporate Center pole sign and requested a moratorium on prosecution while the matter of the illegal sign was being researched.

City Attorney Butler explained that the panel sign did not comply with the sign ordinance for Legends Corporate Center and they were researching who could apply for an amendment.

City Administrator Sabo suggested granting a sixty (60) day moratorium on prosecution.

Alderman Beckerle commented that the research might require more time and suggested granting a ninety (90) day moratorium.

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Beckerle and unanimously passed, a ninety (90) day moratorium on prosecution was approved.

4. LACLEDE GAS EASEMENT REQUEST

Todd Fagan addressed the Mayor and Board on behalf of Laclede Gas Company. The Board packets included pictures and a site map showing the location for the proposed natural gas regulator station.

Mr. Fagan explained that the regulator station was necessary to boost the natural gas pressure to adequately serve the new residential development off of West Fifth Street. The requested easement was forty (40) feet by forty (40) feet and would have a concrete pad with two (2) four (4) foot by eight (8) foot structures.

Concern was expressed regarding the location, which was in close proximity to Meramec Blvd. Alderman Sir also commented that the light pole in one of the pictures had been hit numerous times by vehicles.

Alderman Murray asked if the regulator station could be placed underground; Todd Fagan said it could but it would require a large vault and was much more costly and not their preferred method.

Todd Fagan related that they had looked at several sites and had chosen this one. He said they could move the easement so that it was farther off the road.

Mayor Coffey said he would like to discuss the matter with the City Attorney in Closed Session.

Alderman Beckerle inquired as to when Laclede Gas planned to begin construction; Mr. Fagan said it would likely be a couple months.

The consensus was to discuss the matter in Closed Session.

5. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. Jim Breeden, representing Alive Church Community Family Extravaganza - Legion Park and Community Center - June 11th and 12th.

Jim Breeden briefly reviewed their application. He said this was a newly formed church and they were currently meeting at Holiday Inn.

Jim Breeden referred to their application and the attached Certificate of Insurance. He said the bounce house company and the BMX bicycle company also had insurance. The outdoor activities would be held on Saturday from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Beckerle and unanimously passed, the Special Event was approved.

5A. CONT'D.

Mr. Breeden said the bounce house company would like to keep their equipment set up overnight on Saturday and asked how they could provide security.

City Attorney Butler said he should coordinate the security with Police Chief Wiegand.

B. Bart Coleman, representing Moving Kids Off the Spectrum - Pedal the Puzzle Cycling Event - June 12th.

Bart Coleman referred to their application and the proposed bicycle route. He said it was the same as past events and he was working with Chief Wiegand.

On motion by Alderman Beckerle, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, the Special Event was approved.

6. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 4-27-16

A. The Commission recommended approval of a petition from Dov Szapiro, representing CCC2, LLC, for a Special Use Permit for a motor vehicle display lot and activities incidental to this use located at 1721 West Fifth Street.

Attorney Dudley McCarter spoke on behalf of the petitioner. He said there was new ownership but the operation and business name would be the same.

Joe Burris introduced himself as the Chief Financial Officer of the old company and the new company.

Mayor Coffey commented that any conditions placed on the current Special Use Permit should apply to the new Special Use Permit.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Britt and unanimously passed, the Special Use Permit was approved with any applicable conditions.

This permit will be scheduled for review in May, 2017.

B. The Commission recommended denial of a petition from Phoenix Real Estate Services, LLC for rezoning of approximately 4.44 acres from PC (Planned Commercial) to R-5C (Multiple-family Residential) located at 119 and 121 Hilltop Village Center Drive (petitioner has requested a continuation to the meeting of 5-17-16).

On motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, the continuation was approved.

7. PROCLAMATION - EMS WEEK

City Attorney Butler read a proclamation in observance of May 15-21, 2016 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Mayor Coffey then presented the proclamation to several representatives of the Eureka Fire Protection District.

8. PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

City Attorney Butler read a proclamation in observance of May 15-21, 2016 as National Police Week and May 15, 2016 as Police Officer's Memorial Day.

Mayor Coffey then presented the proclamation to Sergeant Sindel.

9. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

The list of bills was considered by the Board.

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

10. THRESHER DRIVE COMMUTER LOT

Alderman Beckerle asked about the status of the parking lot along Thresher Drive.

Mayor Coffey said it would be striped shortly and available for use.

There was concern expressed about overnight parking.

Mayor Coffey commented that some people work nights and may need to park overnight.

Following a brief general discussion, on motion by Alderman Britt, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, parking on the Thresher Drive commuter lot will be limited to twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.

11. 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, litigation, personnel and public safety.

12.

Alderman Murray said a resident had contacted her about the City providing City-wide wireless Internet service. She said she had no idea about the cost.

City Administrator Sabo expressed his opposition and no action was taken.

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

15.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

For a record of the Closed Session at Item No. 13, see Minutes this date in the Closed Session File.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Ralph M. Lindsey, Jr., City Clerk