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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 Flower, Aldermen Sir, Murray, Diekmann, Kilpatrick and Ascrizzi. Alderman Holloway was absent.

Also in attendance were City Administrator Craig Sabo, City Attorney Kathy Butler, Police Chief Michael Wiegand and City Clerk Julie Wood.

There were seventeen (17) people in the audience both in person and online.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, the minutes of February 1, 2022 were approved.

3. GUEST PERIOD

No guests were present that wished to address the Board.

4. PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JANUARY 26, 2022

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

5. LIONS AND LEGION PARKS IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSION

Mayor Flower presented a conceptual plan of proposed improvements to Lions and Legion Parks. He said the plan includes trails, improved pavilions, new crosswalks, baseball fences, scoreboards and an upgraded restroom at Legion Park. He reported that the plan will be posted on the City's website as well as shared through social media and email. He added that once we receive public input City staff will commence the process of soliciting bids for the various proposed projects.

6. APPROVAL OF CITY DISBURSEMENTS

The list of City disbursements was reviewed by the Board.

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, the list of City disbursements was approved for payment.

7. MAYORAL, ALDERMANIC AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Alderman Kilpatrick thanked Jerry Diekmann for upgrading the police vehicles to provide more comfort, and installing stronger floor mats to protect the interior of the vehicles.

Alderman Murray stated that touched base again with Building Commissioner John Boggs about the portion of the Berry Park Trail connecting to the high school being muddy.

8. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

9. CLOSED SESSION

10. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

11. PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Flower presented a plan for the City to adopt a single rate for property tax in 2022. He stated that this would mean that the City would adopt the lowest tax rate in all categories set by St. Louis County.

On motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, a single rate for property tax was approved.

12. COMPENSATION PACKAGE

Mayor Flower recommended a proposal to increase staff salaries for full-time employees in Public Works, Building, Municipal Court and Administration Departments which would align City staff compensation with cities comparable in size, population and budget (Police and Park Department compensation has already been adjusted).

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick and unanimously passed, the compensation proposal was approved.

13.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

For a record of the Closed Session Minutes at Item No. 9, see Minutes this date in the Closed Session File.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

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Julie Wood, City Clerk