

MINUTES OF THE EUREKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 20, 2024

The Eureka City Council convened in regular session on February 20, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Eric Lind called the meeting to order and after a moment of silence led The Pledge of Allegiance and then directed the City Services Coordinator to call the roll. Present were Aldermen Chambliss, Klaus, Logan, Teegarden, Wilson and Williams. Aldermen Hasty and Littlejohn were absent. Also in attendance were Lynn Hinnen, Treasurer; and Erik Hasselbacher, Director of Public Works, Police Chief Alex Collinge, Assistant Police Chief Kim Jones and MSA Representative Greg Crowe.

Moved by Williams second by Klaus to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, regular meeting of the City Council. Passed on roll call vote with Aldermen Teegarden, Klaus, Chambliss, Wilson, Logan, and Williams all voting Aye.

Moved by Teegarden, second by Logan, to approve the monthly treasurer's report for January 2024. Passed on roll call vote with Aldermen Teegarden, Klaus, Chambliss, Wilson, Logan, and Williams all voting Aye.

The Mayor asked for public comments on any action to be taken on Agenda items. There were none.

Moved by Chambliss, second by Wilson, to approve and pay the bills as the City's obligation in the amount of \$96,354.74. Passed on roll call vote with Aldermen Teegarden, Klaus, Chambliss, Wilson, Logan, and Williams all voting Aye.

Moved by Teegarden second by Williams, to accept a bid for Kaufman Golf and Apostolic Christian Home areas for Storm Sewer improvements with the low bid being received by Stark Excavating in the amount of \$3,355,000 and the engineer's estimate being \$3,000,000. Passed on roll call vote with Aldermen Teegarden, Klaus, Chambliss, Wilson, Logan, and Williams all voting Aye.

Melissa explained the disparity between the engineer's estimate of \$3,000,000 and the low bid of \$3,355,000 was seen across the board in bids on specific components such as manhole structures which were costlier than anticipated. The Enterprise Fund will be completely utilized as well as a loan from General Fund to cover the additional costs. Hinnen was asked her opinion, she responded that to be good stewards' of city funds, the money should be utilized to provide additional public services and upgrades as they are not getting less expensive. Brown explained that ARPA funds, Enterprise revenues and a loan should cover the cost. With the understanding that the City pay back General Fund as quickly as feasible. Enterprise will need to discuss the potential increase for water/sewer/stormwater rates as Enterprise projects are planned and needed. Crowe explained that the project area is from Cruger at the Highway to Kaufman Golf Course. The following fiscal year, IDOT will be working on Main Street, they will offer a cost share to the city on the remainder of storm pipe upgrades from Davenport under the highway. Each alderman weighed in with their opinion on whether or not to proceed. The consensus is that it makes the most sense to proceed with the current low bid because the work needs to be

done to provide improve stormwater flow/discharge and the project will not get any cheaper moving forward. The confidence was reiterated in Treasurer Hinnen as she has been the treasurer for the city since 1989, and seen the city in a much different fiscal shape-that she feels confident in moving forward.

Moved by Wilson second by Williams, to issue Notice to Proceed to contractor the Kaufman Golf Course and Apostolic Home areas Store Sewer Improvements. Passed on roll call vote with Aldermen Teegarden, Klaus, Chambliss, Wilson, Logan, and Williams all voting Aye.

Committee Reports:

Chairman Chambliss of the Budget Committee: No report

Chairman Chambliss of the Administration and Personnel Committee: Brown gave update on grants in the work and Planning Meeting scheduled March 18th.

Chairman Teegarden of the Enterprise Committee:

Chairman Williams of the Maintenance Committee: No Report

Chairman Klaus of the Public Safety Committee: Alex looking for volunteers for a training coming up. Department has been attending and hosting trainings.

Chairman Wilson of the Park and Recreation Committee: No Report

Chairman Teegarden of the Economic Development Committee: No Report

Chairman Mayor Lind of the Liquor Committee: No report

New Business: none

Public Comments: Linda Logan offered a photo album displaying pictures of the progress on the Charters of Freedom. Mayor Lind asked for aldermen to pencil in May 24th as a potential date to dedicate the Charters of Freedom installation at the park.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Brown, City Services Coordinator