

1. CALL TO ORDER

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 Berry, Kiefer, Ascrizzi, Sir, Murray and Holloway. Alderman Murray was absent.

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

2. MINUTES

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed the amended Minutes from the February 2, 2020 meeting were approved.

3. GUESTS

A. Mrs. Bobbie Roberts, 125 West Avenue, requested a crosswalk from the Central Avenue Bridge to the other side of Fifth Street. It was suggested that she meet with City staff to describe what she is requesting so a budget number can be established and the project could be considered in the next fiscal year.

B. Mr. Kevin Kilpatrick, 811 Williams Drive, said that he is concerned with the proposed repeal that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended pertaining to Section 20A-6 of the Municipal Code, and believes eliminating subdivision buffers and green space would go against the wishes of the public.

C. Mr. Tom Brueggeman, 22 Dreyer Avenue, thanked the Board for erecting No Overnight Parking signs. He requested that the signs be changed with an updated time frame or that the land be deeded to him. Mr. Brueggeman was directed to meet with staff during office hours as the guest period was not the appropriate place to discuss such matters. Mr. Don Hinkebein, 324 Cerny Ave., brought up concerns about the intersection of Cerny Avenue and Augustine Road being too narrow. He also inquired about striping Augustine Road to keep vehicles in their lanes. Mayor Flower said he would direct staff to look into the request.

D. Mr. Derrick Pratt, 403 Williams Drive, thanked the City for clearing out the creeks. Mr. Pratt requested that the City look into our process for notifying residents about exterior appearance complaints. Mayor Flower informed him that the City has made a change internally and are sending letters out by regular mail or placing phone calls moving forward.

4. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2020

The Commission recommended approval of a petition from Jeff Brant for a Special Use Permit for a motor vehicle display lot at 320 Cahoon Drive.

Jeff Brant, 320 Cahoon Drive, shared that he owns BJ Auto Sales and explained that he will be opening a classic car auto sale business at this location.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Berry and unanimously passed, the Special Use Permit was approved with recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

5. BILL NO. 2647 RE: REPEALING CERTAIN SUBDIVISION PROVISIONS

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Berry and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2647 was read for the first time by short title.

Alderman Murray asked if the City gets rid of this ordinance then possibly we should require new developments to have more property for the lots.

Mayor Flower said this would make the common ground someone's backyard.

Alderman Murray shared that her fear is that this will open up other areas that are yet to be developed to be denser.

Mayor Flower said this change will not make developments more dense, but instead keeps the Board from having to approve variances and make amendments.

BILL NO. 2647: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CERTAIN SUBDIVISION PROVISIONS

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Holloway and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2647 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Berry, seconded by Alderman Kiefer and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2647 was read for the third time by short title.

Alderman Sir moved, THAT BILL NO. 2647 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Berry.

The roll call vote was as follows: Alderman Kiefer - YES; Berry - YES; Ascrizzi - YES; Murray - YES; Sir - YES; Holloway - YES.

The motion for adoption passed unanimously.

Mayor Flower declared Bill No. 2647 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2533.

6. BILLS FOR APPROVAL

The list of bills was considered by the Board.

Mayor Flower requested that only one-half of the Sensus R.A.D. invoice be paid at this time rather than the full amount as they have not yet completed all of their work.

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

7. RECURRING BILLS FOR APPROVAL

The list of recurring bills was considered by the Board.

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

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the financial statement that was presented to them.

9. ALLENTON BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Flower shared that the new bridge conceptual design is at grade at the Burlington Northern Railroad line and flies over the Union Pacific Railroad line. The bridge has four lanes and a trail.

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This bridge will provide the required vertical clearance over the Union Pacific track, and have greatly improved horizontal clearance. The City presented the conceptual design to MoDOT and the City feels like they will approve it with some minor alternations. The concept will be submitted to both railroads and the City is hoping that approval will come by the end of the year and that construction will begin during 2021.

10. MAYORAL, ALDERMANIC AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Alderman Berry shared that he has a proposal for adjusting the Wards. After a general discussion, the Board agreed that the proposal will go to staff for review. Alderman Murray requested more cones to separate the trail from Augustine Road and asked about the status of the project.

Mayor Flower said when the weather allows, crews will be adding white reflective lines stripes to separate the trail from the roadway.

Alderman Sir asked if the railroad could look at the crossing in Old Town. The concrete slabs have sunk down. He also asked that MoDOT be contacted about the intersections at Fifth Street and Central Avenue, as well as at Fourth Street and Central Avenue, as both are in need of some maintenance.

11. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

14.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42p.m.

For a record of the Closed Session Minutes at Item No. 12, see Minutes this date in the Closed Session File.

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Julie Wood, City Clerk