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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 Diekmann, Murray, Sir, Ascrizzi, Kilpatrick and Holloway.

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

There were fifteen (15) people in the audience in person and online.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, the minutes of February 7, 2023 were approved.

3. PROPOSED POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Police Chief Wiegand introduced Mr. Bryan Eckles to the Board. He stated that Mr. Eckles is presently a Lieutenant with another Police Department in St. Louis County and recommended his appointment to the Eureka Police Department.

On motion by Alderman Holloway, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick and unanimously passed, the appointment of Mr. Eckles as a Police Officer was approved.

4. GUEST PERIOD

A. Tom Lee, of 17000 Elm Trail, addressed the Board regarding the retaining wall along Forby Road. He said he believes it will start to fail soon if maintenance on the wall is not performed. Mr. Lee said he believes simple maintenance would make the wall last much longer.

Mayor Flower thanked Mr. Lee, and said he will have Public Works look into the issue.

5. PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2023

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

6. APPROVAL OF CITY DISBURSEMENTS

The list of City disbursements was reviewed by the Board.

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

7. MAYORAL, ALDERMANIC AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Alderman Kilpatrick reminded everyone that Big Dawgs Poker tournament is Sunday, March 5th. He also said there is a raffle that doesn't require playing poker to participate.

Alderman Sir inquired as to if the City is going to do a shredding event again.

City Administrator Sabo said the City is looking into hosting an event that does not conflict with the shredding event held by Farmers and Merchants Bank.

8. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Holloway 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. CIP FUNDING REQUEST

Parks and Recreation Director Kristin Christenson requested approval of funding for office partitions and additional furniture needed for the newly hired staff in the amount of \$15,919.72. She described where staff will be located in the office area and what items are needed.

On motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, the proposed funding was approved.

12. BERRY PARK - PROPOSED USE FOR BALL PRACTICE

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, a moratorium on prosecution from March 13th - June 30th was approved to allow for City/ESA associated youth team practices at Berry Park, as approved by Parks and Recreation staff.

13. AUTHORIZING RFP FOR LANDSCAPING

Mayor Flower suggested separating the Flat Creek Trail corridor landscaping from the original landscape architect contract.

On motion by Alderman Kilpatrick, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, a new RFP will be developed solely for the landscaping of Flat Creek Trail corridor.

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

Julie Wood, City Clerk