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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, Kilpatrick, Holloway, Murray, Sir and Ascrizzi.

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

There were twenty-nine (29) people in the audience in person and online.

2. MINUTES

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, the minutes of September 20, 2022 were approved.

3. GUEST PERIOD

A. John Loida, a Eureka resident, said he believes the City has been repealing ordinances to promote development. He asked what direction or vision for the community the Board has.

Alderman Diekmann said as a business owner he has been frustrated at all the hoops he had to jump through in order to run his business. He said he supports making it easier for businesses to operate.

Mr. Loida said he understood he just wants to make sure we grow at the right pace and responsibly.

Mayor Flower said many large home developments have happened in the past five (5) years, and the Board wants to create an atmosphere where the City and others can handle the growth. He cited the City's recent collaboration with the Eureka Sports Association as a good example of how the City can step in and help with growth.

Mr. Loida said he wants to make sure the City maintains its integrity and continues to grow with purpose.

Alderman Sir said he wants to make sure businesses want come to town, and by peeling away some of the restrictions we felt like we are improving the process.

Mr. Loida stated that he was curious about residential growth.

Alderman Kilpatrick said the Allenton Bridge has been an issue for quite some time, and voters overwhelming supported the project which was addressed with Prop E. He said the bridge has taken a while due to so many entities being involved in the process. He added that the other large project, the government center, is moving forward quicker and the City has chosen a location and is working on plans. He said that as the town is growing, we need to recognize that we need to change accordingly.

B. Brad Trower, a Eureka resident, said he read an article in The Leader about resident complaints regarding the sound of trains. He stated that he thinks spending the money to silence the trains is ridiculous. He said he does not understand why we would spend tax money to make private crossings safer. He asked what the injury record was for train related incidents, as he knows of only one. Mr. Trower said he would rather see public money spent to make West Main Street safer.

Mayor Flower said part of the reason it came up was due to the City working with the company on the bridge development that does this type of work. He said years ago there was a study done on train noise reduction, but needs to be updated. He said if you improve safety then the horn blowing becomes minimal. He added that it is the first step, but there is no real push to do this right away.

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Alderman Kilpatrick said as of right now we have not spent any money, and only issued an RFQ. Mayor Flower said there are many cities that have done a study like this for various reasons.

Mr. Trower said he has grown up in Pacific and Eureka, and most accidents are not the fault of the train.

Mayor Flower said there have been complaints in passing, but there hasn't been a person that called and complained specifically. He said they will get the proposal out to the public so residents can be informed and start a conversation on whether funds should be used to support moving forward on the study.

C. Derick Pratt, of 403 Williams Drive, thanked the Board for the new Augustine Heights detention basin. He said we haven't been really tested yet, but heavy rains are still affecting the low spots on Williams Road. He inquired as to if this will be something the City will look at in the near future. Mayor Flower said now that the water and sewer has sold we are shifting staff to start looking at storm sewers and creeks to identify areas that can be addressed.

Mr. Pratt asked about clearing the creek behind the homes.

Mayor Flower stated that the creek is actually owned by each individual property owner, and the City would welcome property owners cleaning out their properties.

Alderman Kilpatrick said he would love to get a group involved to start clearing that creek area.

D. Paula Black, of Legends South, spoke regarding her water and sanitary sewer bill. She said costs have tripled in her neighborhood. She shared that Missouri-American Water is sending a field representative to her home to look for leaks. She said that they can detect leaks in her home, but the rate of the increase is extreme.

Mayor Flower said there have been many different experiences. He reported that the sewer doubled, and that was a flat rate which is cheaper than most in St. Louis County. He explained that the water bill reflects usage and numerous other factors. He noted that the bills were accurate in most situations based on their consumption.

A general discussion followed, and Mayor Flower shared what Missouri-American Water has spent to improve the system.

Alderman Kilpatrick said his sister lives in Ballwin and they have the same situation; empty nesters and a similar sized house, and her bill was the same. He went on to give an overview on meters and irrigation systems. He also said if there is a leak between the meter and the foundation of the house Missouri-American Water will fix the leak under the water service line repair program.

Ms. Black asked if there was confidence that the new meters will actually detect if there is a leak. Mayor Flower replied that there should be confidence that they will detect leaks.

E. Brandon Jacobsen, a resident of the Arbors of Rockwood, asked about the timeline for the new water.

Mayor Flower said around 18 months.

Mr. Jacobsen inquired as to the required meter size one should have.

Mayor Flower replied that it depends on the size of the house.

Mr. Jacobsen asked if the new homes in the Arbors need a meter replacement since they are brand new.

Mayor Flower replied that the meters Missouri-American Water is installing uses different technology and are much better.

F. Rick Jackson, a resident of the Arbors of Rockwood, said they had built a home in Ballwin through McBride and was never told about the CID associated with his new home in Eureka. He

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said the only reason he became aware was due to receiving the bill from St. Louis County. He said he is not sure if the City has heard that type of complaint before.

Mr. Jackson said they downsized and his taxes are higher here. He said they will not be staying in Eureka though they do like it here.

Mayor Flower said that there is a requirement that McBride disclose the CID fee at the time of purchase.

4. PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
(The meeting was cancelled; therefore, no Board action is required.)

5. BILL NO. 2787 RE: THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2787 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2787: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2787 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Sir and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2787 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Sir moved, THAT BILL NO. 2787 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Diekmann.

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

The motion for adoption was unanimously passed.

Mayor Flower declared Bill No. 2787 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2673.

6. BILL NO. 2788 RE: ARCHEOLOGICAL SERVICES

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2788 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2788: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

On motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2788 was read as for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Diekmann and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2788 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Sir moved, THAT BILL NO. 2788 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Diekmann.

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

The motion for adoption was unanimously passed.

Mayor Flower declared Bill No. 2788 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2674.

7. BILL NO. 2789 RE: GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2788 was read for the first time by short title.

BILL NO. 2789: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SCI ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

On motion by Alderman Murray, seconded by Alderman Ascrizzi and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2789 was read for the second time by short title.

On motion by Alderman Sir, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, Bill No. 2789 was read for the third and final time.

Alderman Murray moved, THAT BILL NO. 2789 BE ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE BY ROLL CALL VOTE. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick.

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

The motion for adoption was unanimously passed.

Mayor Flower declared Bill No. 2789 passed and designated it to be Ordinance No. 2675.

8. LEGION & LIONS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Katie Abolt with Navigate Building Solutions presented an overview of the planned Legion & Lion Park Improvements. She stated that Navigate has had many group discussions, site visits, field verifications, staff feedback and design reviews for materials and finishes. She reviewed the cost estimates with the following breakdown: The improvements for walking trails is an estimated cost of \$565,085.00. The improvements for the new restroom in Legion Park is estimated to cost \$287,405.00. The replacement pavilion in Legion Park is estimated to cost \$475,928.00. Expanded parking is estimated to cost \$85,921.00. The second lot on Legion Park expansion is estimated to cost \$177,957.00. The Lion's Park pavilion is estimated to cost \$515,685.00. The improved turnaround in Lion's Park is estimated to cost \$126,172. The outfield fence and foul pole improvements are estimated to cost \$210,177.00 and \$31,561.00. Improved dugouts are estimated to cost \$90,869.00. The addition of shade structures is estimated to cost \$561,466.00. The addition of a crosswalk is estimated to cost \$37,390.00. The refurbishment of existing and new batting cages is estimated to cost \$134,789.00. Alternate No. 1 to replace backstops on 4 fields and upgrade fencing is estimated to cost \$282,564.00. Alternate No. 2 to add an outfield warning track is estimated to cost \$56,393.00. The grand total without the alternates is \$3,382,014. There is currently a potential for \$465,000 in grant funding. Ms. Abolt then went over the proposed schedule, keeping in mind that the City would like the fields ready to support City events and sports seasons.

City Administrator Sabo said he would like to see the outfield warning track included in the project, and not as an alternate.

Alderman Holloway asked about water fountains in Legion Park.

Ms. Abolt asked for a response from the Board by October 18th.

There was a unanimous consensus to move forward with the bidding process and include the alternates.

9. APPROVAL OF CITY DISBURSEMENTS

The list of City disbursements was reviewed by the Board.

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

10. STATEMENTS OF FINANCES - AUGUST 31, 2022

The financial statement was reviewed by the Board.

On a motion by Alderman Diekmann, seconded by Alderman Murray and unanimously passed, the Board of Aldermen acknowledged receipt of the financial statements for the period ending 8-31-22.

11. MAYORAL, ALDERMANIC AND STAFF COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Alderman Diekmann said he thought Eureka Days went unbelievably well and credited the Parks Department, Eureka Police Department and Eureka Fire Protection District.

Mayor Flower said he received many comments about how many new people were in the crowds.

Board consensus was that the event was one of the best they had attended.

12. CALL FOR CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Alderman Diekmann, 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.

13. CLOSED SESSION

14. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

15.

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

(Original with signature on file)

Julie Wood, City Clerk