

Minutes for September 7, 2016 Special City Council Meeting

The Special Meeting of the Eureka City Council was called to order on September 7, 2016, at 7:15 p.m. by Mayor Miller in the council room of the Municipal Building with the following present: Mayor Miller, Duquette, Eberhart, Flemmer, Heilman, Schwingler, Weisbeck and Finance Officer Frerk.

Others present: Polly Gab, Craig Gab, Scott Heimer, Gregg Arnold, Bruce Fauth, Arlo Bertsch, Bonnie Serr, Donnie Fischer, John Schwingler, Tim Serr, and Larry Spitzer.

No changes or additions to the agenda.

Motion by Weisbeck, seconded by Schwingler to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the artesian well located on the north side of the Eureka Lake. The artesian well has collapsed and cannot be opened at this time. The Council discussed whether or not the situation should be declared an emergency. The lake is used for recreation, irrigation, and if needed fire protection. The Council also discussed what the possible fish kill could be and the cost to restock the lake.

Scott Heimer with Water Systems Drilling was present. They have tried to fix the current artesian well; however, he believes due to the velocity of the water being too high and the corrosive water and soil in the lake it has now collapsed and is unrepairable.

Bruce Fauth addressed the Council and asked if Game, Fish, and Parks has been contacted yet. They may have financing available.

Scott Heimer estimated that the City would probably be looking at the cost of \$250,000 for drilling and materials for a new artesian well.

The Council requested that financing for a new artesian well be looked into. Game, Fish, and Parks will be contacted. NECOG will also be contacted to inquire if the City qualifies for any grants or loans.

The Council tabled action until the Council meeting on September 12.

Depending on weather, Scott Heimer stated that a new artesian well could be back up and flowing again in a time frame of about two weeks.

Motion by Eberhart, seconded by Schwingler to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Lloyd Miller

Nicole Frerk, Finance Officer