REGULAR MEETING August 11, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Eldorado City Council was held on Monday, August 11, 2014, at the City Hall with all Council Members present except Vanessa Covarrubiaz and Lupe Herrera. Council Member Jesse Rubio arrived at 6:20 PM. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM. Also present were Staff Members Floyd Fay, Juanita Gomez, Melissa Truelove and Theo Melancon. The City Interns, Breana Crofoot and Maria Vasquez were also present for the meeting. Also present was Kathy Mankin of the Eldorado Success and Jim Sullivan.

MEET WITH CITIZENS PRESENT:

6:28 PM

Jim Sullivan met with council on behalf of the Schleicher County Rodeo Association. Mr. Sullivan discussed exactly how the SCRA brings and business to our community and also how it gives back. The SCRA is looking for different companies to advertise in the SCRA program as well as help sponsor expenses. A motion was made by Danny Halbert and seconded by George Arispe to look into the City of Eldorado's 2014-2015 budget and allocate \$1000 to SCRA if applicable. With the \$1000 funding, the City of Eldorado would be considered a "Gold Sponsor". The City's name and a link to our new website would be advertised in the program. The motion carried.

Rico Forlano was not present for the meeting, however he had provided information to City Administrator Theogene Melancon. Mr. Forlano is seeking funding help for the Eldorado Game Association. A motion was made by Jesse Rubio and seconded by Vicki Farmer to look into the City of Eldorado's 2014-2015 budget and allocate \$500 to EGA if applicable. The motion carried.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION:

6:40 PM

Cassandra Beach did not show for the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

6:41 PM

Mrs. Henderson (Block F, Lot 11-12, Original Town) was not present for the meeting. She came into City Hall prior to the meeting and paid \$1000 for the City to clean up the property.

Mrs. Huichapa (Block Y, Lot 2A, Original Town) was not present for the meeting. On July 7, 2014 she was given a 60 day extension. 30 days into the extension no visible progress has been made. The property will come before the council again on September 8, 2014 for the final 30 day review.

Mr. Cardona (Block 4J, Lot 11, Christian Addition) was not present for the meeting. The property is currently in the process of being donated to the City. Once the signed deed is returned to the City, we will tear down the graffiti house and clean.

Mrs. Sanchez (Block 4U, Lot 1-2, Christian Addition) was not present for the meeting. She has cleaned the front part of the property, however, the shed has not been covered and she has informed Mrs. Gomez that she does not currently have money for a survey. The property will be re-evaluated at the September 8, 2014.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

6:55 PM

Mr. Fay reported that the City is required to publish one more newspaper notice for the Wastewater Plant permit. It was reported that the RRC will give a good report. Sammy Russo with TML-IRP will be conducting his insurance inspection next month. Mr. Fay reported that an abandoned gas pipe at the landfill was scratched by equipment blade while employees were cleaning around the building. The City was reported for not using DigTess even though no digging was being done, just scraping. The damaged pipe was covered by approximately 2-3 inches of dirt not 18 inches as required by law. Floyd reported that chipping is being done in the mornings and patching is done in the afternoons. The current water level was reported at 322 feet. This is 5 ½ foot drop. Water usage was reported at 53% down from July 2013. The trigger for Stage 3 of Drought Contingency is 329 feet. Floyd reported that Mike Haynes is our newest employee. He will be working 4 days a week for 4hrs a day or 20/week total.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY REPORT: 7:05 PM

Melissa Truelove provided the July 2014 tax distribution report to the council for review.

Mr. Melancon discussed landfill rates and accepted materials with the council. A Budget Hearing was set for August 27, 2014 at noon at City Hall. Two Tax Rate hearings need to be set as well. A motion was made by Jesse Rubio and seconded by George Arispe to have the 1st Tax Rate Hearing on August 27, 2014 at noon at City Hall. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

7:30 PM

Minutes of the July 7, 2014 Regular Meeting was reviewed, and a motion was made by Danny Halbert and seconded by Jesse Rubio to approve the minutes. The motion carried. Minutes of the July 21, 2014 Special Meeting was reviewed, and a motion was made by Jesse Rubio and seconded by Vicki Farmer to approve the minutes. The motion carried. Current bills were reviewed, and motion was made by Danny Halbert and seconded by Vicki Farmer to pay the bills. The motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Melissa Truelove, City Secretar

Date:

John Nikolauk, Mayor