

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
WORK MEETING
JULY 1, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Jenkins opened the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Jenkins – Present
Council Member Tony Atherley – Absent
Council Member Raeleen Maxfield - Present
Council Member Tom Nedreberg – Absent
Council Member Kimberly Clements – Present
Council Member Charles Davis - Present
City Recorder Patricia Bigler – Present

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Bradley Winger, Travis Kenison, David Fletcher, Drake Underwood, Bonne LaCario, Darrin Carlson, Scott Pugh

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Shay Morrison, Community Advisor
State of Emergency/Emergency Procedures.
Emergency Declaration.
Executive Order by Governor Spencer Cox – Fire Restrictions/Fireworks Ban.
He said we need to have the Council ratify the Declaration of Emergency. If the city wants to follow the Governor’s Executive Order, then we do not have to do anything.

Dan Fechner, City Engineer – Review of Transportation Plan.
Mayor asked if anyone had any questions and no one responded. A new Public hearing was scheduled for July 15th. Then it will be ready for the Council Meeting on July 27th. Recorder Bigler stated the Transportation Plan is on the city website if people want to look at it and make comments. Dan said he sent an email today with a template letter for NRCS for emergency funding.

Funding Procurement for Booster Station Reconstruction.
Not discussed.

Tyler Elliott – Request for Equipment Purchase, Bagger for Lawn Mower.
Tyler made a request to purchase a bagger for the lawn mower. The Mayor explained the reason for the purchase. Tyler found a bag that will work on the lawn mower. The cost is \$3,500.

Employee Pay.
Mayor Jenkins said due to the evacuation some employees could not work, and he would like to pay them their regular wage. For Patricia and Tyler, he would like to give them their regular hours and then whatever they worked over they would get as a bonus. Council Member Clements

would like to have the dollar amounts. Council Member Davis felt everyone should get a full pay day, however; he didn't like the idea of the bonus. He felt the city had other options that wouldn't have cost any money.

Review of Employee Personnel Policy and Procedures to include Comp Time.

Mayor Jenkins had a request from the staff in the field asking for comp time. Shay will help draft something for the next meeting.

Review of Resolution Setting Certified Tax Rate.

The Council reviewed the tax rate and will be ready to vote on it at the Council Meeting.

Discussion on Water Restrictions.

Mayor Jenkins said he brought this up because of concerns he received due to the water used during the fire. The water system kept up, and the water aquifer looks healthy. Currently the water restrictions are for outside watering only.

Review of Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes from June 8, 2026, Council Meeting.

The Council reviewed the minutes.

Mayor Jenkins said there were questions raised by some Councilors during the emergency. He shared some of those concerns with Interim Sheriff Travis Kenison. Sheriff Kenison said he would come to the meeting to address those concerns. One of the concerns brought up by Council Member Davis was why the Mayor didn't call in the National Guard. The answer is the Mayor cannot call them in. He can request it through the emergency manager in this case Drake Underwood. It is then sent to the State and eventually to the Governor. He is the only one who can call them in. Before this can be done the City and County must exhaust all their resources. Council Member Clements felt our response plan was not utilized. Sheriff Kenison said most people do not have those plans or their county plan memorized. He suggested having all new Council Members and Mayor review the plan. He said if as a city we do not exercise those plans they are worthless. He recommends going forward to take bits and pieces of the plan and train on it and practice it until everyone knows it by heart. He does not fault anyone. We rarely have any big events like this. In his 18 years working for the Sheriff's office this is the first time they have had to evacuate an entire town. He suggested working on the failures to make them better for the next time. Council Member Davis said he still had issues with businesses being closed during the emergency. His business should have been utilized. The Mayor should have made it possible for him to run his business during the emergency. He has 21 years in the National Guard and would like to have helped but he couldn't get through the roadblock. Sheriff Kenison said the closing of businesses and the call to evacuate fell on his shoulders as Sheriff. He stated Mayor Jenkins and Council Member Maxfield did a great job and if our emergency plan called for everyone to meet at City Hall then that is where everyone should have been. Drake Underwood said the key point is communication and that requires everyone to work on it. This is why you practice and exercise your emergency plan. You learn during a time of crisis. Council Member Clements had an issue with some people being allowed to come back up. The Sheriff's office felt with the speed of the evacuation that escorting people up to get needed medication and so forth was warranted.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Maxfield made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Clements seconded the motion. All in favor meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.