

**EUREKA CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 25, 2025 6:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Mayor – Toni Dever
Council Member – Scott Pugh
Council Member – Travis Haynes
Council Member – Tom Nedreberg via Zoom
Council Member – Kimberly Clements
Council Member – Jeremy Snell
City Recorder – Patricia Bigler
City Attorney – Brad Christopherson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Hansen Jr., Chelsea Bradley, Jeffrey Bradley, Cynthia Kirgan, Dayna Rush, Joni Wall, Pam Norris, Bill Powell, Shirley Bell, Larry Bell, Sue Renzello, Gary Poh, George Dever, Teresa Long, Evans Long, Laura Kirgan, Mary Crank, Adele Pagnani, Andrea Jo Midgley, Susan Pugh, JaNeel Nielsen, Bradley Winger, Rogert Jenkins, Robert Pagnani, Joyce Wright, Raleen Maxfield, Barry Maxfield, Mark Kurts, Lindsey Thurman, Grady Hall, Dawn Christensen, Krystal Gout, Shay Morrison – R6 Community Advisor, Dan Fechner – Jones & DeMille

If the proposed budget is approved, EUREKA CITY would receive an additional \$36,782 in property tax revenue per year as a result of the tax increase. If the proposed budget is approved EUREKA CITY would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 69.10% above last year's property tax budgeted revenue excluding eligible new growth.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing and turned the time over to Attorney Christopherson.

Attorney Christopherson put together a presentation and explained how taxes work. The meeting focused on the proposed property tax increase. The tax increase would be used to address infrastructure maintenance and code enforcement challenges. He mentioned the Council has discussed their approach to handling chronic code violations through aggressive legal action and emphasized their commitment to improving the city's appearance while maintaining necessary regulations. Gary Poh was concerned about the city going after people who are trying to make improvements to their property. Attorney Christopherson explained he only deals with the ones that have ignored previous notices.

Mayor Dever opened the meeting to public comments.

Robert Jenkins, who is running for Mayor, asked if there were other avenues explored such as grants. Council Member Clements replied that a lot of the grants ask for matching funds and the

city does not have the money to match those funds. He would like to see the tax rate start at a lower level, especially to help those on a fixed income. JaNeel Neilsen said she was in favor of the tax rate to help the city with dealing with code enforcement and so on. She stated there are programs to help the elderly with their taxes. Adele Pagnani felt the tax increase was necessary and it is time Eureka stepped up to get things done. Mary Crank said she is very concerned as a single person who runs a business here how she and others like her will afford a high increase in taxes. Cynthia Kirgan suggested implementing smaller, more frequent tax increases to avoid large jumps in the future. Several more residents expressed concerns about the high percentage increase, suggesting it could be reduced, while several others supported the need for additional funds to address community issues. There were a lot of concerns and questions about the assessment of property done by the County. Attorney Christopherson, Shay Morrison, and Council Member Snell explained how the County assessment of property is done. The Council stressed the necessity of the tax increase to cover ongoing costs and implement improvements, noting that the current tax revenue has remained unchanged for decades. Council Member Snell encouraged everyone to come to the meetings and be part of the solution. Shelly Stansfield reiterated again the need to hold the meetings via Zoom. The comments could be turned off so the meeting would not be disrupted and if you wanted to comment you could attend the meeting in person.

The Council will consider the public comments and make a final decision during their regular meeting, with the tax rate to be finalized by September for the County's tax notices.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Dever closed the Public Hearing and thanked everyone for coming 7:52 pm.