

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**ROLL CALL**

- Council Members present: Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, Police Chief John Kopp, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Doug Erickson of 59748 216<sup>th</sup> Street asked about the maintenance of the trail which runs from County Road 56 to Country Road 86. MNDOT is stating this is the city's responsibility. Council directed staff to contact MNDOT to clarify that the city never took over ownership of the trail.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Sidewalk Update will be added to New Business
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the August 1, 2016 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the Consent Agenda which included:

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| 1. Monthly Bills       | 6. Building Permits  |
| 2. Treasurer's Report  | 7. Gambling Report   |
| 3. Police Report       | 8. Resolution 2016-33 Appointing Brady Schloesler to Fire Active Fire Department |
| 4. Fire Report         | 9. Resolution 2016-34 Accepting Resignation of Dan Nelson                        |
| 5. Public Works Report | 10. Contiguous License – American Legion   |

Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Sidewalk Update

- Bolton and Menk's survey has been received. There are questions on the legal description of the road's right-of-way. Nothing will be happening this year. The slope on the east side of the road would be steep.

2. Resolution 2016-36 Approval of a Variance Request – 312 S. Agency Street

- Mr. Bechel has requested a variance to plot a new lot with a width of 47 feet instead of the 70 feet required by city code. Blue Earth County will allow the use of the existing curb access.
- The Planning Commission heard this request and is recommending approval with the condition the new house should have equal setbacks as the existing house which is 53.9 feet.

- Mr. Bechel asked Council to consider allowing the setback to match the house on the property to the north which is 43.9 feet.
  - Council discussion included side and front yard setbacks.
  - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the variance with the condition that the front yard setback aligns with the property to the north which is 43.9 feet. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Sewer Forcemain Options
- Mr. Scott Schaffer with AE2S presented information regarding the possible connection of a new line to the forcemain which Mankato is constructing.
  - Mr. Schaffer recommended that Council consider jetting the existing line at the west end of the current connection to determine the condition of the line, stating this information would help in the decision making process.
4. Curfew Ordinance
- The proposed ordinance would help establish a county wide curfew ordinance.
  - Discussion was tabled until the October meeting to allow for more public awareness.
5. Sewer Rates
- Due to increased sewer charges from the City of Mankato, Eagle Lake is in need of increasing sewer rates. Different rate increase options were presented to Council.
  - Council consensus was to increase the base fee by \$5.00.
6. Public Works Position
- With the resignation of a public works worker, staff is asking for Council direction as to advertise for either a full time or part time position.
  - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to advertise for a full time Public Works Worker. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
7. 2017 City Budget
- Through the busget work session process staff is recommending a preliminary tax levy increase of 3.5% which equates to a tax levy of \$621,115. Once the preliminary budget is set it can be lowered, but not raised.
  - Council discussion included the need to ensure necessary funds are available before setting the final tax levy.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to set the preliminary tax levy at a 7% increase. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
8. MNDOT Trail
- This item was discussed under Public Comments
9. Fall Clean Up
- If a fall clean up event is offered it would be a central site collection location, not curbside pick-up. Residency would need to be verified.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to provide a fall clean up for Eagle Lake residents. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

1. Fall Stick Pickup – the option for a fall stick pickup was presented with Council indicating that unless a wind storm occurs they would like to see this service offered in the Spring.

2. Leaf Vac – St. Clair may be interested in using our leaf vac system this fall. Council indicated they would be in favor of this if St. Clair would be interested in using the equipment on the weekend so that it remains available in Eagle Lake during the week.
3. Special Work Session – a special work session to meet at the Legion to consider a financial assistance request through the EDA loan program.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S UPDATE**

1. Monarch Butterfly Program – Mayor Auringer stated he would be interested in signing a pledge committing to providing a Monarch Butterfly trail. There would be grant money to purchase the seeds. Council consensus was this would be a good project.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

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Tim Auringer, Mayor

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Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk