

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
JANUARY 9, 2017  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**ROLL CALL**

- Council Members present: John Ries, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, and Mayor Tim Auringer.
- Council Members absent: Dennis Terrell
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

- Mayor Auringer swore in in-coming Mayor, Brianna Anderson. Brad Potter swore in re-elected Council Members John Ries and Ryan Short.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Karl Ulrich, 23 Country Manor, addressed Council expressing his desire for the Council's ability to work together in 2017.
- EJ Brauch, 108 Peggy Lane, addressed council with a concern that vehicles do not stop at the intersections of LeSueur Avenue and Linda Drive and also Linda Drive and Parkway Avenue. He presented a suggestion of how police officers could handle these situations. He also inquired as to how building permits for the construction of two story sheds are issued and inspected. This process will be reviewed by staff.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the December 5, 2016 and December 12, 2016 City Council meeting minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Council Member Frederick indicated Resolution 2017-02 needed to be corrected by replacing Peoples State Bank with Cornerstone State Bank. Resolution 2017-01 is appointing the Free Press at the City's official newspaper.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick to approve the consent agenda as corrected. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

**APPEARANCES**

1. Parkway Avenue Costs – Ryan Thilges

- Mr. Thilges explained the scope of the project and how the cost of seeding versus sod affected the project cost. He also explained that the county paid for 90% of seeding/sod work and the city paid the remaining 10% as stipulated in the cooperative agreement the city signed for this project. Therefore the cost to the city was not affected with the change order to seed the boulevard.

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, authorizing staff to pay the remaining \$30,000 balance of the Parkway Reconstruction project. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **2. Wellhead Protection Program Adoption**

- The presented program follows the state's template of monitoring the existing wells within city limits. Public Works Director Reinbold has had some wells sealed and is looking to have others sealed. There are a couple of wells in the area and if these properties become annexed into the city they will be sealed.
- The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adopt the Wellhead Protection Program as presented. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. 2017 Performance Evaluations/Citywide Goals**

- Job descriptions are being revised in January and from there department goals for each quarter will be developed. After that job evaluations will be developed. Any pay increases given will be retroactive to January 1, 2017.
- Council discussion included clarification if the January raises would be based on the performance review or if they would be automatically given a 3.5% increase as a method to catch pays rates up others communities. Mr. Potter indicated they would like council's approval for all pay increases.

### **4. 2017 Calendar of City Events**

- The following events in the city will be added to the 2017 calendar of events: Stick Pick Up May 20<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>, Spring Clean Up May 13<sup>th</sup>, Fall Clean Up October 7<sup>th</sup>. By establishing these dates now staff will be better able to inform residents of these events in a timely manner.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **5. Fire Contract Update**

- Mr. Potter will be meeting with LeRay Township January 10, 2017. Call loads are being pulled from the contract formula and are looking at included market value instead. The proposed contracts will be for three years.
- Discussion included if it would be possible for an automatic renewal at the end of the three year contract period with a pre-specified increase rate.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- LeRay Township zoning request was also discussed. Mr. Potter stated he would like to bring the township and the county together for a meeting and serve as a conduit for this meeting.
- There will be no water, sewer, refuse, or recycling rate increase at this time. This will be looked at in the next month.
- Community Services Survey results summary were presented and discussed. The questions for this survey were taken from the state auditor's office.
- A potential party may be interested in purchasing the Church of Christ along Highway 14. Council discussion included whether water and sewer would be required if this parcel were to be annexed into city limits. Council concluded they could be flexible and include language into a developer's agreement which would state that water and sewer connection could be required in the future.

- The February City Council meeting has changed to February 13, 2017.

**COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE**

- Mr. Potter will let MAPO know that Brianna Anderson will be the new representative from Eagle Lake on the MAPO committee.
- Mayor Anderson asked if Council would be in favor of exploring low cost options to video record the City Council meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

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Brianna Anderson, Mayor

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Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk