

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
MARCH 6, 2017
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

- Council Members present: Dennis Terrell, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, and Mayor Brianna Anderson.
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Police Chief John Kopp, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the February 13 and February 21, 2017 City Council meeting minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council Member Frederick asked about adding the Fire Contract to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Potter explained the formula was changed pulling out call volume and adding building valuation. The proposed contracts would have a three year term.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

APPEARANCE

9. Office of Traffic Safety Presentation

- Scott McConkey and Kammy Huneke with the Office of Traffic Safety presented the Eagle Lake police department with a Lidar gun in recognition of outstanding work with the Towards Zero Death campaigns.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Accessory Shed Height Ordinance

- The proposed ordinance change was heard by the Planning Commission on February 27, 2017 and they are recommending Council approval.
- For sheds with a ground level floor area of less than or equal to 120 ft² the maximum allowable structure height shall be 10 feet. For a shed with a ground level floor area between 120 ft² and 500 ft², the maximum allowable structure height shall be 12 feet. For a shed with a ground level floor area of greater than or equal to 500 ft², the maximum allowable structure height shall be 15 feet.

- Mr. Potter explained these requirements are for sheds only and will not affect garages.
- The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the ordinance change as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

11. American Legion Loan Request

- The American Legion is requesting a city Economic Development Loan in the amount of \$20,000 to replace the heating and cooling system in the ballroom.
- Mr. Potter indicated if passed some requirements could be added such as working with outside services to evaluate future needs and ways to improve cash flow.
- Council discussion included possible terms and rates for the loan.
- Council Member Terrell moved, Council Member Frederick seconded, to approve the \$20,000 loan request with a five year term and an interest rate of 2 percent. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

12. Storm Water Plan – Chris Larson

- Chris Larson with ISG updated the Council on the status of evaluating the city's storm water system. Information is being gathered and a field visit will be scheduled to meet with the Public Work's Director.
- Council discussion included a potential wetland bank and ditch and culvert work.
- Mr. Larson stated ISG will present possible solutions once the study is complete.

13. Maintenance of Open Spaces

- Mr. Potter presented two options of maintaining open spaces, the first to prioritize and minimize mowing in area, the second to continue mowing all open spaces. He also proposed hiring a season worker who would only do mowing and weed whipping.
- Council discussion included to need to maintain the appearance of Parkway Avenue and the possibility of purchasing a zero turn mower to ease the mowing around the boulevard trees along Parkway Avenue.
- Council Member Short moved, Council Member Terrell seconded, to approve the hiring of a seasonal public works employee and to continue mowing all areas of the city. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

14. Sewer Contract Update

- Mr. Potter updated Council on the progress of the sewer contract asking Council to consider a work session with the Mankato City Council. Mankato has agreed to bid the project with a bid alternate for sizing the pipe from 18 inches to 24 inches. Eagle Lake will be able to walk away from this project if the prices come in too high.
- Scott Schaeffer with AE2S drafted a memorandum of understanding. Pat Hentges with the City of Mankato indicated this is not something he is interested in.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the memorandum of understanding and to schedule a work session with the City of Mankato. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

15. Community Meetings

- Attendance was low at the park open house. The Park Board will look at moving forward with a specific project for 2017.
 - The water quality open house had approximately 10 residents in attendance. Public Works Director Reinbold is getting bids to clean the water tower. AE2S is looking into alternate ways to flush hydrants in the area of North Second Street to help improve water clarity.
16. Sakatah Trail Connection
- Council indicated they are interested in exploring options to form a safer connection to the Sakatah Trail along County Road 86, to improve signage along the trail promoting the City of Eagle Lake as a destination, and possible improvements to the pond north of County Road 17.
 - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick to explore options with Blue Earth County and MNDOT. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting favor.
17. MAYBA Contract
- MAYBA has requested a five year contract to use the Eagle Lake baseball and softball fields. In return they would make improvements to the fields.
 - Jeremey Horkey, and Eagle Lake Sports Association representative, stated the Sports Associate will only be hosting t-ball games this year and that MAYBA's schedule of the fields can be coordinated with the t-ball schedule.
 - Council discussion was the desire to leave the outfield fence free of advertisements to maintain the aesthetic appearance of the park.
 - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to enter into a five year contract with MAYBA. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.
18. Xcel Energy Lighting Proposal – Parkway Avenue
- Mr. Potter explained the original proposal was for 44 light. He also explained that at some point in the future Xcel will be changing out the Cobra heads for LED lighting. The installation of new lighting will cost approximately \$1,000 per light for the traditional fixture. The decorative lanterns cost approximately \$5,000 per fixture.
 - Staff is looking at other the lighting needs of other areas of the city as well.
 - Council discussion included the need to determine the correct spacing of lights to balance the city's needs and to minimize cost.
19. Commercial Lot Sale
- Not requests for proposal were received for the parcel located between Dasch Salon and Superior Car Wash. This lot will be privately marketed. The parcel can house a 30 foot by 60 foot structure.
20. 2017 Projects
- Council established a 2017 project list of street lighting, storm water, water main looping, and relining of sewer pipes.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

Brianna Anderson, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk