

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
SEPTEMBER 11, 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: John Ries, Dennis Terrell, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, and Mayor Brianna Anderson.
- Staff present: Interim City Administrator Richard Almich, Public Works Supervisor Brian Goettl, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Doug Hume, 301 Perry Street, asked for the mayor's resignation stating he was dissatisfied with performance.
- Ben and Kim Daschner, 252 Oak Drive, stated they are interested in purchasing vacant lot from City east of Dasch Salon. They would like to use the money the city owes them in the development of these parcels to be applied to the purchase price of the lot. They also requested the city help facilitate payment from bank.
- Jim Beal, 420 Owl Lane, stated there have been no EDA or Planning Commission meeting for several months. He asked about the payments from the EDA bank account which are for utilities, and about the sewer rate contract with the City of Mankato. This contract is still open and he knows of people who would be willing to assist the city with this if needed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the August 14, 2017 City Council meeting minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council Member Frederick asked to pull final payments to Brad Potter for further discussion. Ms. Rausch explained what these payments were for. Brian Goettl, Public Works Supervisor, asked for clarification on Mr. Potter's vacation accrual rate. It was explained that Mr. Potter had negotiated at time of hire a different accrual rate.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fall Junk Days

- Consideration of fall junk days on October 21, 2017 with items being dropped off at Lake Eagle Park from 8:00 a.m. to noon that day only.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to authorize Fall Junk Days on October 21, 2017. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

2. Fraze Park Bid to Pave Path

- Bids were presented to pave a path in Frazee Park from N. 3rd Street to the restrooms along Cate Street.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to accept the bid from WW Blacktopping in the amount of \$9,780. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

3. Refinance GO Bond 2010A

- Monte Eastvold and George Eilertson with Northland Securities presented the potential cost savings of \$46,000 associated with refinancing GO Bond 2010A.
- If Council proceeds with refinancing they have ability to set a minimum savings threshold.
- Council Member Ries moved, Council Member Short seconded, to authorize Northland Securities to initiate refinancing process. Motion carried with Council Member Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

4. Adoption of 2018 Proposed Budget and Property Tax Levy

- Council was presented with two property tax levy options, one at a zero percent increase, the other at a 12% increase. It is anticipated that a 12% property tax increase would maintain current year property tax levels due to an expanded tax base.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve Resolution 2017-27 A Resolution Setting the Fiscal Year 2018 Preliminary City Budget and Preliminary Property Tax Levy with a 12% property tax levy increase. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1. City Administrator Recruitment Process

- Updated job description was presented to council for review and approval.
- Updated salary range of \$70,000 - \$90,000 was presented to council for consideration and approval.
- Job posting process was discussed with utilization of the MN Council of Governments recommended for consideration.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the updated job description, approve the updated salary range, and the job posting process which included utilizing the MN Council of Governments. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- Council Member Frederick mentioned Mankato has received the sewer connection bids and reminded Council and staff that the City of Eagle Lake will need to pay 90% of the cost once bids are accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

Brianna Anderson, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk