

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

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Director Rick Reinbold, Police Chief John Kopp, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

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 Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the October 2, 2017 minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council members inquired about the bill from Premier Veterinary Clinic. It was explained this was for the housing of 12 dogs removed from a home. Council asked if alternatives could be researched if such an issue arises again. Also discussed is the squad car being put up for sale on the state bid site. There is no fee for this listing.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, 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

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2018 Health Insurance Rates
 - The city's health insurance agent, Todd Zimmerman with Principle Financial, presented the 2018 health insurance plans and the changes in deductibles for the coming year. He also explained that premiums will increase by 8% plus and additional increase of 6.6% due to age increases of employees for an overall total increase of 14.6%.
 - Council discussion included the fact that the 10% preliminary budget increase was an arbitrary number until the final numbers were received.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the 2018 health insurance rates as presented and to task the interim city administrator with adjusting the preliminary budget accordingly. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.
2. 2017-2018 Property/Casualty and Workers Compensation Insurance Rates

- Mike Kennedy, with Alliance Insurance, presented the 2017-2018 insurance rate changes for the contract year. Rates will remain level with Property/Casualty rates increasing .013% and workers compensation rates increasing .073%. The increase in the workers compensation rates is due to increase in wages not claims.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to continue the city's coverage of property/casualty and workers compensation coverage working with Mike Kennedy. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. \$525,000 General Obligation Crossover Refunding Bond, Series 2017

- Mr. Eilertson with Northland Securities summarized past council actions and reported they were able to buy down the bond by \$160,000 which will leave a one year balance in the debt service fund. The buying down of debt resulting in shortening the life of the bond by three years. The required 5% savings was exceeding, with the city saving 6.1% over the life of the bond.
- Mr. Eilertson explained the Council needed to approve a ratifying resolution and a limited disclosure agreement.
- Mayor Anderson moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the final refunding resolution. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.
- Mayor Anderson moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the Limited Disclosure Agent Agreement. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. U.S. Highway 14 Partnership

- Mr. Almich recommended joining the partnership since the state legislature listens to the input of such groups.
- Ms. Ashley, a student from the St. Clair school district, asked for an explanation of what this partnership is about.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve joining the U.S. Highway Partnership. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1. City Administrator Recruitment Process

- Mr. Almich updated the council on the recruitment process stating 48 applications have been received of which 8 met the minimum qualifications. He also presented a tentative schedule on how this process will proceed. A final list of candidates will be presented at the December Council meeting.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- Council Member Ries has contacted Pet Expo about the doggy bag holders and is waiting to hear back from them.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

Brianna Anderson, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk