

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
JANUARY 8, 2018
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 (arrived late), Dennis Terrell, 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 Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the December 4, December 7, and December 14, 2017 City Council minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council Member Frederick stated that Wells Federal Bank on the list of depositories for 2018 has merged with another bank. Staff will research and update the bank's new name.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing and announced that the public hearing on the proposal to amend Chapter 18 of City Code adding a provision for erosion and sediment control will be held over to the February 5, 2018 City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and Recommendation from the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Regarding the Sale of a City Owned Commercial lot to Ben and Kim Daschner
 - Rick Almich stated the EDA approved in principal the sale of the Parkway Avenue parcel to Ben and Kim Daschner and is made said recommendation to city council. Council was presented with the EDA's recommended conditions on this sale.
 - Daschner's proposed project for this parcel would include office space rental.
 - Council Member Frederick reminded staff of the agreement with Blue Earth County that a percentage of the land sale will be returned to the county.

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve in principal the sale of the Parkway Avenue parcel to Ben and Kim Daschner. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1. MN Valley Council of Governments (MVCOG)

- Laura Elvebak with the MVCOG presented an overview of services they provide along with the city's annual membership fee.
- Council expressed the need to utilize these services if we join.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve membership with the MN Valley Council of Governments for 2018. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

2. Police Department-Hiring of Additional Full-Time Police Officer

- Council discussed cost increase of adding an additional full-time officer and the need to post externally to ensure most qualified candidate is hired.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to authorize the hiring of an additional full-time police officer. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- Mayor Anderson asked to discuss concerns about stray cats roaming the community. Mayor Anderson contacted BENCHS and they do not accept stray cats from agencies outside of Mankato. Their recommendation was to drive the cats to the Golden Valley humane society.
- Mr. Almich indicated that most communities do not license cats.
- Upon much discussion it was determined that stray cats should not be feed by homeowners and that this is not an issue the city if equipped to deal with.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

Brianna Anderson, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk