

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
APRIL 4, 2016
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Tim Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, Police Chief John Kopp, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Short moved to approve the March 7, 2016 City Council meeting minutes and Council Member Frederick seconded. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Included in the consent agenda is the appointing of Spencer Kolles to active duty on the fire department and the hiring of Andrew Hagen as a part-time police officer.
- Council Member Frederick moved to approve the consent agenda and Council Member Ries seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Annexation of Highway 14 Right-of-Way

- Discussion of annexing the right-of-ways at the intersection of County Road 55 and Highway 14 and County Road 17 at the intersection of Highway 14 in which LeRay Township is in agreement. The purpose for these annexations is to provide clarity for public safety departments. The city would not assume any responsibility of the roadways, ponds, or trails or their maintenance.
- Council discussion questioned the necessity of annexing the right-of-way at the intersection of County Road 17 and Highway 14. The parcel west of County Road 56 and Highway 14 was annexed in September of 2015.
- Discussion also included if there is a need to annex the right-of-way along the eastern edge of Parkway Avenue to Highway 14.
- Council Member Ries moved to annex the right-of-way at the intersection of County Road 55 and Highway 14 and Council Member Terrell seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

2. Sewer Pipe Televising Bids

- Six (6) bids were received to televise 9,000 linear feet of sewer lines checking for maintenance and I & I concerns. The lowest bid was received from Overline and Sons at a rate of \$0.94 per foot.
 - Council discussion included whether value based comparisons are considered in the bidding process. Staff does take this into consideration but the matrix needs to be very solid.
 - Council Member Terrell moved to accept the bid from Overline and Sons at the rate of \$0.94 per foot and Council Member Short seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederic, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. City Hall Council Chambers Update
- Due to increased use of the council chambers, staff is spending more time maintain the room and more contracted maintenance is needed. Council was presented with a proposed rate change structure. If approved all existing agreements will be honored at the current rate.
 - Council discussion included the need to include in the contract a comprehensive list of prohibited items which can not to be used in the room. Also discussed was the need to increase the group 3 rate to \$50 and \$75 respectively for residential and not residential rates.
 - Council Member Ries moved to approve the proposed rate structure with changing group 3 to \$50 and \$75 respectively and Council Member Frederick seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
4. City Sewer/Water Lines Ownership
- Staff is looking to clarify and formulize ownership of lateral services lines. Current verbal understanding is that the City owns the mains, but the lateral service lines are owned by the property owners.
 - Council discussion included what would happen if there is broken service lines under the roadway. Residents would be responsible for the repairs. The roadway would only be patched to the middle of the road, not the entire width. When subdivisions are developed the residents do pay 100% of the cost of the lateral service lines.
 - Council Member Ries moved to approve a policy which states property owners own and are responsible for the lateral service lines. Council Member Frederick seconded and then asked that the motion be amended that the property owners are responsible for the storm sewer underdrains. Council Member Ries accepted this amendment.
 - Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voted in favor.
5. Zoning Ordinance Amendment
- Due to changes in the state's building code, building permits are now needed when a shed is greater than 200 square feet. Per city code, sheds 200 square feet and less will still require a zoning permit. This proposed change to Chapter 6.210 is a housekeeping change to incorporate the state building code change.
 - The public hearing was opened and closed at 6:54 p.m. with no comments being offered.
 - A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Sidewalks – there is no new information at this time. Staff is still looking at design options and will keep residents informed. Jeremy Horkey of 520 S. Agency Street asked if there is a possibility of stripping a walking/bike lane. The city would need to work with Blue Earth County since this is a county road. Mr. Horkey also asked if it would be possible to lower the speed limit along this road in the area of the mobile home park and south past the Eagle Heights development. Council discussion included if there is any focus on sidewalks along Linda and Thomas Drives. There will be additional traffic counts in these areas in April and May.
- Eagle's Edge – the proposed design plan was presented for the units along Parkway Avenue. Council asked if private sidewalk connections could be considered for the tenants from the unit to the existing sidewalk along Parkway Avenue. Concern was voiced that the tenants may view the Parkway Avenue

side of the building as their back yard and that the city wants this to have a front yard appearance. Council asked if the developer could consider wrought iron fencing to dress up these parcels and to provide safety. Developer is looking to begin construction the summer of 2016.

- MNDot Highway 14- bids have closed and SMC (OMG Corporation) was the bid winner. Plans are for a preconstruction meeting in May to determine project timing.
- Sewer Agreement – There will be a customer communities meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016 with Scott Schaffer of AE2S in attendance. The next scheduled meeting with the City of Mankato is April 12, 2016.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Short moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and Council Member Terrell seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk