

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
MARCH 7, 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: Dennis Terrell, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, and Mayor Tim Auringer.
- Council Members absent: John Ries
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, Police Chief John Kopp, Police Officer Ryan Rands, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Short moved to approve the February 1, 2016 City Council meeting minutes and Council Member Frederick seconded. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- The resignation of Shelbea Sadusky from the police department and Brian Strand as the crossing guard are included in the consent agenda.
- Council asked to pull the Highway 14 Coalition and Zoning Permits from the consent agenda and will be discussed in the administrative report.
- Council Member Short moved to approve the consent agenda with the two above items being pulled and Council Member Terrell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

PRESENTATION

1. SunEdison – Solar Panels
 - Christina Zajicek presented an overview of the solar credit program the city would be able to participate in seeing a bill credit on the Xcel bill.
 - If Council decides to participate in this program there would be a 25 year subscription agreement.
 - Blue Earth County is in also looking into this program and are negotiating a contract agreement.
 - Council Member Short moved to move forward with this program by reviewing the draft contract negotiated by Blue Earth County. Council Member Frederick seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water and Sewer Hook Up Fees
 - Staff is recommending the elimination of the platting sewer and water area connection fees for developments unless the development required regional improvements. Hookup fees would still remain.
 - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
 - Council discussion included if any hook up charges which Mankato may impose are known,

which remains unknown at time of meeting.

- The fees for apartments and townhomes are on a per unit basis.
 - Council Member Frederick moved to adopt the new hookup fees of \$500 for water and \$400 for single family dwellings, \$250 and \$200 respectively for apartments and townhomes on a per unit basis. Commercial and Industrial developments will be charged on a case by case basis with fees starting at \$500 for water hookup and \$400 for sewer hookup.
 - Council Member Frederick moved to approve the hookup fees as presented and Council Member Short seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
2. Owl Lane/Sparrowhawk Circle Drainage
- Due to parcel development in the Owl Lane and Sparrowhawk Circle area stormwater drainage issues have developed. Property owner Chris Adams presented staff with a possible solution to the problem of adjacent property owners privately installing drainage tile.
 - Staff is looking for Council input if Council would agree to specially assess the properties over a five year period if 100% of adjacent property owners sign on in agreement of this tile line being installed. If 100% of property owners do not sign on then the city could look at the 429 statute process.
 - Council Member Short moved to authorize Mr. Adams to move forward and to special assess improvement if there is 100% participation. Council Member Frederick seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. MS4 Storm Water Agreement
- Bids from two engineering firms have been received on MS4 proposals. The bid from ISG was substantially less than the other bid received and is a not to exceed bid in the amount of \$18,000. In this bid the city would assume responsibility for some of the activities.
 - Council Member Frederick moved to accept the bid from ISG to prepare MS4 Standards and Council Member Terrell seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
4. MAYBA/Eagle Lake Sports Association Park Usage
- Staff is recommending a one year agreement for both parties to allow the Sports Association to determine the potential growth of the local organization.
 - Council Member Short moved to authorize staff to enter into a one year agreement with both MAYBA and the Eagle Lake Sports Association. Council Member Terrell seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
5. Crossing Guard/Crossing Light
- Blue Earth County has agreed to the installation of the crossing light. The lights on the sign will remain off until a pedestrian pushes the button to active the lights.
 - The cost of the lights is \$5,800 and will take 30-45 days for delivery.
 - Discussion included the optimal location of the crossing light on Parkway Avenue. Council directed staff to reach out to the community for input.
 - Council Member Terrell moved to authorize the purchase of the crossing light and Council Member Short seconded. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
6. Parkway Avenue Properties
- Staff is recommending the creation of an overlay district, namely the Parkway Avenue District, within the B-1 framework from 598th to Agency Street.
 - The Planning Commission recommended approving the creation of an overlay district along Parkway Avenue.

- Council Member Short moved to add section 6.173 to city code which would create an overlay district for Parkway Avenue. Council Member Frederick seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1. Parkway Avenue Land Sale – due to the unexpected cost of a storm water retention pond discussion included how to make these parcels affordable to sell.
2. Sidewalk Plans – discussion included the difficulty in retro fitting a sidewalk in some area and the possibility of locating a portion of the sidewalk on the east side of the roadway and then crossing over to the west side. Staff will look in to pricing without going out for bid on the project at this time.
3. Highway 14 Coalition – Council directed staff to join this coalition.
4. Zoning Permits – it is recommended that zoning fees for sheds be waived. The property owner will still need to apply for a permit and setback checks will still be performed. Any sheds over 200 square feet would still require a building permit. Council Member Short moved to waive fees on zoning permits for sheds and Council Member Frederick seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
5. Land Sales – discussion included the unexpected costs of a storm water drainage pond and options to make lots affordable. Council Member Frederick moved to approve option 3 and Council Member Short seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
6. Land Use Plan Meeting – meeting will be held Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
7. Mayor Clerks Meeting – meeting will be held at Uncle Alberts Thursday, March 10, 2016.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Frederick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. and Council Member Terrell seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk