

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
FEBRUARY1, 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, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, and Mayor Tim Auringer.
- Council Members absent: Dennis Terrell
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, Police Chief John Kopp, Police Officer Teila Baynes, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Frederick moved to approve the January 4, 2016 and January 11, 2016 City Council meeting minutes and Council Member Short seconded. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- The appointment of Brady Schloesser and Mike Rezac to the Fire Department Reserves is included in the consent agenda along with the resignation of Alan Kleist from the fire department. Mr. Schloesser and Mr. Rezac were present.
- Council Member Short moved to approve the consent agenda and Council Member Frederick seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Minnesota TZD-Operation JOYRIDE

- Annette Larson with the coalition explained that the details of this program are still be worked out but the initial focus will be on providing sober rides for people attending community festivals.
- State Patrol Captain Jeremy Geiger explained that several entities are involved in this program and that DWI's and fatal crashes were up in 2015. This program is an attempt to lower these statistics.
- Scott Reiten with Region 9 Development Commission stated this program can be what we want it to be.
- Mayor Auringer moved to approve a \$1,000 contribution to Operation JOYRIDE and Council Member Ries seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

2. Solar Buying Project – SunEdison

- Mr. Potter explained there are solar credits available through companies such as SunEdison in which the city could see cost savings benefits on electrical bills. If approved the city would

need to enter into a long term contract with SunEdison

- Council discussion concluded that more information on this program was needed and directed staff accordingly.
3. Public Works Mower Acquisition
 - Director Reinbold stated three bids were received. These bids reflected the mower cost along with the trade in of the 2001 Toro and the 2006 John Deere mowers.
 - Staff is requesting approval accepting the bid from John Deere in the amount of \$15,850.00
 - Council Member Ries moved to accept the mower bid from John Deere and Council Member Frederick seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 4. Parkway Avenue Properties
 - Becky McCarty from Braun Intertec presented environmental findings for 301 Parkway Avenue.
 - Council authorized Mr. Potter to establish a fair market value for this property.
 5. Approval of Personnel Policy Updates
 - Council Member Ries moved to approve personnel policy updates as presented and Council Member Short seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 6. Consideration of Possible Water Sewer Fees
 - The proposal before Council would eliminate water and sewer platting fees unless infrastructure improvements are needed for the development. Fees for water and sewer hookups were presented for multiple family dwellings on a per unit basis at a rate half of that of single family dwellings.
 - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
 - Council Member Frederick moved to approve the water and sewer fees as presented and Council Member Short seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1. MAYBA Contract
 - MAYBA is asking for a 5 year contract to ensure use of field if they make improvements to the field. One items they are requesting is to be able to attach advertising banners to the outfield fence, which is staff is not in favor of.
 - Council discussed the needs of the Eagle Lake Sports Association now and in the future and directed staff to open a dialog with the local association before entering into an agreement with MAYBA.
 - Council did indicate verbal support but details need to be finalized prior to signing an agreement.
2. SMIF Library Grant
 - Mr. Potter stated a Southern MN Initiative Foundation grant is available for a community library but that there are concerns with some of the grant requirements.
 - Council discussed possible locations for a reading room for pre-school students with a possible location being in the City's council chambers. Hours would be limited if this is established.
 - Council indicated support for a reading room.
3. Parkway Avenue Costs
 - Mr. Potter presented the city's legal cost for this redevelopment project and that Blue Earth County has offered to cover 25% of the costs. Council directed staff to continue discussion with Blue Earth County on this issue.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Performance Evaluations for John Kopp and Teila Baynes.

- The meeting was closed at 7:57 for performance reviews.
- Council Member Ries moved to reopened the meeting at 9:03 p.m. and Council Member Frederick seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Council Member Short moved to approve the performance reviews for John Kopp and Teila Baynes and Council Member Ries seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Council Member Ries moved to increase the wages for both John Kopp and Teila Baynes by one step increase and Council Member Short seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Council directed staff to gather wages for other police departments which could be used in the 2017 budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Ries moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. and Council Member Frederick seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk