

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
JANUARY 4, 2016  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Auringer 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, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, Dennis Terrell (arrived at 6:18) and Mayor Tim Auringer.
- Council Members absent: none
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Briana Anderson asked about the possible use of the house located at 305 Parkway Avenue for a non-profit organization. She would also like to organize a community event group which would commit to organizing three to four community events each year with the initial kick off in April. She would like to see a community sweet corn site planted. She has lined up some of the details and is now looking for a site.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Added to the consent agenda is Resolution 2016-8 authorizing MNDot to complete a speed study on 598th Avenue and additional payables.
- Council Member Short moved to approve the agenda with the additions 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 November 2, 2015 City Council meeting minutes and Council Member Ries seconded. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- The appointment of Joe Anderson to the Fire Department Reserves is included in the consent agenda along with the Mayor's Council appointments for 2016. Mr. Anderson was present.
- Council Member Frederick moved to approve the consent agenda and Council Member Short seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**RESOLUTION**

1. Resolution 2016-06 Greater Mankato Cities Water Quality Coalition
  - This resolution will allow Eagle Lake to enter into a partnership and for bylaws with North Mankato and Madison Lake for negotiations with the City of Mankato for a sewer agreement.
  - Council Member Short moved to approve Resolution 2016-06 and Council Member Frederick seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Reis, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## **POLICIES**

### **1. Snow Plowing Policy**

- This is an updated policy which can be put online and helps explain various snow plowing scenarios.
- Council Member Frederick noted that parking lots which house emergency vehicles should be listed as a top priority.
- Council Member Frederick moved to approve the policy with the suggested amendment and Council Member Ries seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **1. Conditional Use Permit – Theuninck**

- Mr. Theuninck has requested a conditional use permit for a grouped housing project allowing more than one building on a parcel. The original plan has been down sized to 12 4-plexes for a total of 48 units. All necessary setbacks will be met, the storm water retention needs will be met and the extension of Eagle Avenue is not know at this time.
- The Planning Commission heard this request and is recommending approval. Ms. Lynn Ragan called with no concerns being raised and an email from Mr. Troy Michels stating his disapproval of this project.
- The public hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m. with Brianna Anderson of 1010 Timberidge Trail asking if there is a need for more rental units. Mr. Theuninck indicated that if the market does not indicate the need, this project design can be reduced or slowed. There will be one exterior door for each of the 4-plexes.
- The public hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.
- Council Member Frederick moved to approve Resolution 2016-07 A Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Grouped Housing Project and Council Member Ries seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

### **2. Rezoning Property along Parkway Avenue**

- This ordinance change will change the unzoned property to B-1 and was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. This includes the north side of Parkway Avenue's parcels which have been turned back to the city by Blue Earth County.
- The public hearing was opened and closed at 6:41 with not comments being offered.
- Council Member Short moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-01 and Council Member Frederick seconded.
- A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

### **3. Variance Request for Parkway Avenue Properties**

- The proposed sites need a variance for the front, side, and rear yard to be zero. These variances would be for paved surfaces only and not for structures.
- The Planning Commission has recommended denying this request with their primary concerns being the lack of green space and the number of variances requested.
- Mayor Auringer pointed out there are several businesses along Parkway that have no green space with zero setbacks allowed for pavement.
- Council Member Ries stated the bank's plan is most likely a concept plan and subject to change and that a variance would assure developers it will be carried through.
- The public hearing was opened at 6:57 p.m. with Brianna Anderson, 1010 Timberidge Trail

asking what would be developed on these parcels. The public hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

- Council discussion included if variances for lots 1 and 2 are indicated at this time and the need for a retention pond for lots 3 and 4.
- Mayor Auringer stated that council has been overriding the planning commission recently and asked if a joint meeting of the two groups is warranted to allow all parties to develop a mutual understanding of goals for the downtown area. It was also indicated there is a need to space the planning commission and city council meeting further apart.
- Council Member Ries moved to table the variance requests until the February 1, 2016 meeting to allow time for the Planning Commission and City Council to come together in a work session. Council Member Frederick seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## **ORDINANCES**

### 1. Fee Changes for Chapters 8, 9 and 18 Utility Rates

- Mr. Potter proposed these fees need to be looked at from an equity standpoint, the city's need for infrastructure and to establish a uniform methodology when issuing permits. Possible options were presented. At this time no council action is being requested.

### 2. Planning Commission Guidelines

- Staff presented the possibility of having a council member be appointed to the planning commission as a non-voting member and to possibly change the meeting night to the third Monday of the month, allowing for more time between the planning commission meeting and the city council meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- The administrators update was presented with the following highlights.
- Employee reviews will go to Council January 11 and February 15, 2016.
- Parkway Avenue request for proposal was discussed with Council stating they would like to hold off on this until the final MPCA report has been received.

## **COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE**

- Council Member Ries asked if trail lighting for the parks have been looked at yet. Staff is looking into options.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Ries moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. and Council Member Frederick seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

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Tim Auringer, Mayor

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Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk