

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
JUNE 6, 2016  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Pro Tem Ries called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**ROLL CALL**

- Council Members present: John Ries, Dennis Terrell, and Clete Frederick. Mayor Auringer arrived at 7:08 p.m.
- Council Members absent: Ryan Short.
- 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**

- Mr. Potter asked that items 10 and 11 under the Consent Agenda be deleted. Council Member Frederick moved to approve the agenda with the above mentioned changes and Council Member Terrell seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, and Mayor Pro Tem Ries voting in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Council Member Frederick moved to approve the May 2, 2016 City Council meeting minutes and Council Member Terrell seconded. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, and Mayor Pro Tem Ries voting in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the Consent Agenda which included:

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| 1. Monthly Bills       | 8. Resolution 2016-226-Election Judges                                 |
| 2. Treasurer's Report  | 9. Resolution 2016-27 to Not Waive Statutory Tort Limits               |
| 3. Police Report       | 10.Resolution 2016-28 Removed from Agenda                              |
| 4. Fire Report         | 11.Resolution 2016-29 Removed from Agenda                              |
| 5. Public Works Report | 12.Contiguous Area Liquor License for Eagle's Nest and American Legion |
| 6. Building Permits    |  |
| 7. Gambling Report     |  |

Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, and Mayor Pro Tem Ries voting in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

13. Sidewalks and Trails – Agency Street and 598<sup>th</sup> Avenue

- Mr. Potter stated more information is needed for the proposed trail along 598<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Staff met with Blue Earth County Engineer Ryan Thilges and the City's engineer, Owen Todd, regarding the proposed sidewalk along South Agency Street from Thomas Drive to Maywood Avenue.
- Mr. Thilges was present and stated the construction of the five foot wide sidewalk would be a partnership between the City and Blue Earth County with the City being responsible for engineering services, acquiring the right-of-way, working with the property owners, letting bids, and one half the construction costs. The County would be responsible for reviewing construction plans and one half the cost of construction. Ideally the sidewalk would be six to twelve feet from the curb in the right-of-way, with a minimum of six feet from the curb. He also

stated that Blue Earth County would not fund half of the construction cost if there is not an adequate boulevard.

- Council discussion included snow removal expectations for the sidewalk and if the sidewalk needs to be straight or if it could curve to miss some obstacles. Also discussed is the fact that many of the properties have a 28 foot right-of-way.
  - The meeting was opened for public comment with the following comments being taken:
    - Roger Bechel – 312 S. Agency Street, stated concerns with snow removal and feels a sidewalk away from the curb would be best and would like to see a predictable line for travel.
    - Kevin Rykhus – 524 S. Agency Street, asked if his hedge would be replaced which is five to six feet from the curb, which is in the right-of-way.
    - Bob Winkler – 313 S. Agency Street, stated people now are using the roadway and does not see a need for the sidewalk since people are walking on the road where there are sidewalks. He would like to see sidewalks in areas kids walk to school.
    - Earl Jensen – 420 S. Agency Street, stated he feels this project is not needed and that the roadway is wide enough to accommodate walking.
    - Brent Voss – 515 Thomas Drive, stated speed in the area of Thomas Drive is increasing and a pedestrian crossing in that area could be difficult.
    - Vickie Huebl – 500 S. Agency Street, asked that it be noted that they would lose trees if this project proceeds.
  - Council Member Frederick moved to authorize having city engineers proceed by drawing plans to be reviewed by City Council. Council Member Terrell seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, and Mayor Pro Tem Ries voting in favor.
14. Solar Power – Geronimo Energy
- Rick Maslaski with Geronimo Energy presented how their solar project works. The City would see a \$0.01 savings per kilowatt hour. This would be a flat rate for the life of the 25 year contract. There would not be an escalator factor.
  - Council Member Ries moved to enter into an agreement with Geronimo Energy and Council Member Frederick seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
15. Outside Water Rates
- Council reviewed past action which raised outside water usage rates and directed staff to educate residents on the need for water conservation and that the city is limited by the state on the amount of water that can be pumped annually from the aquifer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

16. Eagle Lake Opportunities – City Ideas for 2016 Budget
- Intern Jacob Cote is working to assemble an ideas listing from resident for what they would like to see in Eagle Lake. These ideas can then be brought before Council during the budget planning process.
  - Council Member Terrell moved to proceed with the Eagle Lake Opportunities project and Council Member Ries seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
17. Permanent Bathroom Structure in Frazee Park
- Two bids were received with the low bid coming in from Murilla Construction in the amount of \$27,050 to construct a 12 x 16 rock faced block building with a metal roof.
  - Council Member Terrell moved to proceed with the construction of the bathroom for Frazee Park and Council Member Frederick seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, and Mayor Auringer.
18. Resolution 2016-30 Adoption of Emergency Management Plan
- Ms. Rausch explained this plan is strongly encouraged by the League of MN Cities. This plan addresses position responsibilities in the event of an emergency. This plan should be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
  - Council discussion included the need to address the handling of volunteers and media in the event of an emergency. The need for a 501c organization is imperative for donations from

organizations such as the Red Cross.

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

#### 19. Street Patching Bids

- Director Reinbold stated two bids were received with the low bid from WW Blacktopping of \$29,992.85.
- A portion of the bid included the driveway entrance for Epiphany Lutheran Church. Staff continues to reach an agreement with the church, the developer of the Eagle's Edge Townhomes and the City to share costs.
- Council Member Frederick moved to approve the bid from WW Blacktopping with the condition that the work for Epiphany Church is pulled if a cost agreement cannot be reached. Council Member Ries seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Sewer Agreement – would like to schedule a work session with Eagle Lake's and Mankato' City Councils.
- Land Use Plan – work is continuing on this plan with hopes to have before Council in a couple of months.
- Highway 14 Project – MNDot has begun work on Highway 14 intersections.
- City Intern Jacob Cote was introduced.
- Center Point Grant - \$2,000 - \$2,500 grant has been awarded to the City.
- Cornerstone State Bank – land sale should take place later this month with ground break grounding being planned for August.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S UPDATE**

- Council Member Frederick inquired about the budget for sidewalks. The city has approximately \$70,000 set aside for sidewalk projects. Mr. Potter stated that with the Council authorizing engineering plans, he would like to encourage them to continue to move forward with this project beyond that point.
- Council Member Frederick asked for Council to authorize him to move forward with installing keyless door entries for the fire department on both doors in the south bay. The cost would be \$1,646. Council approved this installation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Terrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. and Council Member Ries seconded. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

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Tim Auringer, Mayor

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Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk