

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
January 19, 2021
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Council Members present: Dennis Terrell (left at 7:30), Garrett Steinberg (arrived at 6:42 p.m.), Beth Rohrich, Anthony White, and Mayor Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland, Public Works Director Brian Goettl, Police Chief John Kopp, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

AGENDA

1. Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer

- Administrator Bromeland and Police Chief Kopp interviewed Zachary Keesey for a part-time police officer position with a starting wage at Grade 5, Step 1. It is anticipated that the hiring of an additional part-time officer will relieve scheduling concerns.
- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by council Member White, to approve the hiring of part-time police officer Zachary Keesey at a starting wage of Grade 5, Step 1. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Rohrich, White, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

2. Work Session – Council Goals

- Mayor Auringer presented his list of potential goals for the City for 2021. City Council reviewed list.
- Items discussed included the areas of parks, streets, sidewalks, utilities, storm water, Regency Mobile Home Park, city owned properties, growth, events, taxes/budget, police, and miscellaneous items.
- Council Member Terrell stated he would like LED lights installed at the ice rink. Council directed staff to compile pricing for the next meeting.
- Administrator Bromeland stated she is a strong believer that in order to successfully accomplish goals that the city must first have a strong foundation and be able to proficiently deliver basic expected City services and then expand from there onto more loftier goals. The following were presented.
 - Continue working with staff to attain proficiency of core departmental responsibilities in each of the City's departments to ensure that departmental functions and services are being delivered proficiently, effectively, and efficiently.
 - Communications with the Public: Execute live streaming of City Council meetings to better inform and engage the public. Continue with quarterly newsletters and ongoing communications with the public to promote transparency and sharing of information. Encourage the public to communicate concerns directly with City staff versus online where negative comments about City services can escalate when others join in.
 - Work with the city's public works department, engineer, and bond consultant on updating capital improvement project list. This includes projects such as reconstructing existing streets and utilities and studying solutions to water treatment needs.
 - Complete Phase I and II of the Parks Projects.
 - Continue working with Mankato Community Education and Recreation to find ways to partner together to offer quality of life amenities such as Rec on the Go, open gym, winter park event, etc.
- Goals presented by the Public Works Director Brian Goettl included the following:
 - Review capital outlay balances to ensure funds for purchasing a self-contained.
 - Install more holiday lights by utilizing City owned facilities to mount existing lights and to possibly purchase more lights.
 - Install more lighting along the Lake Eagle Park paths and behind the ballfield fence and from the LeSueur Drive entrance into the park to the playground equipment.
- Goals presented by Police Chief John Kopp included the following:
 - Keep roads safe by traffic enforcement, education and high visibility.
 - Continue community policing and community outreach.
 - Attend City sponsored events to be able to interact with residents.

- Purchase a new squad car to replace one with over 100,000 miles and to replace police radios due to the county and state switching their radios to meet higher encryption needs.
- Mayor Auringer asked that Council members circle the items they would like to see as 2021 goals and turn into Administrator Bromeland or Deputy Clerk Rausch to compile. From there further discussion should occur.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Rohrich moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to adjourn the work session at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Steinberg, Rohrich, White and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk