

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Council Members present: Garrett Steinberg, Beth Rohrich, Anthony White, John Whittington, and Mayor Tim Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland, Chief John Kopp, Public Works Director Brian Goettl, Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.\

AGENDA

- Council Member Rohrich moved, seconded by Council Member White to approve the agenda. The motion carried with Council Members Steinberg, Rohrich, White, Whittington, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval to Hire Seasonal Public Works Worker

- Ed Stevens applied for the seasonal position and was interviewed by Administrator Bromeland and Public Works Director Brian Goettl. Staff is asking for Council approval contingent on a successful background check and any other pre-employment testing. Mr. Stevens accepted a contingent job offer with starting pay of \$11.71 per hour.
- Council Member Steinberg moved, seconded by Council Member Rohrich, to hire Ed Stevens contingent on a successful background check and any other pre-employment testing. The motion carried with Council Members Steinberg, Rohrich, White, Whittington, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

OTHER

1. Leaf Vac Unit Update

- Brian Goettl updated Council on the new leaf vac equipment stating there is still an issue with the box which will be covered under warranty and will be repaired after the leaf collection season. There is a one-year warranty on this equipment.
- Leaf collection started today, and the new equipment is more efficient than anticipated.
- The collection schedule has the city divided into four sections. Each week will focus on a different section of town, going through that section several times during the week. If time allows staff may work in other sections as well each week.
- It is anticipated that after this year leaf collection will be a one person, one unit operation.

2. Lutter Avenue Access Agreement Update

- Administrator Bromeland shared that the reason work has not begun on clearing access to Lutter Avenue is because the requesting party has not yet signed the access agreement due to questions as to why an agreement is needed when there isn't an agreement with another property owner that utilizes the City's access to get to his property along 598th. It was noted that this is a shared access and only one access allowed off 598th in this area. Legal fees have been incurred to draft the access agreement. Legal counsel was consulted about the other party's requests and was advised that the agreement was drafted to protect the City's interest and because there is no benefit to the City in allowing the access to be used by the other party. It was noted that the city will want to maintain this access off 598th for future development purposes. City staff will keep the lines of communication open with the other party as the access agreement with language from legal counsel was previously approved by the City Council and is still an option for the party if they are interested and agree to the City's terms of the agreement.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Presentation of Employee Spotlight Recognition Award from South Central Service Cooperative

- Administrator Bromeland explained that Kerry Rausch was nominated for the South-Central Service Cooperative Employee Spotlight Award and that they recognize honorees quarterly and that not all nominated employees receive this award. This quarter’s Employee Spotlight Recognition Award was presented to Kerry Rausch with the City of Eagle Lake.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Rohrich moved, seconded by Council Member Whittington, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Steinberg, Rohrich, White, Whittington, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk