

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
JULY 10, 2017
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

- Council Members present: Dennis Terrell, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, and Mayor Brianna Anderson.
- Council Members absent: John Ries
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Police Chief John Kopp, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- EJ Brauch, 108 Peggy Lane, mentioned the refuse and recycling bins left on the roadway by Linda Path is an eye sore. Discussion included the city contacting the property management company asking that the containers are returned to the properties every Thursday.
- EJ Brauch, 108 Peggy Lane, inquired why the ordinance addressing campers on streets was left as is. Council discussion included the difficulties in this ordinance and that we either need to allow campers a limited time on the road or to prohibit parking of campers completely. Further discussion concluded that the issue stems more from the sun than the camper itself on the road.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the June 5 and June 19, 2017 City Council meeting minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

APPEARANCES

1. 2016 Financial Statement Review
 - Joel Stencil with EideBailly presented an overview of the 2016 audited financial statements explaining changes in cash balances, revenues and expenditures, along with debt service accounts.
2. Minnesota State University-Parks and Recreation Department
 - Professor Jonathan Hicks presented a potential class project in which students would work with our community to develop a park master plan by looking at the community, trends, and by engaging the public. This would be more in depth than previous work by MSU students.
 - Council indicated they are open to working with the MSU students.
3. Fire Department Member Fire Relief Contribution
 - Historic Fire Relief contributions were presented. The department is requesting Council to increase the contribution from \$1,800 per year of service to \$1,900.
 - Council Member Frederick stated he would like to see the city's liability and asked if board members are attending classes. He stated he feels an increase is due, but wants to make sure funds are available.

- Mayor Anderson inquired about collecting for service calls.
- Other items of discussion included options to increase collections, the idea of not paying members who do not leave the station for a call.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick to increase the Fire Relief contribution from \$1,800 to \$1,900 effective July 10, 2017. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Chapter 13 – Tobacco Purchase and Possession

- The idea to increase the age to purchase and possess tobacco to age 21 came to light with the Cities of Mankato and North Mankato considering this issue.
- The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
- Council discussion included the age limit of tobacco sales and possessing should be set by the state.
- This item died for a lack of a motion.

2. Revised Land Use Plan

- The updated land use plan was presented which shows were the city visions future planning and development to take place.
- The public hearing was opened.
- Jan Lange, 208 S. Agency St., asked if the area on the map showing industrial sites is open to change. This would be looked at on case by case basis.
- The public hearing was closed.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Mayor Anderson, to approve Resolution 2017-20 Adopting the City of Eagle Lake Land Use Plan. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

3. Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 – Ownership of Private Water and Sanitary Sewer Services

- Mr. Potter would like city code to better document ownership of lateral service lines and water shut off valves.
- Discussion of ownership of the lateral service lines and water shut off valves took place with the council split on who owns these lines.
- Also discussed, along the same lines, was ownership of boulevard trees.
- Council indicated this should be addressed in a work session.

OLD BUSINESS

1. July 2017 Worker Pay Plan Recap

- The 2017 worker pay plan was approved as presented. It was clarified that those needing the final installment of the equalization increase will receive that automatically in January of 2018. They may also receive a step increase upon a favorable performance review.

2. Sewer Oversizing Agreement with City of Mankato

- Council clarified that the city would need to pay 90% of construction cost within 30 days of contract being awarded.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the Cooperative Sewer Construction Agreement. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

3. Aquatic Facility-Update Only

- 20 to 25 people attended the public meeting at Lake Eagle Park to discuss and explore a splash pad.
- Jan Lange presented a feasibility study she and her daughter would like to proceed with and asked for Council support in gathering information.
- Council encouraged the feasibility study, but cautioned that this does not guarantee the project will take place.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2018 Budget Timeline and Update

- The budget meeting schedule was presented.

2. Water Tower Maintenance Report

- Director Reinbold presented the water tower maintenance report, stating the tower cleaning went well and no major problems found. Staff will drain the bottom of the tower once a month to eliminate sediment.
- Future maintenance needs were presented with a current cost ranging between \$380,000 and \$400,000.

3. Trail Maintenance

- Doug Erickson, 59748 - 216th St, explained that MNDOT is stating the mowing of the trail leading to the Sakatah Trail is not their responsibility. Mr. Erickson asked if this is something the city could address.
- Mr. Potter stated that MNDOT does own the trail and the right of way and that he will speak to Greg Ous with MNDOT.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- Council will participate in the Tator Days Parade this weekend.
- Staff is looking into affordable GIS options. Council Member Short stated that hand held devices are very accurate.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- Council Member Short acknowledged the work of Les Westberg in building the truck and the eagle for the Adventure Park and asked if a formal acknowledgement could be made.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

Brianna Anderson, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk