

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE**  
**AUGUST 14, 2017**  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL 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: John Ries, Dennis Terrell, Clete Frederick, Ryan Short, and Mayor Brianna Anderson.
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, Police Chief John Kopp, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Mr. Potter asked to add to the agenda the approval of the August 8, 2017 City Council Minutes.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the agenda with the addition of the August 8, 2017 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Interim Administrator Position

- Mr. Potter presented to potential candidates for the City's Interim Administrator position and stated the Council would need to take action on Resolution 2017-26 accepting the resignation of the current city administrator.
- Council discussion included the need to review administrator job description to make sure it accurately reflects the requirements of this position.
- Council directed Mr. Potter to contact Rick Almich to secure services as interim city administrator.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to accept Resolution 2017-26 accepting the resignation of Brad Potter as city administrator. Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voted in favor.

2. 2018 Budget

- As a discussion item only, Mr. Potter referenced a Wall Street Journal article and then presented a budget alternative which was designed around more contracted services. In this model Blue Earth County would be contracted to handle police services and public works staff would be decreased. Mr. Potter also indicated that the standard three year budget has been completed as well.
- Mr. Potter presented historic levy amounts and the percentages of increase from 2006 to current. Also presented were processes and practices which could be reviewed for cost saving measures and the set fees and services which will be needed in next few years.
- The public hearing was opened with approximately 20 residents voicing concerns with the contracting of police and public works services.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to proceed with the standard three year budget and to disregard the alternate budget proposal. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederic, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to close the public meeting for personnel reasons. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to re-open the public meeting. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to have Mr. Potter's last day of work for the city to be August 17, 2018 and to be paid through August 22, 2017. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, and Short voting in favor. Mayor Anderson voted in opposition.

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to retain the services of Rick Almich as interim city administrator. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

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Brianna Anderson, Mayor

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Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk