

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
DECEMBER 4, 2017
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Truth and Taxation Hearing

- Interim Administrator Almich explained the proposed tax levy is unchanged at \$624,369.00. He also presented a proposed amended budget that eliminates the setting aside of funds for capital outlay purchases. This would allow the city to spend down some of the set aside funds without putting the cities financial status in jeopardy. The budget also includes the addition of a full-time police officer, and the addition of funds for park activity programming, and a membership with the MN Council of Governments.
- Jim Beal, 420 Owl Lane, asked if the presented narrative for the police department's change in budget is accurate. This will be reviewed for accuracy.
- Council discussion included the cost of the sewer line extension and the desire to allow for significant reserves, and the possibility of an additional police officer.
- The public hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City Administrator Recruitment - Laura Elvebak, MN Valley COG

- Ms. Elvebak explained that until approved the list of finalists is confidential. There will be a luncheon for the candidates with staff on Wednesday, an open house style reception in the afternoon/early evening, and interviews with the Council Thursday evening.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve this list of finalists as presented. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

2. Approval of Proposed 2018 City Budget and Property Tax Levy

- Council Member Ries would like to post for the administrative clerk position with Ms. Mallory looking to retire.
- Mr. Almich explained the proposed tax levy of \$547,677 includes debt service and if council wishes to approve the tax levy tonight and wait to approve the budget in January that would be acceptable.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the tax levy in the amount of \$547,677.00. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- None

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

- Council addressed concerns with child safety and would like to reach out to residents with external security camera systems to see if they would consider voluntarily allowing the police to review recordings if the need arises. Discussion also included the idea of installing cameras within the city at key locations and suggested staff check with Mankato to see how they began such a project. It was also suggested to work with the school's PTO to gain their help with this issue.
- Council Member Ries stated Pet Expo will supply the city with dog bag containers for \$1.40 each. Council indicated they would like to proceed with this to provide to residents when they renew their dog licenses.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short and Mayor Anderson voting in favor.

Brianna Anderson, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk