

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
JULY 2, 2018  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Auringer 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 Tim Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland, Public Works Director Brian Goettl, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the June 4 and June 12, 2018 City Council minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer 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, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**PRESENTATION**

1. City of Mankato Interconnection Agreement

- Mark Winson and Pat Hentges with the City of Mankato presented modifications to the interconnection agreement based upon the MN Pollution Control Agency's requirements. These changes include, user charge system definitions, flow allocation data, payment/interest rate, and sewer availability charges. These changes reflect the actual processes of the last three years. Also presented were changes Mankato will see in the upcoming years which include replacement charges and retiring of debt services.
- Eagle Lake's flow has increased significantly this past year.
- The Adams Street sewer connection project was discussed and there are potential projects which may speed up the Eagle Lake connection if the projects come to fruition.
- This agreement will most likely expire within one year, but future agreements will typically be five years in length.
- Mankato Mayor Erik Anderson stated it is imperative for local elected officials to attend Mankato meetings on this issue.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the Interconnection Agreement with the City of Mankato. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

2. 598<sup>th</sup> Avenue Possible Ditch Cleaning

- Chris Larson with ISG stated there is no platted easement to access area. He will meet with a contractor to determine how much of ditch area can be reached from 598<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the west end

and the City's land on the east end to determine how much of the ditch would need to be accessed from private property.

- The possible wetland bank to the west of the ditch needs the federal agencies approval in relating to creating fowl open water areas. This would mean the City of Eagle Lake would need to write a letter of support or pass a resolution for the wetland bank to be granted. If approved any crop damage could be an annual cost to the city.
  - Installing a larger culvert on the minimum maintenance road (211<sup>th</sup>) would help with drainage as well.
  - Council directed ISG to obtain pricing to dredge ditch and to keep moving forward.
3. Southern MN Initiative Foundation Update
- Jennifer Nelson stated the SMIF has invested \$250,000 into Blue Earth County in the past two years.
  - They are looking for regional partners and they do gap lending and programming for economic development.
4. Fire Department Turnout Gear
- Brady Schloesser and Spencer Kolles presented Council with updated turnout gear bid pricing from two companies and asked for Council approval for the bid from Emergency Response Systems of \$59,248.00. Fire department members preferred their equipment over the other bid for various reasons.
  - Also presented were two bids for helmets with the recommendation that Council approve the bid from Emergency Response Systems in the amount of \$5,259.25.
  - Gambling will purchase boots.
  - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the bid from Emergency Response Systems for turnout gear and helmets. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Amending City Code: Chapter 12, Subdivision 6
- The proposed ordinance change would increase the authorized spending limits for department heads to \$2,500 and \$5,000 for the city administrator.
  - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the recommended ordinance changes to Chapter 12, Subdivision 6. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
2. Adoption of Storm Water Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance
- The proposed ordinance is required for Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) compliance which controls pollutants into the storm water system.
  - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
  - Council discussion included the need to education residents on pool drainage compliance.
  - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the ordinance as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Planning Commission Recommendation for Zoning Amendment
- Discussion was carried over from being tabled at the June 4, 2018 meeting.
  - The Planning Commission recommended increasing the driveway curb cut from 24 feet to 30 feet and to allow 35% if the required front yard from the property line to the garage to be hard surfaced or used for driveways and/or enclosed motor vehicle parking to allow more flexibility for hard surface parking areas allowed as the current maximum width allowed for this purpose is 40 feet.
  - Council discussion included whether driveways are included in the lot coverage percentage, that Council could act upon the curb cut item and address other item at a later date.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to table item for further research. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Interconnection Agreement
  - Action taken under Presentations
2. Fire Department Turnout Gear
  - Action taken under Presentations
3. Hammond Forgivable Daycare Loan
  - Administrator Bromeland provided an update stating the Hammonds originally presented a request for a \$13,745 loan project and City Council approved a loan of 50% up to \$6,873. The Hammonds have since submitted a revised project which reduced to cost to \$9,959 and is asking for clarification if the project would be approved at 50% of cost or at the \$6,873.
  - Council discussion included the number of other potential loan requests the city is anticipating and if there is any possibility the city will receive additional funds for this program.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to authorize \$6,800 in loan funds for the Hammond loan request. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
4. EDA Recommendation Regarding SCDP Loan Subordination Request
  - A request has been received from Jodi Ott asking the City to subordinate its lien on 136 North Second Street to the bank refinancing the home loan. The grant will be fulfilled in July 2019.
  - The Economic Development Authority is recommending approval of request.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve subordinating lien to Community Bank. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
5. Approval of Amendment to Chapter 12, Subdivision 6 of City Code
  - Action was taken under Public Hearings.
6. DEED Loan and Grant Programs Available for 301 and 305 Parkway Avenue
  - Administrator Bromeland explained DEED has demolition loan funds available with terms of 2% and 15 years. If the land is purchased by a developer 50% of the loan would be forgiven. Applications are due by August 1, 2018.
  - Approval of Resolution 2018-17 authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into an agreement is needed.
  - Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve Resolution 2018-17 authorizing the Mayor and the City Administrator to enter into agreements as necessary. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
7. Water Main Looping along 568<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - In meeting with owners, Richard Ringler and Devon Baumgartner, and City Engineer Owen Todd, it was indicated that the developers may not construct in 2018, if they do a temporary water connection will be needed.
  - At the time the City does the watermain looping Chad Ragan has indicated he would like to connect to city water as well.
8. Internal Controls Evaluation Findings and Recommendations
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to table this item to be discussed at the July 16, 2018 Special City Council Meeting. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
9. Amend Golf Cart/ATV Ordinance
  - Len Carpenter, 504 Linda Dr, asked that amending the golf cart/atv ordinance stating that other cities license the golf cart, not the individual driving the cart. He also stated that Blue Earth County has changed their regulations now allowing golf carts to be driven on county roads. Eagle Lake's code prohibits driving on county roads.
  - Council indicated they are open to considering this ordinance change.
10. Urban Fringe Overlay District
  - There is interest in revising the Urban Fringe Overlay District according to Blue Earth County's Aaron Stubbs and George Leary.
  - Discussion included the desire to have Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Leary attend a city council meeting and to open to the public a period to learn of proposed modifications.
  - Council asked the Mr. Leary, Mr. Stubbs and township chairs be invited to a meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

1. Movie Night has been rescheduled for Friday, July 13, 2018
2. 2019 Budget Process timeline was presented.
3. 2017 Drinking Water Report will be put on city's website and emailed to residents.
4. Review of timekeeping options were discussed with the options of badge or thumb print login being options. Council asked about the ability to log in from computers or phones as well.

### **COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE**

1. Council Member Frederick asked if the two trees at the intersection of Linda Dr and Parkway Avenue could be taken care of to improve visibility.
2. Council Member Ries asked that the gate on the ice rink be repaired.
3. Roll off dumpster that was dumped at Lake Eagle Park was discussed. Council directed staff to have it hauled away.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

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Tim Auringer, Mayor

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Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk