

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
AUGUST 6, 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, Police Chief John Kopp, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, 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 Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the July 2 and July 16, 2018 City Council minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Council discussion included that Alan Kleist would only be serving on day-time rescue and not as an active fire fighter and what duties he can perform in the day time rescue position.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**PRESENTATION**

1. US Solar Corporation Sunsubscription Proposal – Jane Qualey
  - Ms. Qualey explained the potential cost savings the city could see by enrolling in their first-generation solar program and stated that while the city is already enrolled in a program with another solar garden the premises not currently enrolled could enroll in their program.
  - Council asked that updated figures be presented, taking into consideration the premises already enrolled. General Council consensus is that if favorable they would like to pursue.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. LeRay Township Urban Fringe Overlay District
  - Darrell Anderegg requested a review of the Urban Fringe Overlay District relating to a parcel of property he owns adjacent to 211<sup>th</sup> Avenue. LeRay Township and Blue Earth County will need to approval changes to the overlay district and that the goal is for orderly annexation and to not skip around.

- A LeRay Township representative stated this proposal does not fit in with the current model and that Blue Earth County is doing a land use plan for the entire county and that the County Board is meeting tomorrow.
  - Council discussion included this is a direction there could be growth for the city.
  - Blue Earth County will have the final say.
2. Driveway Width at Curb Requirements
    - Administrator Bromeland presented research findings from other cities and Eagle Lake's current requirements are in line with other cities for driveway curb widths.
    - The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 21, 2018 to increase curb width to 30 feet and has recommended approval of this request to City Council.
    - Contractor Chris Dauk and Building Official Dan Murphy both indicated they have no concerns with the larger width.
    - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to increase the curb width to 32 feet. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  3. ATV/Golf Cart Ordinance
    - Council has been asked to review the current ordinance to license the cart, not the person driving. The drivers of carts would still need to be licensed drivers.
    - Council directed staff to draft new language to mirror Blue Earth County's ordinance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Planning Commission Recommendation Regarding Re-Zoning Request for 21570 598<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - The Planning Commission heard the rezoning request on July 16, 2018 with two residents providing feedback. The Planning Commission is recommending approval.
  - The owners of said property are looking at developing two 4 plexes.
  - Council discussion included plan review to ensure fire department needs are met, and the timeline for construction.
  - Mr. Ringler stated the current plan is to be able to lease these units by August 2019 and would like to break ground in September 2018. They will hook up to the newly looped water and sewer lines planned for 2019. If these are not ready they will need to look at temporary lines.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the rezoning request from Agricultural to R3. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
2. Memorandum of Understanding with Customer Communities for Replacement and Debt Service Charges
  - The annual replacement charges in the Sewer Agreement with the City of Mankato is \$600,000 for 2019 with an annual increase of 2.75% annually through 2023. Eagle Lake's agreement with Mankato will be reviewed in the next year or two.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as written. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. Review Developer's Agreement with KJ Walk for Eagle Ridge
  - KJ Walk is not meeting the requirements of their developer's agreement with the City of Eagle Lake. Staff is looking for Council approval to deny issuing building permits until developer meets requirements as presented in the previous meeting with the developer and the city's engineer.
  - Council discussion included the desire to issue certificates of occupancy for currently pulled building permits and to issue permits for lots already purchased from the developers.
  - New lot sales and building permits should not be issued.
  - Council directed staff to send a letter to KJ Walk stating no new building permits will be issued.
4. Fee Increase for Building Code Enforcement Services – Dan Murphy
  - Dan Murphy with City Building Inspection Services requested review of current fees and proposed fees stating that building permit fees have not increased for the City of Eagle Lake in ten (10) years.
  - Council discussion included that the new building permit fee schedule would go into effect January 1, 2019 if approved.

- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the building permit fees as presented to be effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
5. H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
    - Fire Chief Ruschmeyer has requested permission to join this purchasing group. Many cities are members. Member cities no longer need to draft specifications and there are no member fees. Each purchase order will incur a \$2,000 fee for vehicle purchases.
    - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to authorize the city to join the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing group. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  6. Out of State Travel Policy for Elected Officials
    - The drafted policy was taken from the League of MN Cities.
    - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the Out of State Travel Policy for Elected Officials as presented. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  7. Trail Segment Repair along 598<sup>th</sup> Avenue
    - Two bids have been received to repair the trail due to a sink hole. Dirt Merchants came in with the lowest bid, can begin the work at the end of August, and can determine the cause once work begins.
    - Dirt Merchants provided a second bid to clean the creek behind Falcon Court. If the city is interested they would be able to do this work once it freezes.
    - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the bid from Dirt Merchants to repair the sink hole on the trail along 568<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  8. Commercial and Residential Pre-Demolition Asbestos Inspection Proposals
    - The cost to inspect 301 and 305 Parkway Avenue for asbestos would be outside the loan funding.
    - Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the bid to inspect 301 and 305 Parkway Avenue. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  9. Approval for Mayor to Attend Greater Mankato Growth's 2018 Inter City Leadership Visit to Fayetteville AR October 10-12, 2018
    - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, approving Mayor Auringer to attend the Greater Mankato Growth's 2018 Inter City Leadership Visit in Fayetteville AR. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, and Short voting in favor. Mayor Auringer abstained from voting.
  10. Donation Agreement for Used Equipment and Waiver and Liability Release
    - Youth have contacted the city asking if the city would consider donating the used swing set equipment, so they could build their own skateboard equipment.
    - Council discussion included the concern for city liability.
    - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to dispose of the used playground equipment. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  11. Approval of Governing Compensation or Full-Time Employees Responding to EMS Calls during Work Hours
    - Council discussed paying both full-time and part-time employees to respond to day time rescue calls/fire department calls, if employees responding to calls for other city's should be paid, if they are paid their hourly rate should the still receive the per call stipend pay.
    - Council asked that worker's compensation issues be researched to and to bring this item back to the September 2018 City Council meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

1. The free Outdoor Movie Night has been rescheduled to Friday, August 24, 2018.
2. The Orderly Annexation between Mankato Township and Eagle Lake was presented.
3. 2019 Budget Update – a work session for Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. was scheduled.
4. YMCA East Community Forum – Mayor Auringer and City Administrator attended this meeting.
5. Payroll ADP Platform Update – an upgrade to the original program is needed to meet city needs. The new cost includes an \$800 implementation fee and \$5,684.50 program fee which includes two time clocks. Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to proceed with the upgrade.

Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE**

- None

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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