

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeyer, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Pump repair will be added under new business.
- 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 August 6, 2018 City Council minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Included in the consent items is a resolution accepting the resignation of Police Officer Ryan Rands.
- Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**PRESENTATION**

1. Mankato Cooperative Construction Agreement, Jeff Johnson, Public Works Director
  - Administrator Bromeland stated the sewer line broke near the intersection of Haefner Drive and County Road 17 and that in a meeting with the City of Mankato the option to accelerate the new interconnection line was discussed to avoid an expensive temporary fix. An estimated cost to the City of Eagle Lake is \$314,000 to replace approximately 7,000 feet of line.
  - Mankato's Public Work's Director, Jeff Johnson, stated this is a similar agreement to the previous one. Mankato will ask for bid alternates with their goal being to go out for bids this Wednesday and open bids the following Wednesday.
  - The city's engineer, Owen Todd with Bolton and Menk, stated the repair option is not feasible and that no changes will be needed to the city's lift stations.
  - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the construction agreement with the City of Mankato for the sanitary sewer connections. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. FT- Employees Responding to EMS Calls During Work Hours
  - Fire Chief Ruschmeyer stated that Alan Kleist would be a day time rescue driver and can operate extraction equipment and that he is not allowed to enter structure fires. There are no retirement benefits for day time rescue personnel. Council determined that city employees respond to fire/medical calls for the City of Eagle Lake they will receive their regular pay while on these calls and will also receive the per call pay for the day time rescue or fire department.
  - Council directed staff to include all employees and not only full-time employees.
  - Council decided to follow the MN Council of Governments recommendation in that if an employee is a member of another town's fire department and is called to the other town for a call, they would be off the clock in Eagle Lake. The hours away from work would be unpaid.
2. Urban Fringe Overlay District and Amendment Process
  - Karyn Block with LeRay Township has indicated that LeRay Township voted to follow the guidelines of the Eagle Lake UFD as written.
  - Correspondence from George Leary with Blue Earth County stated the Urban Fringe Overlay District should be reviewed every 5 to 10 years. The current district was reviewed in 2008.
  - Council indicated the property owner needs to make a formal request to be removed from the overlay district.
  - Council expressed the desire to meet directly with the LeRay Township Board to better understand their decision.
  - Staff were directed to create an application process.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Cooperative Construction Agreement with City of Mankato
  - Addressed under Presentations.
2. Agreement with SMI to Expand Johnson Street Pond
  - John Weber of Southern MN Inspection is looking to expand his parking lot. Per his engineer he needs to expand the pond on Johnson Street as does Mr. Thueninck with his apartment development.
  - Mr. Johnson has requested that he and Mr. Thueninck share this cost.
  - Council discussion included the need to make sure the costs are paid for by the business and the developer.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to require a performance bond or letter of credit to ensure the completion of the pond expansion. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. Resolution 2018-26 A Resolution Setting the Preliminary Tax Levy Collectible in 2019
  - Administrator Bromeland presented the preliminary tax levy for 2019 as follows: General fund \$480,561; EDA \$16,000, and Debt Service \$151,942 for a total of \$648,501. This is a 3.9% increase.
  - Staff is waiting to hear back from Blue Earth County as to tax capacity.
  - Council asked to hold a continuation meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
4. Inspection Report for 301 and 305 Parkway Avenue
  - Holland Solutions inspected both properties and both have asbestos to varying degrees.
  - Administrator Bromeland asked for direction in regard to obtaining abatement bids and then demolition bids to raise the buildings and planning for redevelopment.
  - Council discussion included a potentially interested buyer for 301 Parkway who would renovate the building. Consensus was the need for a concrete offer before the city would be willing to consider this option to include a purchase price and a rehab plan for the building.
  - Staff was instructed schedule an inspection with Dan Murphy and Council Member Frederick at 301 Parkway Avenue to find out what is under the floor before obtaining abatement bids.
5. ISO Rating
  - Item was pulled for a later meeting until Fire Chief Ruschmeyer can be present.
6. Property Owner with Non-Compliant Septic System to Connect to City Sewer
  - The property owner of 804 Parkway Avenue is requesting to tie into water and sewer.
  - Mr. Ragan must bring septic system into compliance no later than April 17, 2019 according to a letter from Tim Grant with Blue Earth County, there is no extension available.

- Mr. Ragan would like to connect to the city's water and sewer system at the same time.
  - Council consensus was there is not way to meet the April 17, 2019 deadline to connect to the city's sewer and water system.
7. Adopt Right of Way Permit Application and Establish Fee
    - Administrator Bromeland stated the city has a Right of Way permit application but not fee associated with this. Staff will look at surveying other communities to present council with findings.
  8. Certification of Adoption of Eagle Lake Water Supply Plan
    - The next step needed is for Council to adopt a Certificate of Adoption and submit that to the MN Department of Natural Resources.
    - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to adopt the Certificate of Adoption for the Water Supply Plan. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  9. Ordinance 2018-04: An Ordinance Regulating Non-Essential Water Usage Upon Critical Water Deficiency Authorized by MN §103G.291, Subdivision 1 and 2.
    - The Department of Natural Resources has recommended using the League of MN Cities sample ordinance and modify to meet Eagle Lake's needs.
    - Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to schedule a public hearing on October 1, 2018 at the City Council meeting.
  10. Copier Lease versus Purchase
    - Administrator Bromeland stated the purchase of a copier in 2018 has been budgeted at \$7,000 and she is currently exploring renting versus purchasing options.
    - Council authorized staff to determine the best option and spend no more than the \$7,000.
  11. 2018 Plow Truck Order
    - Administrator Bromeland has confirmed with the auditor that ordering of a vehicle in 2018 can be considered a 2019 purchase as long as the city does not take possession of the vehicle until 2019.
    - The cost of the chassis is \$80,806 from NCI and the box and equipment is \$73,539 from Crysteel for a total of \$154,345.00. NCI would give \$7,000 towards the trade in value of the old vehicle.
    - Discussion included the possibility of the city selling the vehicle outright with a reserve amount listed.
    - Council directed staff to clarify the language in the letter to ensure the price will not increase if the chassis is not completed in 2018.
    - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to authorize the purchase of the plow truck. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  12. Pump Control Purchase
    - Public Works Director Goettl explained the soft-start on the well pump has failed. The cost for the replacement is \$5,886.00.
    - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, authorizing the purchase of a soft-starter. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

- Administrator Bromeland stated she would like to work uninterrupted from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. each day with her door closed to allow her to work on time sensitive matters.

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

- Council Member Ries asked if it would be possible to divide the dog park into two areas, one for larger dogs and the other for smaller dogs and to have two separate entrances.
- Mayor Auringer asked if any information has been received regarding the Mankato bus route to Eagle Lake. Staff will look into this.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Clete, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. and to hold a Continuation Meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:00 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

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