

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Police Chief John Kopp, Public Works Director Brian Goettl, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**AGENDA**

1. Resume 2019 Preliminary Budget and Tax Levy Discussion
  - Administrator Bromeland presented three options for the tax levy, which included a 10%, 15%, and 20% levy increase which included using the net tax capacity data provided by Blue Earth County. The goal is to capture the available net tax capacity.
  - Council discussion included the desire to look at a 12.5% levy increase.
  - Council was reminded that once a preliminary budget is set it can be reduced, but not increased.
  - The preliminary budget would be \$1,402,214 for 2019.
  - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve Resolution 2018-26 setting the 2019 preliminary budget at \$1,402,314 and the tax levy at \$509,473 for the general fund, \$41,000 for the Economic Development Authority, and \$151,942 for debt service. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  - Also discussed was the intent of not funding capital improvement reserved funds for 2018. In reviewing the 2017 audit findings council expressed their desire to distribute the increase in fund balance dollars from 2017 to the reserve funds not funded in 2018.
2. Water and Sewer Rate Analysis Proposal from Shannon Sweeney
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick to contract with Shannon Sweeney with David Drown Associates Inc. to conduct a water and sanitary sewer rate study. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting favor.
3. Approval of Hiring Part-Time Police Officer
  - Give interviews where conducted and a conditional job offer was made to Andrew Traeger.
  - Council Member Frederick moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve Resolution 2018-27 appointing Andrew Traeger as a part-time police officer. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
4. Eide Bailly Presentation
  - Council indicated they would like Eide Bailly to present audit findings at the October City Council meeting.
5. Public Works Vehicle Replacement
  - Director Goettl asked Council is using the state bid process with Mankato Ford would be sufficient to bring quote to the October City Council Meeting.
  - Council indicated this would be sufficient.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 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