

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
FEBRUARY 4, 2019
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, Ryan Short, Garrett Steinberg, and Mayor Tim Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland, Police Chief John Kopp, Public Works Director Brian Goettl, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Joel Radel, 240 Creekside Drive, voiced concerns about snow and ice build up on roadways with upcoming snow event and plows should have been out during thaw last weekend.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the January 7, 2019 City Council minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the consent agenda
Monthly Bills Police Report Fire Report
Public Works Report Building/Zoning Permits Resignation of Andrew Traeger
- Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

PRESENTATION

1. Metering Technologies: Handheld Meter Reader – Lee Martin
 - Lee Martin with Metering Technologies presented cost for new handheld meter reader and associated software options, explained that the current handheld is no longer being supported and that the battery is failing. He also spoke of new meters available.
 - Mr. Martin presented cost to purchase and implement new equipment and software which is approximately \$18,120 which includes two days of training.
 - Council discussion included setting up a capital fund for future purchases of this nature.
2. Topographic Work and Next Steps in Watermain Looping-Owen Todd and Brian Sarff
 - Owen Todd, with Bolton and Menk, presented finding of topographical work regarding watermain looping and easements which would need to be obtained.
 - The next step is to obtain necessary easements.
 - Council directed City Administrator to continue moving forward to obtain necessary easements.
3. Overview of Motorsports Park Project – Brad Bass
 - Mr. Bass presented a proposed motorsports park project which has the potential of being located in Eagle Lake, north of Highway 14. The project would include a driving track, automobile garages, and mini-condos. There would be training and driving courses available.

- Council members expressed interest and support for such a project.
4. Eagle Lake Expos Baseball Schedule – Nate Gibson
 - Nate Gibson with the Eagle Lake Expos presented his desires for field/facility improvements and stated he would like to encourage Eagle Lake residents to support the team.
 - Council recommended that the Park Board hear and discuss field improvements.
 5. Future Fire Hall Needs
 - Dan Ruschmeyer, Spencer Kolles, and Kyle Rueter were present and asked that the City Council take into consideration the best location for a future fire hall before selling 301 and 305 Parkway Avenue.
 - Fire department members indicated there are safety concerns with the current location.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2019 Fee Schedule
 - Administrator Bromeland highlighted changes in the proposed fee schedule and ask if Council would like to see a right-of-way permit fee included.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the 2019 Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
2. Police Department Issued Handguns
 - Administrator Bromeland stated the League of MN Cities has indicated that it is the current trend for cities to issue weapons to their officers. Officer Kopp has obtained pricing from two vendors who would be willing to come onsite to fit officers with weapons.
 - Chief Kopp indicated that the best time to transition to city issued weapons would be in July, prior to qualifications.
 - Council consensus was to purpose in 2019 and only purchase the number of weapons needed to outfit officers.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to authorize new weapons, holsters, and mag pouches for all officers. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. Police Squad Car Issue and Next Steps
 - Chief Kopp explained the issue is still occurring.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to have the injectors replaced at Carriage Repair for a cost of \$2,535. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Approval of Handheld Meter Reading Device
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to authorize the purchase of new handheld meter reader and associated software. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
2. Resolution 2019-07 in the Matter of Non-Conforming Property at 118 Country Manor
 - If approved resolution 2019-07 would give the property owner 20 days, upon receiving notice, to correct all deficiencies and have a building inspection completed.
 - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve Resolution 2019-07. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. Public Sale of Tax-Forfeited land (Parcel R12.10.18.306.043)
 - Council indicated they are not interested in placing a bid on this parcel.
4. Hiring New Park-Time Public Works Worker
 - Administrator Bromeland explained that four applicants were interviewed, and that Brian Shoemaker was the top pick. Mr. Shoemaker has requested to be placed at step three or four on the step table.

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to hire Mr. Shoemaker at step three on the wage scale and follow up with a six-month review. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
5. Establish parameters for Sale of 2000 Ford F-350 XL Dully
 - Administrator Bromeland presented two options to place said vehicle for bid, that of using an auction site and sealed bids. This vehicle has 56,720 miles and includes a v-plow.
 - Council discuss included the desire to utilize a sealed bid process.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to authorize the sale of the 2000 Ford F-350 XL Dully through a sealed bid process and that a minimum bid of \$7,500 be set. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 6. Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer
 - Administrator Bromeland stated that Officer Traeger has excepted a full-time position and requested that Council consider filling this position.
 - Council discussed the option of part-time and full-time and the consensus was that it would prefer to hire a part-time officer.
 - Council Member Steinberg moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to authorize the hiring of a part-time police officer.

OTHER

1. Review of Snow Plowing Policy
 - Council reviewed the snow plowing policy and agreed that public education on road plowing priority list would be appropriate.
 - Council directed Public Works department to ensure that the police and fire departments lots be top priority to ensure emergency access.
 - Public Works Director Goettl stated he would like to look into purchasing dash cameras for each of the vehicles. Administrator Bromeland will check with the League of MN Cities regarding dash cameras.
 - Council directed the Public Works department to take advantage of warm weather days to clear roadways.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

1. Mover in the Park, which will be at the school's park, is scheduled for September 6, 2019.
2. Eagle Lake will host the Mayors and Clerk meeting on February 12, 2019 at Uncle Albert's Café
3. Administrator Bromeland and Public Works Director Goettl will participate in the EAB Webinar with MN Department of Ag.
4. Southern MN Initiative Foundation sent a letter thanking the City for our annual contribution.

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

1. Council Member Ries stated he attended the Communication Education meeting. Community Ed will be providing Park Recreation on Wheels to all District 77 parks. They could be in Eagle Lake for two hours twice a week.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk