

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
MARCH 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, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Leon Wacholz, 232 Ann Drive, thanked the city for their work to promote local businesses.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Derek Ringhand with Congressman Jim Hagedorn's office will be added to Presentations.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the agenda as amended. 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 Ries, to approve the February 4 and February 19, 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              Approve Benjamin Ehlert to Fire  
Approve Heidi Bartelt to Fire Department Active Roster              Reserves
- Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**PRESENTATION**

1. Draft ADA Plan: Matt Lassonde with Bolton and Menk

- Mr. Lassonde presented an overview of the process and discussed next steps for the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and inventory for Eagle Lake.
- The city was presented a ten-year plan for implementation and associated costs. This plan can be adjusted to better meet the city's needs.
- Through the evaluation portion of this study Chapter 4 of City Code was identified as an area in which should be addressed, specifically, Section 4.090.
- The public was invited to an open house on this issue on March 18, 2019 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the North Mankato Police Annex.
- The next step for Eagle Lake is to revise the presented plan as appropriate and then adopt the plan via resolution after MAPO approves the overall plan at their May 1, 2019 meeting.
- This plan only requires that existing sidewalks provide equal access. It does not address the addition of new sidewalks.

2. Derek Ringhand with Congressman Jim Hagedorn's Office

- Mr. Ringhand introduced himself as Constituent Outreach Staff and stated their office is available to help with issues. He provided Council with contact information.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Zoning and Shoreland Ordinance Discussion

- Administrator Bromeland presented the possible need for a shoreland ordinance due to the possible Motorsports project.
- Discussion included the need to look at develop potential in the area of Lake Eagle. Such an ordinance would address all types of development.
- Without the city having an ordinance in place, the default ordinance would be that of Blue Earth County.
- Matt Lassonde with Bolton and Menk stated that if the motorsports track goes in with a conditional use permit (CUP) the DNR will be involved. If the city has a shoreland ordinance the city would have complete control. The city could consult with the DNR in the writing of the ordinance.
- If ordinance is passed a new zoning code would need to be created to address the motorsports project.
- Council directed staff to do baseline research on developing shoreland ordinance and to have the Planning Commission review.

2. Non-Conforming Property at 118 Country Manor

- Correspondence was sent to owner and no inspections have been scheduled within the past twenty (20) days.
- City Attorney, Chris Kennedy, stated a judge would look at weather conditions during period of time work was required to be completed. Mr. Kennedy recommended that City Council consider extending the deadline for work to be completed to April.
- City Council directed Administrator Bromeland to draft correspondence to property owner. The City Attorney suggested to avoid giving a deadline, but to instead ask property owner to set a deadline.

3. MOU Between Mankato and North Mankato for Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Debt Service

- Due to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the cities of Mankato and North Mankato, the City of Mankato is asking for the City of Eagle Lake to review the charges in the Mankato/North Mankato agreement which would be incorporated into the Eagle Lake MOU.
- The debt service charge for 2019 will be based on actual expected debt payments of \$2,067,249. Starting in 2020 through 2023, the debt service charges will be based on the 2109 debt payments escalated by 1.75% annually. Replacement charges will still be based on \$600,000
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to authorize Mayor Auringer to sign the new Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

4. Pricing to Televis Abandoned Sewer Force Main

- Administrator Bromeland stated that in a meeting with Blue Earth County's Engineer, Ryan Thilges, it was established that the City will be responsible for any damage to County Road 17 if the abandoned pipe collapses.
- Bids to televise this line were difficult to obtain. One bid was received from Empire Pipe. Two options were provided with option one's estimated cost of \$13,300 and would access pipe from the west. This option has a minimum charge of \$9,750 if unable to completely access the line. Option two will access the pipe from the east end with an estimated cost of \$6,550. Both ends of this pipe would need to be televised. Thawing the line would incur additional charges.
- Council discussion included the desire to wait until spring to minimize charges.
- Council Member Short moved, Council Member Terrell seconded, motion to authorize engagement with Empire Pipe to televise the sewer line with work to commence in the spring. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

5. Memorandum of Agreement with Southern MN Initiative Foundation's Communities Addressing the Child Care Shortage Program
  - Eagle Lake has been selected as one of five communities to participate in Southern MN Initiative Foundation's (SMIF) 6-18 month program addressing the child care shortage.
  - Eagle Lake will be eligible for up to \$10,000 of grant funding to support the implementation of the plan.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to authorize the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Southern MN Initiative Foundations Community's Child Care Shortage Program. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
6. 2018 Month End Balancing Update
  - Council consensus was to continuing working with Eide Bailly.
7. Lien Release Request from SCDP Loan Recipient
  - Angela Oachs has requested consideration of a lien release for a deferred small cities development loan which will be satisfied April 14, 2019.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell to approve signing a lien release for property 321 LeSueur Avenue. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
  - Judd Schultz with MN Valley Action Council has communicated to Administrator Bromeland that the city would be eligible for another round of Small City Development Project funding in 2020.

#### **OTHER**

1. Squad Car Update
  - Dash light came back on. Mankato Ford diagnosed a broken wire and made repair. Light has remained off since repair.
2. Part-Time Police Officer Position Update
  - Five applications have been received and Jen Graves with the Council of Governments will score and coordinate interviews.

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

1. Open Book Meeting Notice from Blue Earth County
  - Notice was received that this meeting will be held at Blue Earth County Taxpayer Services Office at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.
2. Letter from SMIF
  - A letter from SMIF was received thanking the city for its financial support.

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

1. Snow Removal – Council Member Terrell asked that if snow removal in cul-de-sacs has been completed that snow be removed from corners. City Council indicated they would like the public works department to work weekends if needed to clear roads.
2. Part-time Public Works Staffing – Council Member Ries mentioned that it may be appropriate to consider hiring on-call public works employees for winter months to run blower on sidewalks. The Public Work's Director will be asked to compile a list of people available and outside services.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

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Tim Auringer, Mayor

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Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk