

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
APRIL 1, 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, 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

- Ted Moore on behalf of Gysella Moore of 207 Diane Dr; Kevin Kes of 106 Diane Dr, Ann Stensrud of 221 Linda Dr, David Kelly of 224 Blace Dr all voiced concerns about water drainage issues in the area of Diane, Blace and Linda Dr.
- Leon Wacholz, 232 Ann Dr, stated some of the drainage issues could be related to no place to move snow and storm drains were blocked.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the agenda as amended, adding zoning issue under New Business. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the March 4, 2019 City Council minutes. The motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to approve the consent agenda.
Monthly Bills Police Report Fire Report
Public Works Report Building/Zoning Permits Gambling Report
Step Increase for Brittany Grassman and Dustin Jensen, One Year of Service
Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

PRESENTATION

1. Ann Stensrud, 211 Linda Drive: Drainage Concerns

- Administrator Bromeland stated she and Public Works Director Goettl have met with Owen Todd and Brian Sarff of Bolton and Menk regarding this issue and that if drainage concerns at the intersection of LeSueur Ave and Linda Drive.
- Brian Sarff stated that the area of Linda Drive, Diane Drive, and Blace Avenue have ground levels that are lower than the curb. Diane Drive has a 21-inch storm sewer six (6) feet below the street.
- It needs to be determined if the city has an easement in this area.
- Council asked that drainage solutions for Linda Drive/Blace Avenue and Linda Drive/Ann Drive be developed. Once options are determined a conversation with residents could take place as to how to move forward.
- Linda Drive/LeSueur Avenue has seen road deterioration due to water drainage issues.
- Brian Sarff stated one option would be to put in edge train tile behind curb (underdrain) and that there is a storm sewer that could be connected to.

- Discussion included the possibility of running tile, beginning at Linda Court and on the south side of Linda Circle and down to LeSueur Avenue.
- Council asked that cost be determined for Ann Drive/Linda Drive, Linda Drive/Blace Avenue, and Linda Drive/LeSueur Avenue.
- This project could be bid with the water main looping project when bidding.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

1. 118 Country Manor

- A letter was sent to owner after the March City Council meeting giving until the beginning of April to complete work and staff has not heard back from owner.
- Council indicated they would like to give owner until the end of April to complete work.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rehiring of 2018 Seasonal Public Works Employee

- Ted Erlandson has agreed to return to the seasonal position at \$11.52 per hour upon Council approval.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to rehire Ted Erlandson as a seasonal employee at the agreed upon rate. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

2. Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer

- Three candidates were interviewed, and a conditional offer of employment was extended to Logan Perterka at a starting wage of \$15.23 per hour.
- Council Member Steinberg moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to hire Logan Perterka as a part-time police officer starting at \$15.23 per hour. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

3. Proposed Letter of Support for Hiniker Wetland Bank Project

- Council reviewed a draft letter of support to the Mankato Airport Manage which if approved by the Airport would provide significant relief to the city's drainage system.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to submit letter of support to the Mankato Airport. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

4. Amendment to Personnel Policy

- A proposed change to the personnel policy which would require employees who leave employment with the city prior to one year of service to repay the city a prorated amount of clothing allowance used to outfit the employee.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to approve the change to the clothing allowance portion of the personnel policy as presented. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

5. Letter from Taylor and Ember Menke Contesting Snow Removal Charges

- A letter was received from Taylor and Ember Menke asking Council to consider removing charges for clearing snow from their sidewalk.
- Council discussion included process and new protocol was established relating to documentation.
- Kevin Kes, 106 Diane Drive, asked what the definition of "cleared" is.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Ryan Short, to waive the fees one time for the snow removal on sidewalk based on lack of documentation. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Council directed staff to look at and attempt to define "clear" in city code.

6. Now Removal and Sidewalks

- Council Member Ries stated he would like to see the city removal snow from all sidewalks and look at charging all residents a monthly fee for this service.
- Discussion included how often and when the city would perform this service, whether after each snowfall or only if the snowfall reaches a predetermined amount, the potential need to hire additional staff and purchase additional equipment.

- Also discussed is the possibility that the collected fees could also be used for street repairs and maintenance.
7. Street Sweeping
 - Public Works Director Goettl asked if the City is mandated to go out for bid and to use the lowest bid if there are bona fide concerns with accepting the lowest bid.
 - City Council can use their discretion when accepting a bid.
 8. New Leave Vac
 - Public Works Director Goettl presented a new, more productive leave vac model. If purchase is approved, he would like to keep the current unit so that two teams could collect leaves at the same time. The estimated cost is \$81,000.
 - Administrator Bromeland stated staff could explore financing options to be discussed at the May City Council meeting.
 9. New Police Squad Car
 - Chief Kopp presented two options for the new squad car, one being the Ford EcoBoost and the other a Ford Hybrid. The hybrid has a 10-year battery warranty.
 - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to authorize the purchase of the Ford Hybrid. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 10. Zoning Issue
 - Administrator Bromeland stated Hiniker Homes is interested in an odd shaped lot and is asking about the percentage of front, rear, and side yard available for parking.
 - Council stated they give provisional approval and asked that official language be drafted.
 11. Vitals App
 - Police Chief Kopp stated he has been contacted by a resident asking if the city would consider using the Vitals App. This is an app that could be used when police come in contact with persons with special needs. The cost of the app is \$9.95 per month per cell phone it is loaded onto.
 - Council asked Chief Kopp to follow how this technology is working in other cities but does not feel this is appropriate for Eagle Lake at this time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

COUCNIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

1. Shoreland Ordinance Update
 - There was not a quorum at the last Planning Commission meeting but the consensus of those present was that the city does not need a shoreland ordinance.
2. Utility Easement Meeting Updates for Watermain Looping Project
 - Meeting with property owners is still occurring.
3. Letter from All Seasons Arena – Need Board Representation from Eagle Lake
 - Unsure if All Seasons Arena is looking for a board representative of financial support.
4. Notice of Public Hearing from Blue Earth County
 - City has received notice from Blue Earth County about their public meeting.
5. Flyer from SMIF – Upcoming Spout Event in Fairmont – May 5, 2019

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Mayor Auringer stated it appears residents are using the wetland in the Pebble Court/Creekside Drive area as garden area and driving 4 wheelers in wetlands. This is regulated by the DNR. Administrator Bromeland stated she will research rules regarding holding ponds.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk