

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
OCTOBER 7, 2019
SPECIAL 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

- None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the September 9, 2019 and September 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the consent agenda.
 - Monthly Bills
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Police Report
 - Fire Report
 - Public Works Report
 - Building & Zoning Permits
 - Gambling Report
 - Resolution 2019-27 Resignation of John Kluntz from Fire Department
 - Resolution 2019-28 Trevor Kruse PERA Eligible
 - Resolution 2019-29 Appointing Katherine Scheurer to Planning Commission

PRESENTATIONS

1. Julie Eddington, Kennedy and Graven: Public Hearing and Resolution Related to the Proposed Issuance of Revenue Obligation by the City of Eagle Lake for the Benefit of Mankato Lutheran Homes, Inc.
 - Julie Eddington stated Eagle Lake has been asked to consider issuing tax exempt conduit bonds to assist in the expansion of the Ecumen facility. Ecumen would take full responsibility of the project's debt. In turn, Ecumen would issue a fee to the City of Eagle Lake in the amount of \$25,000.
 - The issuance of these bonds would not impact the city's tax rating but will impact the city's ability to issue bank qualified bonds for 2019.
 - The city would need to enter into a cooperative agreement with Mankato and Owatonna.
 - If the city votes to issue the conduit bonds, the city's auditor would need to be made aware of the amount issued to include in the audit notes.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Issuance of Revenue Obligation Bonds for the Benefit of Mankato Lutheran Homes, Inc.
 - A public hearing was held with no comments being offered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2019-30 Authorizing the Issuance of a Revenue Obligation for the Benefit of Mankato Lutheran Homes, Inc.
 - Council asked for clarification as to when the fee would be issued to the city. This would take place in October 2019.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to approve Resolution 2019-30 Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Obligation Bonds for the Benefit of Mankato Lutheran Home. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer.
2. Linda Drive Drainage Project – Pricing for Private Sump Pump Connection Work
 - Brian Sarff with Bolton and Menk stated he has met with residents of Linda Drive, Linda Circle, and Linda Court. The residents are interested in utilizing the city's contractor to make their private sump pump connections as part of the project.
 - Property owners have the option to have their private connection included as part of the contract or they can do the work themselves or hire a private contractor.
 - For those who utilize the city's contractor they can pay up front or it can be assessed for collection with property taxes.
 - Jason Sellner, 718 Linda Circle, expressed concerns with the slope of the line, stating the point of hook up is higher than the point of discharge. Engineer Brian Sarff will meet with Mr. Sellner after the meeting.
 - Council discussion included the terms of the assessment for property owners who utilize that option and when residents who utilize the city's contractor to private connection would need to pay the city if that is the route they choose.
 - Council set the date of September 1, 2020 for residents making the connections themselves or hiring the work themselves.
 - Judy Born, 702 Linda Drive, requested a breakdown of the contractors cost to connect the line.
 - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to mandate property owners connect their sump pumps no later than September 1, 2020 and that those who utilize the city's contractor and choose to be assessed will be assessed at a 4% interest rate for collection with the 2021 property taxes. Council Member Ries abstained from the vote. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. Access to Norm Krediet Storage Unites and Future Plans for Extension of Eagle Avenue
 - Administrator Bromeland stated the Craig Theuninck would like the city to move up the date of extending Eagle Avenue and would deed the land to the city. The developer's agreement states that once 75% of the development is complete the road will be extended.
 - The city's attorney has recommended that the City Council look at the benefit to the city of extending this roadway.
 - When this road is constructed it will be at the city's expense.
 - Council discussion included the desire to request cost estimates and to begin the process of deeding the land to the city.
4. Residential Rental Housing Regulations
 - Administrator Bromeland stated she contacted legal counsel stemming from Mariah Chapman's requesting potential rental code modifications and to determine if a person applies for a rental license with no intention to rent property if that person has falsified the application.
 - The city's attorney indicated the city council can modify the code and that the current code does not expressly prevent a party from applying for a rental license and not use it. He also indicated that by placing such a limitation would go against the spirit of the ordinance that is meant to limit rental properties.
 - There are currently three requests for rental licenses within 250 feet of the rental license on LeRay Avenue.
 - Council Member Terrell stated it is may be difficult for people to purchase a home if they are not able to rent a portion of the home, given the price of housing.
 - Council Member Ries state he sees no reason to change the rental ordinance and that it is typical to have owner occupies homes who have obtained a rental license to limit rentals in their area.
 - Council consensus was to leave the rental ordinance as is.
5. Peddler's License Fee
 - Due to feedback received from solicitors and direction from City Council at the September meeting, area city's solicitor license fees were presented to determine if the current \$50 fee for seven (7) consecutive days is appropriate.
 - Discussion included the possibility of issuing 6 month or annual solicitor licenses and charging an investigation fee.

- Council indicated this could be addressed while establishing the 2020 fee schedule.
6. Fire Department Grant Writer's Agreement
 - Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeyer stated the department needs new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), air packs and cylinders.
 - There is a FEMA grant the department could apply for to cover a substantial part of the cost.
 - Fire Chief Ruschmeyer stated he is requesting Council's authorization to contract with a grant write at the cost of \$1,2000 to be paid out of capital outlay funds.
 - Mayor Auringer moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to authorize the hiring of a grant writer. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 7. Fire Department DNR Grant
 - The fire department has received notice that they have been awarded a \$1,000 matching funds grant to purchase a K12 saw and standard chainsaw and is looking for Council approval accepting the grant.
 - Council Member Steinberg moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve accepting the \$1,000 grant from the DNR. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 8. Fire Department Compeer Financial Grant Agreement
 - The fire department has been awarded a \$1,500 matching grant from Compeer Financial to purchase particulate hoods for the fire fighters and is looking for Council approval accepting the grant.
 - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Reis, to approve accepting the grant from Compeer Financial. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 9. Planning Commission Recommendation to Amend Ordinance and Add Alternate Member
 - The Planning Commission has asked to have the ordinance amended to allow for an alternate member to the Planning Commission.
 - Council asked that a public hearing be scheduled for an ordinance amendment.
 10. Phasing Out Remaining Windows 7 Systems
 - Computer Technology Systems has notified the city that computers utilizing the Windows 7 system will no longer be supported and provided a quote in the amount of \$4,272.93 to replace affected computers.
 - Council directed staff to replace computers operating on the Windows 7 system.
 11. Walkway Between City Hall and Epiphany Lutheran Church
 - Council indicated that at this time there are not interested in creating a walkway between City Hall and Epiphany Lutheran Church stating there is a sidewalk available.
 12. Move to Closed Meeting for Authorized Personnel to Review Internal Affairs Data Classified as Non-Public
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to close the meeting. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to reopen the meeting. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

OTHER

- None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

1. Blue Earth County Clerks and Mayors Meeting
 - Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Uncle Albert's Café
 - A representative of the DNR will talk about Emerald Ash Bore
2. LRTP Listening Session
 - Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Mankato
3. Fall Leaf Collection
 - Begins the week of October 7, 2019
4. Fall Clean Up
 - October 19, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Items must be brought to Lake Eagle Park during these hours.
 - This is available to Eagle Lake residents only. No electronic or appliance recycling.
5. Sanitary Sewer Customer Community Semi-Annual Meeting
 - Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL UPDATE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES