

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
NOVEMBER 4, 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

- The presentation from Mike Kennedy was struck from the agenda and replaced with the introduction of Trevor Kruse, the newest member of the police department.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the agenda as modified. 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 October 7 and October 11, 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 Steinberg moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the consent agenda.
Monthly Bills Police Report Fire Report
Public Works Report Building & Zoning Permits Gambling Report
Liquor License Renewals Resolution 2019-31 Designating Polling Place
Payment to Farmer for Crop Loss Creating a Windbreak on 598th Ave
Special Assessments
- Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mike Maurer, Chief Deputy with Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office
 - Personnel Committee Member, John Ries, stated that in response to the police department request for a third full-time police officer and resident's request for more coverage the personnel committee is recommending council consideration to contract police chief duties out to Blue Earth County's Sheriff department. Blue Earth County's Deputy Chief, Mike Maurer, would serve as Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO), as he does for the City of Lake Crystal. The City of Eagle Lake would maintain ownership of police equipment and all police officers would remain employees of the City.
 - The cost to hire a new full-time police officer is approximately \$55,000, without insurance, and the estimated cost to contract with Blue Earth County is \$12,000 to \$16,000 annually.
 - It was emphasized multiple times that this is a budgetary decision only and that this is not a performance decision. Chief Kopp would return to a patrol officer position.
 - Mike Maurer was present to answer questions and stated he has served as CLEO for the City of Lake Crystal for the past eight (8) years and that it has worked well for them. He also stated that his roll would be

primarily administrative handling items such as police budgets, scheduling, policies and personnel items. He also stated this is service is not something he or Blue Earth County has pursued, but that the City of Eagle Lake approached the County.

- Council will schedule a special meeting to take formal action on this item wanting to allow all Council Members the opportunity to review the proposal and to allow for public input.
2. Brian Sarff, Engineer with Bolton and Menk: Eagle Ave Extension and South Agency Street
- A. Eagle Avenue Extension
- The existing developer's agreement states that the city will extend Eagle Avenue 250 feet when the development is 75 percent constructed. To date phase 1 of 6 has been developed with building permits for phase two being issued recently. Norm Krediet, owner of the storage units located at 307 Eagle Avenue, has contacted the City asking for the City to move up its plans to extend Eagle Avenue as he is in the process of selling his units and his prospective buyer is concerned about access to the storage units.
 - Extending Eagle Avenue 250 to the west will extend the road to the middle of the development. To get to the west end of the development, another 215 feet extension is needed.
 - Brian Sarff presented the cost estimates for the Eagle Avenue Extension project. To extend the road 250 feet would cost \$148,000 in construction costs and has a total project cost of \$185,000. To extend the road an additional 215 feet the construction cost would be \$96,000 with a total project cost of \$120,000. The cost of the total 465 feet extension would be construction cost of \$244,000 and total project cost of \$305,000.
 - Council discussion included that the new purchaser could get an easement from Mr. Thueninck for access to the storage units. If the road should be extended to the west property line of the development and the uncertainty of if the extended roadway will line up with future development in this area.
 - Council consensus was that the buyers of the storage unit should obtain a temporary access to their property from Craig Thueninck.
- B. South Agency Street
- Brian Sarff presented pay estimates for the watermain repair work along Agency Street. Estimated construction cost is \$641,000 with total project cost of \$801,000. This estimate assumes that Blue Earth County will share in the cost. A trenchless option may be available at a similar cost.
 - The existing water main was installed around 1983. The current cost estimate includes upsizing the line to a ten (10) inch line from Thomas Drive to Parkway.
 - Also presented was the cost of sidewalk construction at an estimated construction cost of \$48 per lineal foot and a total project cost of approximately \$60 per lineal foot. This cost includes the replace of curb and gutter, a five (5) foot wide sidewalk, driveway and boulevard restoration, and a reduced cost in bituminous pavement restoration.
 - Council discussion included the desire to keep the sidewalk as far from curb as possible if it is determined to install sidewalks. Ryan Thilges with Blue Earth County would need to approve design plans. The desire to look into bump outs along S Agency Street as well.
- C. Update on Watermain Looping Project and Storm Water Drain Project
- The contractor is planning to begin the city hall water main looping connection in the next two to three weeks and will work with residents affected. Connections are being finalized along 598th Ave and road restoration needs to be completed.
 - Landscaping needs to be completed in relation to the storm water drainage project.
3. Introduction of Trevor Kruse
- Trevor Kruse introduced himself as the newest addition to the police department and is a part-time officer.
4. St. Clair Students
- Several St. Clair students were in attendance for a college political science class they are taking in which they are required to attend a public meeting and write a paper.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for Planning Commission Composition Amendment
- The proposed amendment to Chapter 16.020, Subdivisions 1 and 2 pertains to the composition of the Planning Commission and allows for one alternate member and that the alternate member would vote when there are six or fewer regular members present.
 - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered from the public.
 - Council discussion included that Andrew Miller would be appointed as the alternate member on the Planning Commission if this amendment is approved.

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council member Steinberg, to approve the amendment to Chapter 16.020 of city code. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendment of the Planning Commission Composition Ordinance
 - Done under public hearing.
2. Eagle Avenue Extension Cost Estimate and Next Steps
 - Done under presentations.
3. South Agency Street Cost Estimate and Next Steps
 - Done under presentations.
4. Acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from Southern MN Initiative Foundation (SMIF) for a Music in the Park Project
 - The city has been awarded a \$5,000 matching funds grant to establish a Music in the Park project. Council Member Steinberg has agreed to spearhead this project if the grant is accepted.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to accept the \$5,000 matching funds grant from SMIF to establish a Music in the Park project. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
5. Pay Estimate #1 – Linda Drive Drainage Improvement Project
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg to authorize payment of pay estimate number 1 to Bromeling Excavating in the amount of \$66,062.52. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
6. Pay Estimate #1 – Watermain Looping and Utility Improvements Project
 - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell to authorize payment of pay estimate number 1 to GM Contracting in the amount of \$234,589.07. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
7. Developer's Agreement with Mankato Motorsports Park Development and Next Steps
 - Administrator Bromeland stated she has been working with the city's attorney drafting a developer's agreement and has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. with the Brad Bass and asked if a member from the Council would be able to attend the meeting. Council Member Steinberg volunteered to attend.
 - Council directed Administrator Bromeland to compile the list of previously voiced concerns from residents to be included in the developer's agreement if they are not already included.
8. Tennis Court Agreement with Mankato Area Public Schools
 - With the upcoming resurfacing work scheduled for the tennis courts next year, the city contacted the school district to find out the City and School District responsibilities for the tennis courts and to learn of the District's intention of expansion and how that may affect the tennis courts.
 - Mr. Hogan with the school district indicated does not intend to remove the tennis courts in their future plans for expansion which would occur on the west and north sides of the building and potential green space next to the tennis courts developed into additional parking.
 - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Short to approve the execution of the agreement with School District 77. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
9. Restructuring of Police Department to Create 3rd Full-Time Police Officer Position
 - Administrator Bromeland indicated she would draft communication to send out to residents to inform them of the possible restructuring of the police department and to allow for public input before any action is taken.
 - Council again stated the restructuring in in no way a reflection of the current police chief or the department but rather a business decision to increase coverage and make the department more efficient and effective.
10. Designate/Restrict Use of Administrative Fee Received for Issuance of Revenue Note for Mankato Lutheran Homes, Inc Project.
 - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to designate the \$25,000 administrative fee received from Mankato Lutheran Homes, Inc to the park. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
11. Change order for Fire Truck

- A change order in the amount of \$12,762.80 was presented to Council for approval.
- Council discussion included that the city had originally agreed to pay \$450,000 from CIP funds for the purchase of the fire truck and that the fire department would utilize their gambling funds for the remainder of the cost.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to accept the change order for the fire truck, stipulating that cost in excess of \$450,000 will need to be paid for through the fire department's gambling funds. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

OTHER

1. Transit Update

- Due to ridership numbers the Mankato Transit Department will no longer be able to offer bus service in Eagle Lake.
- Vine's Dial-A-Ride program is available to Eagle Lake residents as an alternative. Mankato is also exploring a "Flex Route" option that may be able to come to Eagle Lake in the future.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

1. Holiday Open House – The purpose of the open house is to celebrate the community and to support local businesses. The City will host an open house on November 22, 2019 at City Hall from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
2. Winter Park Activities – the Park Board will be sponsoring a free event on February 8, 2020 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Lake Eagle Park.
3. Sanitary Sewer Customer Community Semi-Annual Meeting -November 13, 2019, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Mankato.
4. Status of Grant Application for Strategic Plan Update – Administrator Bromeland is working with SMIF to find a way to be eligible to apply for this grant opportunity.
5. Recap of Recent Child Care Core Team Meeting – The childcare core team is looking at hosting a day care appreciation event in early December funded by SMIF. There is a childcare provide interested in expanding, and the core team has discussed establishing a revolving loan funds for childcare loans.
6. Special meeting – A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for Council discussion of restructuring the police department.

COUNCIL UPDATE

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk