

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
FEBRUARY 3, 2020  
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 Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland, Police Chief John Kopp, Public Works Director Brian Goettl, Logan Peterka, Fire Chief Dan Ruschmeyer and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Joel Radel, 240 Creekside Drive thanked the police department for their work on a hit incident and the public works department on their snow removal efforts this winter.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, 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 Short, to approve the January 6, 2020 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 Steinberg, to approve the consent agenda.  
Monthly Bills                      Police Report                      Fire Report  
Public Works Report              Building & Zoning Permits              Gambling Report  
Resolution 2020-07 Resignation of Rick Rosenbauer from PT Police Department Roster  
Resolution 2020-08 Setting Election Judge Wages  
Resolution 2020-09 Promoting Logan Peterka to Full-Time Police Officer  
Resolution 2020-10 Per Year Payout for Service for Fire Relief Association  
Resolution 2020-11 Resignation of Darryl Metzler from Fire Department  
Resolution 2020-12 Appoint Steven Heitner to Fire Department Active Roster  
Contractor's Pay Request No. 4 for Water main Looping and Utilities Improvements Project  
Annual Step Increases for Eligible City Staff
- Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Schedule Public Hearing to Amend Section 13.120 of Chapter 13 of City Code Relative to Tobacco Sales Raising the Age to Purchase from 18 to 21
  - Administrator Bromeland stated she received a letter from the city's attorney, Chris Kennedy, who is recommending the city consider amending code to include the 21-age limit for sales of tobacco products so that the city's code is enforceable.
  - Council indicated they would like a copy of the city's code as it is now and with the suggested changes for review.
  - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to schedule a public hearing for the March 2, 2020 city council meeting.
2. Schedule Public Hearing to Amend Section 4.115 of Chapter 4 of City Code Relative to Recreational Vehicle and Trailer Parking
  - Chief Kopp explained the inconsistencies between code requirements for the parking of vehicles and the parking of recreational vehicles and trailers and would like council to consider amending code to eliminate the providing a warning for recreational vehicles and trailers.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to schedule a public hearing for the March 2, 2020 city council meeting.
3. Appraisal of City Owned Lots for Sale
  - Administrator Bromeland stated the Economic Development Authority (EDA) discussed obtaining appraisals for the city owned parcels located along Parkway Avenue. The lowest bid received was from Appraisal Services in the amount of \$1,100.
  - Council inquired to the purpose of the appraisal, if it was to establish a sale price or to establish a baseline of value. A baseline value is what is being sought.
  - Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to accept the bid from Appraisal Services in the amount of \$1,100. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
4. Impound Agreement
  - Administrator Bromeland explained that the city needs to obtain a contract with All Pets for the impounding of animals and is not able to contract with Blue Earth County for this service.
  - The only options available are taking animals to Mapleton or Waseca.
  - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the contract from All Pets in Mapleton. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer.
5. Agreement with Unpaid Intern, Conner Jakes
  - Administrator Bromeland stated she was approached by Conner Jakes, a MNSU senior, who is interested in doing an unpaid internship with the City of Eagle Lake.
  - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, authorizing Administrator Bromeland to enter into an unpaid internship agreement with Mr. Jakes. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE**

1. Motorsports Park Project and EAW Update
  - The draft environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) has been received and is undergoing the third-party review. Once the third-party review has been completed, the EAW will be sent to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at which time the 30-day public comment period begins and have an opportunity to review the EAW document. This process is outlined in greater detail in Minnesota Rules Chapter 4410.
  - Mike Guentzel, 60374 224<sup>th</sup> Lane, Madison Lake, asked if the city has been paid back on an engineering invoice. It was explained that the city has not paid for engineering fees and the notation on the invoice in question was an error. Mr. Guentzel stated the developer's website indicates changes to the original plans presented. Council stated concerns with hours of operation and events allowed will be addressed in the developer's agreement. Future public hearings relating to the motorsports park will be emailed to residents, published in the Mankato Free Press and posted on the city's website. Any person interested in being included on the city's email list can sign up online.
2. Winter Event – February 8, 2020
  - This event will be held, snow or no snow, and organized activities have been arranged. Over 30 prizes to be given away have been obtained.
3. Letter from Southern MN Initiative Foundation (SMIF)
  - A thank you letter has been received for the city's annual contribution to SMIF.

## **COUNCIL UPDATE**

### 1. Community Education & Recreation (CER)

- Council Member Ries reported the next meeting will be March 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in which Mayor Auringer said he would attend.

### 2. All Seasons Arena

- Council Member Steinberg council members may be receiving emails from the joint powers board relating to the Mankato Area Hockey Association's (MAHA). All Season's Arena is opposed to the MAHA proposal. The net result would be in the gaining of one sheet of ice. The next meeting will be held Friday, February 14, 2020.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

### 1. Closed Meeting for Annual Review of City Administrator

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to close the meeting for the annual performance review of the City Administrator. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to reopen the public meeting. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 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