

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
MAY 4, 2020
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – GoTo Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Erin Guentzel, 60374 224th Lane, Madison Lake, stated the noise study was not done for the required one hour and that she does not want the sound committee to monitor their own noise. She does not feel property owners adjacent to this project will like the ten-foot wall on top of the berm and is concerned that the develop does not know statute requirements.
- Nicole Davros, 101 Valley Lane, does not want to see sound committee monitor own noise levels, she also stated the current noise levels from Highway 14 is at the state’s maximum noise level and that the motorsports park would put the noise level over the limit. She stated that the berm with the wall was not part of the EAW and asked if this would constitute a significant change to trigger going back to the EAW review process. The Third-Party Reviewer, Houston Engineering, will make the decision if another EAW review period should be required.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken 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 April 6, 2020 and April 30, 2020 City Council meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to approve the consent agenda.

Monthly Bills	Treasurer’s Report	Police Report
Fire Report	Public Works Report	Building & Zoning Permits
Gambling Report		
- A Roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Scott Borgmeier – LP Tank Request

- Administrator Bromeland stated that Scott Borgmeier, owner of the new commercial property being constructed at 105 598th Avenue, is requesting permission to install a small LP tank on the west side of his property. According to Mr. Borgmeier, Greater MN Gas will not extend a gal line to his property at this time, while Center Point Energy suggested that it could cost approximately @20,000 to extend gas to the property with a potential lead time of 7 months due to the need to obtain a permit from the railroad to cross the tracks. Staff has not been able to find anything in City Code or franchise agreements that explicitly states that allowing the installation of an above ground LP tank within City limits is prohibited. Eagle Lake has adopted the State Fire Code and the tank in questions would fall under Section 10.040 of the Fire Prevention Sections of City Code. As per the City Attorney, the State Fire Coe will require review and

approval by the local fire official. The City Attorney further advises that the State Fire Code appears to prevent the outside storage of LP in residential settings but may allow it in commercial zones. The specific plans will need to be reviewed to determine if they meet the provisions of City Code and the State Fire Code.

- Council discussion included that the MPCA may require permitting of tanks of 500 gallons or more.
- Mr. Borgmeier stated he would be willing to install a smaller tank.
- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, authorizing city staff to prepare an agreement with Scot Borgmeier to install an LP tank, with the condition that when a gal line is available that Mr. Borgmeier will connect to it and remove the LP tank.
- A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hiring of New Administrative Clerk to Fill Vacancy

- Administrator Bromeland stated that approximately 50 applications were received and reviewed. The hiring committee recommends that Mandy Auringer be hired to fill the vacant Administrative Clerk position. Due to COVID-19 and uncertainty about when it will be safe for City Hall to re-open to public access, the hiring committee further recommends that Mandy begin working part-time beginning the week of May 11th for training purposes and begin full-time June 1, 2020. Starting wage will be Grade 5, Step 1 with a performance review at 6 months.
- Council Member Steinberg moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to approve the hiring of Mandy Auringer to fill the Administrative Clerk position. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short and Steinberg voting in favor. Mayor Auringer abstained from voting. Motion carried.

2. Pricing for Grading and Restoration Work at Lake Eagle Park

- Bruender Construction has submitted pricing for grading of the dog park in the amount of \$3,360 and grading west of the ballfield in the amount of \$7,026 in Lake Eagle Park. If approved work would be paid for utilizing park board funds.
- Larson Sod pricing for sod to cover 75-foot x 100-foot area is \$3,687.50 for large rolls of sod. City would be responsible for watering of sod.
- Council discussion included that the grading by the ballfield would be seeded. The tile by the ballfield will connect into existing tile which ties into the pond. Council indicated they would like to run a water line to the dog park which could be used for watering of the sod and for watering of dogs. Public Works Director Goettl will obtain pricing.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short to approve price from Bruender Construction for grading and Larson Sod for sod for the dog park and authorized Administrator Bromeland and Public Works Director to proceed with the running of the water line if pricing falls within their pre-determined spending limits. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

3. Emergency Low Interest EDA Loan Program

- Administrator Bromeland stated the EDA discussed establishing an emergency loan program for businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A survey of businesses was conducted and of the 16 which responded 15 stated they have been impacted and 9 stated an emergency loan would be helpful. The EDA fund has a balance of \$39,000 and if a loan program is established a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 was suggested at a low interest rate.
- Council discussion included that the city should be prepared for a 30% default rate on loan repayment. Interest on the loan should cover administrative costs to administer the program. May be better to let struggling businesses know that they should come to the EDA if they need assistance.
- Council consensus has to hold off on this at this time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

1. COVID-19 Related Updates

- Al Kiefer with MAYBA has indicated that MAYBA will continue maintenance of the ballfield and asked that the City continues to mow the field. MAYBA will pat dug outs and replace the score board with a used one from Bethany College.
- Property Tax Relief with Blue Earth County – the county is looking at an extension of 60 days. The city would receive the July payment and then get an additional payment for payments which are extended the 60 days.
- High School and College Seniors – discussion on how the City could recognize high school and college seniors included a graduating class car parade.

2. Eagle Ridge, Phase II Update

- Administrator Bromeland met with developer KJ Walk and they are working on infrastructure.

3. Upcoming Special Meeting on May 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

- A special meeting for the Motorsports Park EAW review process will be held May 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

- Council Members discussed a memorial for Leon Depuydt, a contractor the city uses frequently.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Terrell, to close the meeting as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (c) , to consider an offer related to the City's possible purchase of a parcel of land (R43.09.12.300.013) to be used as a public access area for recreation purposes. A separate GoTo Meeting will be held for the closed session. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to end the closed meeting. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to re-open the public meeting. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk