

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
JUNE 1, 2020
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – GoTo Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

- None

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 Steinberg, to approve the May 4, May 26, and May 28, 2020 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried 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		
- Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Kyle Renneke with ISG: Annual MS4 Meeting Presentation
 - Kyle Renneke presented the annual update for the MS4 requirements covering the six minimum control requirements. The 2019 reporting is being completed.
 - Discussion included that all ponds need to be inspected every five years and that the last inspections occurred in 2017. ISG would be able to assist with inspections if the city so chooses. Public education on ponds would be beneficial. The Lake Eagle Park pond was dredged 10 plus years ago and other ponds have not been dredged.
 - Council Member Ries asked if it would be beneficial to have an ordinance in place to control how close people can mow to ponds to allow for wetland buffering. Administrator Bromeland will research language for such ordinance.
2. Park Board Chair Bridget Larson and Park Board Member Beth Rohrich: Parks Project and Next Steps
 - Beth Rohrich with the Park Board presented a flier to release to the public about the park projects and funding needs and asked for City Council approval to go public with the flier.
 - Project discussion included options for base materials which are needed, options include rubber chips, poured rubber, and pea rocks. Pea rocks are no longer ADA compliant and the League of MN Cities recommends pea rocks be removed. Due to the cost rubber chips a recommendation was made to install plastic timbers to hold the chips in. Wood chips hold moisture and act as a breeding ground for mosquitos.

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to proceed with 2020 Park Project as presented. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. Brian Sarff with Bolton and Menk: Update on S. Agency St. Watermain Project
 - Brian Sarff stated the televising of the sewer line a few years ago showed tree root intrusions, cracks, inflow and infiltration of the clay pipe which was constructed in 1983. He would like to speak with Ryan Thilges of Blue Earth County about incorporating the water and sewer line in one project. If the county agrees, this project may not be able to be scheduled until 2021 in a best-case scenario. City may want to consider the 429-assessment process.
 - Council discussion included the desire to replace both lines at the same time.
 - Water main flushing will be handled differential in this area to reduce risk of water main breaks.

PUBLIC HEARING

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2020-22: Abandoned Sewer Line
 - Administrator Bromeland has spoke with Brian Sarff and Ryan Thilges regarding the proposed resolution to abandon the sewer line. Mr. Thilges has indicated he would like changes made to the resolution. The city acknowledges risk but has concern that some areas of the pope are not feasible to fill.
 - Mr. Sarff stated it is his understanding that the western most 1,000 feet is completely degraded and would be addressed but feels the remainder of the line is low risk. The 1,000 foot section is in the ditch and not under the roadway. He also stated that the county is not in favor of potholing the new road.
 - Council indicated the resolution reflects the city's thoughts and asked that the city and county continue discussion.
2. COVID-19 and Utility Billing Late Fees and Water Shut Offs
 - Council asked to be kept informed on trends of number past due accounts.
3. Temporary Liquor License Fees for Special Events During COVID-19
 - Administrator Bromeland explained that special event liquor licenses have a \$100 fee and asked for Council direction for 2020 due to COVID-19 impact on local businesses.
 - Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Steinberg, to waive temporary liquor license fees for special events for 2020. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
4. Schedule Public Hearing for Adoption of Shoreland Ordinance
 - Administrator Bromeland explained with the motorsports project a shoreland ordinance is needed. The Planning Commission suggested a couple of changes to the proposed ordinance and asked the City Council to hold a public hearing at their July 6, 2020 meeting. The DNR has given preliminary approval of draft ordinance. Administrator Bromeland will continue working on ordinance language and send to Bolton and Menk for review.
 - Council discussion included that come cities are looking at city code language for vacation rentals by owners (VRBO).
 - Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to schedule a public hearing for the Shoreland Ordinance for 6:00 p.m. on July 6, 2020. A roll call vote was taken with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

1. City Signs – Signs have been installed with landscaping still to be completed. Location of signs was determined by land the city has access to. City could contact Gary Johnson and the property owner by the Parkway Avenue round about to see if he has land available for the city to install a sign.
2. Status of Lake Eagle park Pond Aerator – The aerator should be installed next week.
3. Status of Tennis Court Resurfacing Work – This work has been completed.
4. Request from Resident to Purchase City-Owned Land – A property owner has contacted to city requesting to purchase city owned land behind his property to put a shed on. Due to city code's wetland ordinance this is not feasible. Council was not interested in selling of park land.

5. Rec on the Go - Cancelled for Summer 2020 Due to COVID-19
6. Movie in the Park – still scheduled for September 2020 at this time.
7. KJ Walk Request – 219 Falcon Run
 - Brian Sarff with Bolton and Menk explained that KJ Walk hired a contractor who corrected issues in Eagle Ridge Phase II relating to leaking water services and stub outs with the sanitary sewer service. A new storm sewer line has been constructed. The sanitary sewer and water mains have been tested for leaks and have passed, as has the bacteria test. Still to be completed is a section of the storm sewer line which has some cracking and the construction of the larger storm water pond. No information has been provided as to when these will be completed.
 - Administrator Bromeland explained that KJ Walk has submitted a new home permit for 219 Falcon Run which is located in Eagle Ridge Phase I. In 2019 City Council decided to hold off on issuing building permits to KJ Walk due to deficiencies in Eagle Ridge Phase II. Administrator Bromeland asked for Council direction to if a building permit can be issued for this Phase I building permit.
 - Council discussion included that Bolton and Menk did a person on site on a part-time basis to oversee the work. Bolton and Menk did witness all testing and much of the repairs. It was mentioned that the striping on 598th Avenue still needs to be completed. Staff will determine if this would be the responsibility of the city or the developer.
8. 300 Blace Avenue – Retaining Wall
 - The property owner of 300 Blace Avenue has contacted the city to determine who is responsible for repairing the retaining wall located on their property.
 - Council discussion included the need for staff to determine who initially installed the retaining wall. That party would be responsible for the repairs.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S REPORT

- Fireworks - Council Member Terrell stated that over the past weekend loud fireworks were being set off. Council directed the police department to take a zero-tolerance approach on this issue. Police Chief Kopp stated he would communicate with officers the zero-tolerance stance towards fireworks. He also stated that a police officer needs to see firsthand the setting off of fireworks or needs an eyewitness who is willing to go on record.
- 3rd Annual Sunflower Contest – Council Member Short stated that seeds have been handed out to all who have expressed interest.
- Dog Park - Council Member Ries stated the grass is high in the dog park. Public Works Director Goettl, stated this is scheduled to be mowed on Tuesday. Grading of the low areas in the dog park remains to be completed.
- Music on Parkway – This series of events has been postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19. If possible, a September event may be planned.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk