

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
AUGUST 4, 2020
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION – GoTo Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Auringer called the work session to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Council Members present: John Ries, Dennis Terrell, Ryan Short, Garrett Steinberg and Mayor Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland, Public Works Director Brian Goetl, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

AGENDA

1. Resolution for Abandonment of Sanitary Sewer Line

- Administrator Bromeland stated she and Blue Earth County Public Works Director Ryan Thilges have been corresponding on the resolution for the city's abandonment of the sanitary sewer line. Specifically, the language in item three stating, "The County Engineer's concurrence is required of any segments being abandoned without fill due to the reasoning that the line is only in existence in its present location by permit." Eagle Lake's city attorney has advised against such language.
- Mr. Thilges stated Blue Earth County's initial request was to have the line removed and that the county's job is to ensure the county road is in good repair. Settlement could cause road damage. He stated televising showed the far west end of pipe is in fragile state and needs to be sand filled. The city of Eagle Lake would accept future liability for the empty pipe and road damage. The County is asking for concurrence on the city's plan.
- Brian Sarff with Bolton and Menk asked for clarification that only the westerly 1,000 section of pipe which is the problem would be sand filled. Mr. Thilges stated he believes the intent is to fill these 1,000 feet and that the rest of the pipe could be monitored.
- Council discussion included the desire to have a graphic attached to the resolution showing the section of the pipe that will be filled and that which will be abandoned without fill.
- Also discussed was the buckling of County Road 17 on the southern side of the west bound lane. The city will provide the needed casting for the repair work and Blue Earth County will perform the work.

2. South Agency Street Project

- Brian Sarff with Bolton and Menk explained the city has had watermain breaks and in looking at replacing the line research showed the sanitary sewer line is clay and in need of repair on South and North Agency. The scope of the project needs to be determined. Cost estimates for three options were previously presented to Council.
- Ryan Thilges, Blue Earth County Public Works Director, explained the typical county/city cost share is 90%/10% of state aid eligible items for road reconstruction projects. However due to the fact the South Agency Street is only at 37 years of a 60-year life expectancy this formula would need to be prorated. He also stated he would like to treat North and South Agency as two separate segments. The city would assume 100% of cost for utilities. Road options include mill and overlay, full depth reclamation for South Agency stabilized (\$580,000) or unstabilized (\$460,000). County would be comfortable partnering with the city and pay prorated cost of construction and engineering.
- Project options along with pros and cons were discussed. While trenchless option is cheaper there is a higher likelihood of settling and repairs being needed. A full reconstruct would result in a better end result.
- Also discussed is the need for a trail/sidewalk along South Agency to the mobile home park. If this is added to the project the city would be responsible for the engineering costs of the sidewalk.
- Council directed Administrator Bromeland to proceed with project.
- Brian Sarff mentioned that if the city would like to utilize the special assessment projects that will need to be started as well.

3. Appropriate Placement of “Welcome to Eagle Lake” Sign in CSAH 56 Right of Way
 - Mr. Thilges stated the county does not permit signs in right of ways and that they need to be outside of the recovery area. Signs are not allowed in the roundabouts due to safety issues.
4. Trail Ending at CSAH 56 – Discuss Safety Concerns and Whether Future Trail Connection along CSAH 56 is Feasible
 - Discussion of the need to have a trail by Casey’s included Mr. Thilges stating that options could be looked into but that the ditch in that area is deep.

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Short, Steinberg and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk