

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
OCTOBER 3, 2016
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

- Mayor Auringer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

- Council Members present: Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer.
- Staff present: City Administrator Brad Potter, Public Works Director Rick Reinbold, Police Chief John Kopp, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- Council Member Ries moved, seconded by Council Member Short, to approve the September 12, 2016 City Council meeting minutes. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Mayor Auringer explained his recommendations for the Monarch Declaration and stated that a local resident is working with the school on this also.
- Council Member Short moved, seconded by Council Member Frederick, to approve the Consent Agenda which included:
 1. Monthly Bills
 2. Treasurer's Report
 3. Police Report
 4. Fire Report
 5. Public Works Report
 6. Building Permits
 7. Gambling Report
 8. REDA Agreement
 9. Monarch Declaration

Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2016-36 Variance Request – 112 LeRay Ave
 - Mr. Brian Fowler is requesting a setback variance of 1 foot from the east property line. The original request presented to the Planning Commission has been modified and construction plans modified so that this is the only variance which would be needed.
 - Council discussion for the addition included concern for water run-off. Mr. Fowler indicated he plans to funnel water to the front of the building.
 - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
 - Council Member Terrell moved, and Council Member Short seconded, to approve the side yard setback of 1 foot on the east side of the building addition. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
2. Curfew Ordinance
 - If approve the Blue Earth County ordinance would be incorporated into city code.
 - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.

- Council Member Short moved and Council Member Ries moved to adopt Blue Earth County's curfew ordinance. Motion carried with a roll call vote being taken. Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
3. Resolution 2016-37 - Sewer Rate Increase
 - Three proposed rate increase options were presented with a hybrid option of a \$2.00 base fee increase along with a 10% cost increase per 1,000 gallons.
 - The public hearing was opened and closed with no comments being offered.
 - Council Member Ries moved and Council Member Frederick seconded to approve Resolution 2016-37 increasing the sewer base fee by \$2.00 and increasing the usage fee by 10% per 1,000 gallons. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 4. Public Works Position Update
 - Eight applications were received and second interviews will be conducted.
 - Council indicated they would like to be involved in the setting of wages at a special city council meeting which was set for Monday, October 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
 5. Branch Pick Up
 - Received a quote from Mankato Landshapes to pick up and chip branches with a curbside pickup. Specific branch size requirements and property way to pile them curbside would be provided to residents.
 - Council Member Ries moved and Council Member Terrell moved to authorize a curbside branch pickup. Motion carried with Council members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
 6. Canvassing Board
 - Council set Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to canvass election results.

ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

- St. Clair Leaf Pick Up – Mayor Auringer moved to authorize Mr. Potter to organize a group of people to assist with leaf pickup in St. Clair utilizing the City of Eagle Lake's equipment and Council Member Ries seconded motion. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Drainage Study – Chris Larson with ISG presented what a comprehensive plan studying current drainage issues which would also address future developments would entail. Mr. Potter stated funds set aside for sidewalk construction could be used to pay for this study. Council Member Ries moved and Council Member Frederick to authorize ISG to proceed with a comprehensive drainage study. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short, and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.
- Development Updates – sidewalks are being installed in Eagle Heights as per the developer's agreement. The final bituminous lift along 598th Ave still needs to be laid.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

- Council Member Terrell moved, seconded by Council Member Ries, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried with Council Members Ries, Terrell, Frederick, Short and Mayor Auringer voting in favor.

Tim Auringer, Mayor

Kerry Rausch, Deputy Clerk