

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE: Municipal Building
(844) 855-4444
Access Code: 7409250**

A. Call Meeting to Order.

The City Council of the City of Eagle Lake convened in regular session and allowed public attendance via telephonic means on the 9th day of February 2021, with the following members present:

Mayor:	Mary Parr
Alderswoman:	Rene Cooper
Aldermen:	Larry Contreras
	Michael Cooper
	Carlos Gonzalez
	John Young
City Administrator:	Melissa Landin
City Secretary:	Lina Ferguson
City Attorney:	Art Pertile (via telephone)

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation.

Mayor Parr delivered the invocation.

D. Public Comments: Any person may comment on any subject, but Council must limit any discussion to placing the items on a future City Council agenda for discussion and/or action. (Comments made under this agenda item are limited to three (3) minutes per person. City Council members are excluded from public comments. This is in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.)

Tommy Walker with USA Waste Solutions addressed Council regarding garbage collection services that are offered thru USA Waste.

Joshua Garcia, owner of USA Waste Solutions, introduced himself via telephone and provided background information regarding the company's development.

E. Consent Agenda

All of the following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by the Mayor or a Council Member, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

1. Previous Minutes -- January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting.
2. Payment of Accounts.

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2021 regular meeting and payment of accounts as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderswoman R. Cooper and it carried with all members voting AYE.

F. Items for Discussion and Action

3. Update and Discussion Regarding COVID-19, and Take Any Action Deemed Necessary. -

- Mary Parr, Mayor

-Current Report of Statistical Data - 66 active cases in County, 18 fatalities, 16.01% TSA Q hospital capacity, 9 active cases in Eagle Lake and 253 recovered.

-Hospitalizations and GA-32 - Currently 103 in the County and one currently in the hospital.

-COVID-19 City Operations and Public Facilities - All City facilities will remain closed.

-Vaccines - Mayor Parr provided information on the current vaccine allocation that was received in the County. The Department of State Health Services now has on its website comprehensive information on the vaccine process including a regularly updated list of vaccine providers and contact information. The City Team is working on a mail out with vaccine information and registration for 211.

-Grant Opportunities and CRF Reimbursements - The grant is currently at the performance testing phase after it was determined that all expenses submitted for reimbursements are eligible expenses. The City is moving much closer to reimbursement. There is some positive discussion about municipalities receiving another stimulus package via the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

4. Presentation and Discussion by WCA Waste Corporation on Garbage Collection Services for the City of Eagle Lake. -- WCA Waste Corporation

Trevor Royal with WCA Waste addressed Council regarding the garbage collection services and the current agreement. Discussion was held regarding the exclusive franchise agreement in the current contract. Attorney Pertile provided clarification regarding the exclusive franchise agreement regulations regarding the City's garbage.

5. Presentation and Discussion on First National Bank of Eagle Lake Building Improvements. -- Sam Kana, Bank President

Sam Kana with First National Bank addressed Council regarding a possible teardown of the existing building and rebuilding a new facility. The most cost efficient way to complete the teardown/rebuild is to move off site. The possibility of negotiating a rental agreement with the City for rental of the Community Center came to their attention since the community center has been closed. They would have to use the building for a maximum of 24 months and would seek an 18-month contract with an option for additional six months. Minor modifications to the building will need to be made to accommodate the bank needs during the transition. A new modern facility would replace the existing bank building.

6. Discussion and Action on Eagle Lake Community Center Long-term Rental and Providing City Manager Authority to Negotiate the Rental. -- Melissa Landin, City Manager

City Manager Landin presented and reviewed a report of the revenues and expenses for the Community Center for FY 2019-2020. The City had a 46.74% loss in anticipated revenue in FY 2019-2020. With the loss in revenue, and revenue over five fiscal periods, City staff is seeking approval to negotiate a long-term rental agreement with First National Bank of Eagle Lake. Mrs. Landin reported that the municipal elections could be moved to another location as advised by the County Elections Administrator. City Attorney Pertile advised that Council would need to check the use of the building and conduct public hearings if the use will be changing.

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion to allow Mrs. Landin authority to negotiate the rental of the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gonzalez and it carried with all members voting AYE.

7. Discussion and Action on Possible Propositions for the May 2021 Municipal Elections Ballot. -- Melissa Landin, City Manager

City Manager Landin recommended that no propositions be placed on the ballot as a result of the failed Certificates of Obligations and the petition that was filed. The City is not prepared to include propositions for the upcoming election ballot under the time constraints. Alderman Contreras made the motion to not place any propositions on the May 2021 Municipal Elections Ballot. Alderman M. Cooper seconded the motion and it carried with all members voting AYE.

8. Discussion and Action on Calling a General Election for May 1, 2021 to Elect Three (3) Aldermen. -- Lina Ferguson, City Secretary

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion to approve the Order of Election calling for a General Election for May 1, 2021 to elect three (3) aldermen. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman R. Cooper and it carried with all members voting AYE.

9. Discussion and Action Regarding Negotiation of an Election Services Agreement with the Colorado County Election Administrator for the May 2021 Municipal Elections. -- Lina Ferguson, City Secretary

Alderman Contreras made the motion to approve the Elections Services Agreement with the Colorado County Election Administrator for the May 2021 Municipal Elections. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gonzalez and it passed with all members voting AYE.

10. Discussion and Action on Utilizing Community Center for the May 2021 Municipal Elections. -- Lina Ferguson, City Secretary

Alderman Contreras made the motion to utilize the Community Center and make adjustments to the Order of Election as necessary for the May 2021 Municipal Elections. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman R. Cooper and it carried with all members voting AYE.

11. Discussion and Action on Issuing Request for Proposals for Professional Administrative Services to Administer Grant Contract Activities and Construction Management for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Fund from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the City of Eagle Lake. -- Melissa Landin, City Manager

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion to approve issuing a Request for Proposals for Professional Administrative Services to Administer Grant Contract Activities and Construction Management for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance Program through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Fund from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the City of Eagle Lake. The motion was seconded by alderwoman R. Cooper and it carried with all members voting AYE.

12. List of Additional Agenda Items (Without Discussion and Taking No Action) to Provide City Manager for Future Council Meetings.

None.

G. Reports

13. Administration

- Draft Rules of Procedure for City Council: To Be Updated.
- Salary Chart/Salary Ranges.
- Mental Health Task Force.
- Golf Course. Waiting to hear back from the Eagle Lake Recreation Center's legal counsel - Waiting to hear back from the Eagle Lake Recreation Center's legal counsel.
- LCRA Grant - This has been submitted.

14. Public Works

- TDA/CDBG Grant for Sewer Line Improvements.
- Vacancies.
- Water Meters. One more meeting tomorrow with one more vendor. – Advanced Metering Infrastructure. SET, AquaMetrics, AV Water Technologies
- Dog Food Drive. Runs through Feb. 14. Successful so far. Donations are picking up.

15. Police Department

- NIBRS Grant.
- Vacancy/New Hire(s). Vetting via the required TCOLE checklist a patrol officer candidate.

16. Airport

- Airport Agreements and Procedures: Legal Counsel. A list of draft agreement in your packet.
- Runway Repairs Under Warranty.
- Terminal Building Repairs. To be paid via the CARE grant through TxDOT aviation.

17. Code Enforcement

- Schedule P&Z Commission Meeting.

H. Council Reports

- Expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolences;
- Information regarding holiday schedules;
- An honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutary recognition for purposes of this subdivision;
- A reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;
- Information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the political subdivision; and
- Announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the political subdivision that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

I. Future Agenda Items: *List of additional agenda items to provide the City Manager for future Council meetings – without discussion and taking no action.*

J. Executive Session

18. Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting, Tex. Gov't Code § 551.074: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of: City Manager.

19. Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting, Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071.

K. Return to Public Session

20. Consider and Act Upon Executive Session Items.

L. Adjournment.

There being no further business on the meeting's agenda, Mayor Parr declared the meeting adjourned.



MARY PARR, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LINA FERGUSON, CITY SECRETARY