

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 22, 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 in-person, zoom and telephonic means on the 22nd day of June 2021, with the following members present:

Mayor:	Mary Parr
Alderwomen:	Rene Cooper Gaye Lynn Thomas
Aldermen:	Michael Cooper Larry Contreras John Young
City Administrator:	Melissa Landin
City Secretary:	Lina Ferguson

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation.

Chief Federico Garza Jr. 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.)*

None.

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 – June 8, 2021 Regular Meeting, June 10, 2021 Workshop and June 15, 2021 Special Meeting.
2. Payment of Accounts.

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 regular meeting, June 10, 2021 workshop and June 15, 2021 special meeting and payment of accounts as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman R. Cooper and it carried with all members voting AYE.

F. Items for Discussion and Action

3. Presentation and Discussion on City of Eagle Lake and Be A Champion Summer Grab-n-Go Meals Program for Youth. – Melissa Landin, City Manager

City Manager Landin announced that the City of Eagle Lake made contact with the Texas Hunger Initiative of Baylor University to assist in providing meals for the local youth. They were put in touch with Be A Champion (BAC) which is a statewide non-profit that provides meals for local youth. An application was submitted and the City was approved for two sites for distribution of the free meals. The two sites are currently being held every Monday at the Eagle Lake Community Center and every Wednesday at Iglesia Bautista Getsemani. The City also applied to be a sponsor for after school meals beginning in the fall using the same locations.

4. Discussion and Action on Request for School Zone Designation(s), Associated Stop Signs and Any Other Signage in Proximity to the Eagle Lake Head Start and Eagle Lake Primary School. – Melissa Landin, City Manager

The City of Eagle Lake received a request from the RICE CISD to designate Partridge Lane near Eagle Lake Primary School a school zone due to increased and accelerated traffic. As per legal counsel, a public hearing is not required should a traffic engineer determine the school zones are

necessary (Texas Transportation Code). The traffic engineer will also determine where and if the stop signs are needed.

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion to provide the City Manager approval to contract with a traffic engineer to conduct the traffic study. Alderman Contreras seconded the motion and it carried with all members voting AYE.

G. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF REPORTS. – Melissa Landin, City Manager

5. Administration

- Draft Rules of Procedure for City Council: To Be Updated.
- Salary Chart/Salary Ranges.
- FEMA.
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – The City was advised that release of 50% of the funds should occur before August 2021.
- Board/Committee Applications Due July 7 – Board application has been completed and is online.
- HOME Program Update – 76 applications were picked up and 11 completed and submitted. The deadline is July 7 and City staff will be contacting all individuals to remind them of the deadline.
- Town Hall Meeting June 10 Report.
- Winter Storm Fund Update – The deadline is June 30 and the City is requesting one month extension from the donor.
- Juneteenth Event – The City of Eagle Lake with support from EH Henry Historical Corporation will be hosting the event on June 25. All volunteers and sponsors are welcome.
- Fireworks July 3 – Taking place July 3 at 9:00 p.m. on Calhoun Road.

6. Public Works

- Water Meters and CRF.
- Swimming Pool Update – Making offer to pool manager and lifeguards are being hired and looking at July opening.
- Rabies Vaccination Clinic June 10 Report – Held June 10 and 75 dogs and cats were vaccinated.

7. Police Department

- CopSync Training.

8. Fire Department

- Building Donation for Training Facility Update – Received the last of the needed information to complete a lease draft agreement for legal counsel to review. The building details will be discussed with the building inspector for review.

9. Airport

- Airport Agreements and Procedures: Ongoing.
- Wharton Regional Airport Visit – Scheduling a visit to tour the Wharton airport. They have some hangars that were constructed in-house.

10. Code Enforcement/Inspections.

- Weedy Lots, Junked Vehicles and Trash – As of June 21, there were 13 weedy lot violations issued, 12 junked vehicles notifications and three for trash.

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.

Alderman Young expressed concern regarding a train that blocked town for 56 minutes and posed a public safety hazard.

Alderwoman Thomas announced that it is very much appreciated that the information for the meal program was found and started in the City.

Alderman R. Cooper commented on Alderman Young's statement regarding the train. This also occurred two years ago, and it caused someone's life.

Alderman M. Cooper expressed appreciation to the City workers in removing the lumber out of the streets.

Mayor Parr reminded everyone of the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the City employee luncheon on Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. and the July 4th Fireworks. Mayor Parr thanked all the work that was done by the City staff during the storm.

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

Alderman Contreras requested to have the ditches cleaned on FM 102. Mr. Contreras also inquired about a strip of land by the Golf Course that needs to be mowed.

J. Executive Session

Mayor Parr called the meeting into executive session at 7:27 p.m. in order to deliberate the three items listed below. The meeting was called back into regular session at 7:53 p.m.

11. Economic Development Project Parts; Closed Meeting, Tex. Gov't Code § 551.087: Discussion and Action Regarding Commercial or Financial Information that the Government Body has Received from a Business Prospect that the Government Body Seeks to Have Locate, Stay, or Expand In or Near the Territory of the Government Body.

12. Economic Development Project Youth; Closed Meeting, Tex. Gov't Code § 551.087: Discussion and Action Regarding Commercial or Financial Information that the Government Body has Received from a Business Prospect that the Government Body Seeks to Have Locate, Stay, or Expand In or Near the Territory of the Government Body.

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

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

K. Return to Public Session

15. Consider and Act Upon Executive Session Items.

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion, effective immediately, to approve a salary increase of \$8,000 a year due to the exemplary job performance of the City Manager, amend the Ordinance to reflect this change and increase the set aside funds for the contract. Alderwoman Thomas seconded the motion and it carried with all members voting AYE.

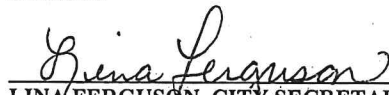
L. Adjournment:

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



MARY PARR, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LINA FERGUSON, CITY SECRETARY