

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
JULY 13, 2021**

**TIME: 6:00 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 a workshop session and allowed public attendance via in-person, zoom and telephonic means on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021, with the following members present:

Mayor:	Mary Parr
Alderwomen:	Rene Cooper GayeLynn Thomas
Aldermen:	Michael Cooper Larry Contreras
City Manager:	Melissa Landin
City Secretary:	Lina Ferguson
Police Chief:	Federico Garza Jr.
Budget Officer:	Mike Martinez
Public Works Director:	Victor Shimek

Absent: Alderman John Young

**B. Discuss Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget.**

City Manager Landin presented and reviewed the 2021-2022 budget workshop schedule, the local government code on budget and municipal finances, 2021 Tax and Budget Deadlines, general information on the Consumer Price Increase, 2021 market values before certification of tax roll and the first budget draft. Also included in the budget workbook was an email from GFL, formerly WCA, regarding the 3.5% CPI increase for the solid waste contract.

The current and historical tax rates for jurisdictions in Colorado County back to 2007 was reviewed. The City of Eagle tax rate in 2020 was .69799, which is lower from previous years. The revenue received in the City is much less than other cities in the county. A copy of the 2020 Appraisal District Annual Report was also included in the workbook.

Alderman Young presented.

Budget Officer Mike Martinez presented the first draft of the 2021-2022 budget. Mr. Martinez met with all department heads and reviewed the needs/wants and expenses. A 2% CPI interest was added across the board for revenue and expenses, after reviewing historical data from 2016-2019. Several new positions including a new patrolman and economic development position were added.

In the administration department: .06% CPI was added to the ad valorem revenue and franchise fees; flat 2% CPI was added to the salaries. The utility expenses were based on actual historical data. Several general ledger accounts will be recoded to make it more broad.

In the police department: a new patrolman position was added. The department will be obtaining two (2) new police vehicles in the current budget. One of the older vehicles will be decommissioned and sent to the airport. An increase in expenses was added to several items in the department due to a rise in costs.

In the fire department: Much of the financials were kept the same and Mr. Martinez is waiting to meet with the fire chief.

In the parks and recreation department: The swimming pool needs replastering and quotes will be obtained. City Manager Landin announced that an application will be made for the LCRA grant for replastering the pool.

The general fund total revenue is \$2,025,261.95 compared to total expenditures of \$2,025,240.95. The utility fund is not balanced and further work is needed. The annual payments to the library and golf course were kept the same, Revitalize Eagle Lake expense was increased, and all transfers were kept the same. Mrs. Landin advised that in the next budget cycle 2022-2023, the utility fund transfers need to be decreased. A utility fund revenue increase will be seen once the water meters

are replaced. The meters will be paid for through the funds received from the American Rescue Act Plan.

It has been requested to separate the municipal court expenses from the police department fund to provide true accounting. The part-time parks & recreation position is being advertised and the economic development coordinator will be included in the future.

Capital Outlay: The swimming pool facility and post office need a roof. The control panel at the sewer plant needs to be replaced.

Chief Federico Garza addressed the mental health transports and the strain that it is placing on the department due to lack of personnel. Chief requested a lieutenant position and additional officers. Additional requests included the removal of municipal court from the police department, increase overtime, motor vehicle maintenance expenses, sufficient supply of ammunition, 2% cost of living increase and a salary increase for Pat Mathis and the patrol officers.

Future workshops are scheduled to further discuss the department head needs within the general and utility fund.

**C. Adjournment.**

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

  
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 MARY PARR, MAYOR

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 LINA FERGUSON, CITY SECRETARY