

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2021**

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Municipal Building

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 and Zoom on the 10th day of August 2021, with the following members present:

Mayor:	Mary Parr
Alderwomen:	Rene Cooper GayeLynn Thomas
Aldermen:	Michael Cooper Larry Contreras John Young
City Manager:	Melissa Landin
Budget Officer:	Mike Martinez

Absent: 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 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 – July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting.
2. Payment of Accounts.

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021, regular meeting 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. Update and Discussion Regarding COVID-19, and Take Any Action Deemed Necessary. -

Mary Parr, Mayor

- Current Report of Statistical Data – 76 active cases in Colorado County.
- Hospitalizations and GA-38 – 27 available ICU beds available in the area covering Eagle Lake.
- COVID-19 City Operations and Public Facilities.
- Vaccines.

Mayor Parr reported that GA-38 removed all prior mandates, and the city cannot mandate masks. It is highly recommended that everyone wears masks. All City operations will remain operating the same until further notice. Vaccines are highly encouraged and readily available.

4. Discussion and Action on Renewal of Contract for Services with the Colorado County Appraisal District. – Melissa Landin, City Manager

Alderman M. Cooper made the motion to renew the Contract for Services with the Colorado County Appraisal District for Years 2021-2025 (5-year renewal). The motion was seconded by Alderman Contreras and it carried with all members voting AYE.

5. Consider and Act to Establish a Tax Rate for Tax Year 2021, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Not to Exceed the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate of .665441/\$100 Valuation of Property or Not to Exceed the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of .697018 Valuation of Property. – Melissa Landin, City Manager

City Manager Landin recommended that Council proceed with the proposed Voter-Approval Tax rate of .697018/\$100 valuation of property for Tax Year 2021 to fund the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget. This would provide an additional \$35,303.07. The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate a taxing unit can adopt without holding an election.

Alderwoman R. Cooper made the motion to approve the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of .697018/\$100 valuation of property. The motion was seconded by Alderman M. Cooper and it passed with all members voting AYE.

6. Discussion and Action on Setting Date for Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. – Melissa Landin, City Manager

Alderwoman R. Cooper made the motion to approve the proposed date of Tuesday, September 14, 2021, to hold the required public hearing for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by Alderman M. Cooper and it carried with all members voting AYE.

7. Discussion and Action on Setting Date for Public Hearing for Tax Rate 2021, Fiscal Year 2021-2022. – Melissa Landin, City Manager

Alderwoman R. Cooper made the motion to approve the proposed date of Tuesday, September 14, 2021, to hold the required public hearing for Tax Rate 2021, Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman M. Cooper and it carried with all members voting AYE.

8. Discussion and Action on Contract for Professional Administration Services for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds Awarded to City of Eagle Lake. – Mike Martinez, Budget Officer

Budget Officer Mike Martinez reported that the City received four proposals for the Request for Proposals for Professional Administration Services for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds. Proposals included GrantWorks, Langford Community Management Services, 7th Echelon LLC and Traylor & Associates. Proposals were reviewed and the highest scorer was Langford.

Alderwoman Thomas made the motion to award the contract for Professional Administration Services for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds to Langford Community Management Services. The motion was seconded by Alderman M. Cooper and it passed with all members voting AYE.

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

9. Administration

- Draft Rules of Procedure for City Council: To Be Updated.
- Salary Chart/Salary Ranges/Employee Evaluations Completed – All employee evaluations have been done. Salary chart/salary ranges will be completed by Friday.
- FEMA – An agreement for winter storm reimbursement will be presented for Council review.
- Fans Distribution – Combined Community Action will be distributing fans on August 16 at the Community Center.
- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting – Meeting was held on August 2 and work continues, pending legal input.

10. Public Works

- LCRA Grant: Completed – Submitted for replastering of the swimming pool.

11. Police Department

- CopSync Training Pending – Rescheduled for August 18 and 19.
- PD Sergeant Vacancy – Currently have some applicants and applications are still being accepted.
- K-9 Beny 4 – Draft agreement is ready.
- Computers/Tablets Installed – Desktop computers were installed in administration and the warehouse.
- TCOLE Training – Chief Garza reported that everything is up to date and completed.
- STEP Grant Update: Awarded.

12. Fire Department

- Building Donation for Training Facility Update – Received feedback from legal counsel with agreement. Questions are pending with the fire department regarding the donation acceptance.

13. Airport

- Airport Agreements and Procedures: Ongoing.
- 39th Annual Texas Aviation Conference – City Manager Landin and Alderman M. Cooper attended the conference. The conference and networking were beneficial.

14. Code Enforcement/Inspections.

- Weedy Lots, Junked Vehicles and Trash – Jay Frances continues to issue notices and is staying on top of these items.

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.

Alderswoman R. Cooper inquired about the Farmer's Market. A meeting was held, and it is scheduled for the second Saturday in September.

Mayor Parr announced that the summer meals have ended, the Fall Festival is set for October 16 and the Farmer's Market is set to be held in September.

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

None.

J. 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