

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2022**

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 on the 11th day of October 2022, with the following members present:

Mayor Pro-Tem: Rene Cooper
Alderwomen: Amy Maxwell
GayeLynn Thomas
Aldermen: Larry Contreras
Michael Cooper
City Manager: Charles "Tink" Jackson
City Secretary: Lina Ferguson

Absent: Mayor Tim Kelley

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation.

Reverend Dave Curry 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.)*

Debbie Damon announced that a Colorado County Concerned Citizens Town Hall meeting will be held Thursday, October 20 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mason Lodge in Columbus. Ms. Damon also expressed concern over illegal immigration.

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 – August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting, August 18, 2022 Special Meeting, August 29, 2022 Special Meeting, September 6, 2022 Special Meeting, September 13, 2022 Regular Meeting, September 28, 2022 Special Meeting, and September 29, 2022 Special Meeting.

Alderman Cooper made the motion to approve the previous minutes as presented. Alderman Contreras seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.

2. Payment of Accounts.

Payment of accounts was not ready; therefore, this item was skipped.

F. Items for Discussion and Action

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Donation Agreement between the First National Bank (FNB) and the City of Eagle Lake. – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager

City Manager Jackson reported that the land donation agreement was provided for review and concerns can be addressed with City Attorney Art Pertile. Council held discussion regarding the parking lot, the property survey, and the AC system. An assessment will be conducted to include the cost estimates for the closing costs and survey.

The agenda item was tabled to the next council meeting.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 2022-11 for Designation of Representative and Alternate to the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager

Alderwoman Maxwell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 with the nomination of Mayor Kelley as the Representative and Alderman Cooper as the Alternate. Alderman Cooper seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Appointments to Various Committees, Boards and Positions. – Charles “Tink” Jackson, City Manager

- Library Board Representative -Airport Advisory Committee (1) -Planning & Zoning (1)

Alderman Cooper made the motion to appoint City Manager Jackson as the Library Board Representative. Alderman Contreras seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.

Alderwoman Maxwell nominated Al Schindler to the Zoning and Planning. Alderwoman Thomas seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.

The member for the Airport Advisory Committee is pending clarification with TxDOT Aviation.

6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the appointment of a Director to the 1093 Rails to Trails Local Government Corporation. – Charles “Tink” Jackson, City Manager

Alderwoman Maxwell nominated Alderwoman Thomas to serve as a Director to the 1093 Rails to Trails Local Government Corporation. Alderman Cooper seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed. Council directed Mr. Jackson to clarify the City’s Board appointments with the Corporation.

7. Request from JToria Wright to Discuss Code Enforcement Action regarding Vehicle Impoundment and take any action deemed necessary. – JToria Wright

Tiffany Fields and JToria Wright addressed Council regarding the impoundment of Ms. Wright’s vehicle due to violation of the Junked Vehicle Ordinance. Council directed staff to conduct further investigation and provide an update of the timelines at the next council meeting.

8. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Resolution 2022-12 to Reopen the Chapter 59 Code of Criminal Procedure Bank Account. – Charles “Tink” Jackson, City Manager

Alderman Cooper made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-12 to Reopen the Chapter 59 Code of Criminal Procedure Bank Account. Alderman Contreras seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.

9. Discussion and Possible Action to change the monthly Eagle Lake City Council November meeting to November 15 due to Election Day. – Charles “Tink” Jackson, City Manager

Alderman Cooper made motion to approve changing the monthly Eagle Lake City Council Meeting to November 15 due to Election Day. Alderman Contreras seconded. VOTE: 5-0 in favor, motion passed.

G. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF REPORTS.

10. Administration

City Manager Jackson reported that he is working to establish a baseline; working to fill two open positions: Budget Officer and Building Official; reviewing existing contracts to assess for cost savings; a preconstruction meeting for the CDBG project was held on September 28 with work to begin by the end of the month with a 90-day projected completion; and information was distributed for the upcoming Farmer’s Market and Trunk & Treat.

11. Public Works

- TDA CDBG Grant Project Update.

Public Works Director Victor Shimek reported that construction signage will be posted for the CDBG project; a sewer line extension will be installed by Taco Tony’s Restaurant; water and sewer line extension was installed for the new snow cone stand; a sewer line extension was installed to a manhole on Warwick Street; and another sewer line extension will be installed on East Waverly Street. Weedy lots continue to be mowed. The generator at the Davitt Street plant is pending repairs. The meter heads were replaced at the dentist office and Dan Canaris’ property and a report will be provided once the new billing is finalized. No updates have been received regarding the traffic light on Highway 90A and FM 3013. The streetlights that are not working will be turned in to AEP.

12. Police Department

- Monthly Report. Officer Patrick Gonzales reported September activity: 71 calls, 71 citations, 38 written warnings, 12 arrests, a murder shooting, and a traffic stop resulting in human trafficking. Currently there are three vacant positions.

13. Code Enforcement/Inspections

Five inspections, four permits issued; and mowing is taking place on the weedy lots that were previously issued letters.

14. Airport

- Through-the-fence Agreement: No updates.

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 Thomas announced that the Chamber is selling tickets for their Turkey & Dressing Dinner on Sunday, November 6.

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. Executive Session

The City Council may go into Executive Session regarding any item posted on the Agenda as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

15. Sec. 551.074. Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting. (a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting: (1) to deliberate the Roles and Responsibilities of the City Manager.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper called the meeting into executive session at 8:12 p.m. The meeting was called back into regular session at 8:35 p.m.

K. Consider and Act Upon Executive Session Item(s)

None.

L. Adjournment

There being no further business on the meeting's agenda, Mayor Pro-Tem Cooper declared the meeting adjourned.


RENE COOPER, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:


LINA FERGUSON, CITY SECRETARY