

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2023**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, with the following members present:

Mayor: Timothy L. Kelley  
Alderwomen: Rene Cooper  
                  GayeLynn Thomas  
Aldermen: Larry Contreras  
                  Michael Cooper  
City Manager: Charles "Tink" Jackson  
City Secretary: Lina Ferguson

Absent: Alderwoman Amy Maxwell

**B. Invocation.**

Rev. Dave Curry delivered the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**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.)**

Hannah Serwatka with Concierge International Real Estate, Inc. announced that The Farris Hotel will be going to auction at the beginning of June.

Monrovia Fitzgerald addressed council regarding the complaint form for internal affairs. She questioned who would be doing the investigation.

Kim Hartman addressed council regarding the new certificate of obligation for 2.5 million for the street project and the tax base rate.

Anthony Johnson addressed council regarding support for the appointment of Rev. Curry for Associate Judge.

**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 – April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting, April 20, 2023 Workshop/Town Hall, April 24, 2023 Special Meeting, April 26, 2026 Workshop/Town Hall, and May 2, 2023 Workshop/Town Hall.**

Alderman Cooper made the motion to approve the previous minutes as presented. Alderwoman Cooper seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

**F. Items for Discussion and Action**

**2. Presentation of Proclamation Declaring May 14-20, 2023 as National Police Week and May 15 as National Peace Officer Memorial Day. – Timothy Kelley, Mayor**

Mayor Kelley presented a proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2023 as National Police Week and May 15 as National Peace Officer Memorial Day.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action upon request of Order of Eastern Star Loretta's Pride #62 to Hold Blood Drive in City Hall Parking Lot on July 22, 2023. – Kerronda Prince**

Alderman Cooper made the motion to approve the request to hold a blood drive on July 22. Alderwoman Cooper seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of Associate Municipal Judge. – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager**

Alderwoman Cooper made the motion to appoint Rev. Dave Curry as Associate Municipal Judge. Alderman Cooper seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

**5. Update on the 2023 Municipal Elections and Possible Action to set Election Canvass Special Meeting.** – Lina Ferguson, City Secretary

City Secretary Ferguson reported that there was a total of 177 voters for early voting at the community center and there were no provisional ballots. Colorado County Elections is set to complete the audit/final reconciliation on Wednesday, May 10. The local canvass can be set for Monday, May 15 to conduct the canvass of the votes and the swearing in of newly elected officials. Unofficial election results: Rene Cooper 132, Jim Wood, 179, GayeLynn Thomas 118, and Chris Parker 136.

Alderman Cooper made the motion to schedule a special meeting on Monday, May 15. Alderwoman Cooper seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action on Application for Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.** – Angie Jackson, Budget Officer

Budget officer Angie Jackson reported that one application was received for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Inc. DBA The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Visitor's Information Center & Economic Development Office submitted the sole application. The request is for \$9,114.67 under the applicable category of Convention Center or Visitor Information Center.

Alderman Cooper made the motion to accept the request and award \$6,440.00 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds. Alderman Contreras seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

**7. Update on the City Workshops/Town Hall.** – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager

City Manager Jackson reported that three town hall workshops were held but there still seems to be misunderstandings about property taxes. Comparison with neighboring cities is not the same since appraisals are higher and the tax rate is lower for collections. More information will be released to provide clarification regarding the street project.

**8. Consideration and Possible Action on adoption of Resolution No. R2023-06: A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas, Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation; Approving the Preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement; and Approving other Matters Incidental Thereto.** – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager

Financial Advisor Ben Rosenberg with U.S. Capital Advisors LLC reviewed the financing instruments commonly used by governmental entities, the city's financials and tax rate analysis, and the Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023. The rate will not exceed 3.2% with it being a fixed loan for 20 years. Alderman Cooper made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-06 authorizing Publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificate of Obligation; Approving the Preparation of a Preliminary Official Statement; and approving other matters incidental thereto. Alderwoman Cooper seconded. VOTE: 4-0, motion passed.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Airport Land.** – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager

City Manager Jackson reported that TxDOT is requiring that the Airport Layout Plan and a 20-year master plan be completed to continue doing any improvements at the airport with TxDOT funds. The city has an interest in one-third of land owned by the Wintermann Foundation which is near the airport. Council agreed to pursue a proposal with the Wintermann Foundation to move forward with a plan.

**10. Administration**

- City Manager Report:
- TCEQ inspection on the water and wastewater found no significant issues.
- Attended the TxDOT Aviation Conference and met with representatives and received good grant information.
- The tornado repairs were completed, and the total cost of damages was \$1,070,900.
- Attended Eagle Lake Wild meeting. The event is scheduled for November 11 with the city facilitating the car show, Veterans Day activities, and the Farmers Market.
- Will be meeting with Revitalize Eagle Lake next week to discuss grant opportunities.
- Final inspections have been completed at the Endeavors facility. Met with Velma Cervantes and discussed the evacuation plan. The facility will be opening in mid September.
- The annual audit will be presented at the next meeting.
- The LCRA grant ceremony is tentatively scheduled for June 9.
- Working on Bullet Proof Vest grant for the police department and a Safe Streets Grant which is a federal grant.
- Extended congratulations to the successful election candidates.

**11. Public Works**

- Public Works Director Report

- Rise Broadband is 80% percent and the anticipated completion date is May 31. Several gas lines have been hit while boring.
- The AMI Meter Project is 85% complete with 1186 meters online. Minimal complaints have been received.

**12. Police Department**

- Monthly Reports – None.

**13. Code Enforcement/Inspections**

- Monthly Reports – Mr. Shimek reviewed the monthly permit summary report.

**14. Airport**

- The hangar damage is complete, and the planes are back in the hangars.
- A power supply outage at the airport caused damage to the AWOS system.

**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 monthly Rails to Trails meeting was held last week in Wallis; the Fulshear public meeting date is still pending; the National Park Service is working on various cost estimates for the trail; and there is a website for the 1093 Rails to Trails. The Chamber Blood Drive is scheduled for May 16.

Alderman Cooper extended Happy Mother's Day wishes to all the mothers.

Mayor Kelley congratulated the newly elected and re-elected councilmembers.

**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. Texas Government Code, Section 551.072: (a) This chapter does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting: Deliberation of real property – Airport Land.**

Session was not held.

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

Session was not held.

**L. Adjournment**

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

  
TIMOTHY L. KELLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
LINA FERGUSON, CITY SECRETARY