

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 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 14th day of November 2023, with the following members present:

	Mayor: Timothy L. Kelley
	Mayor Pro-Tem: Amy Maxwell
	Councilmembers: Larry Contreras
	Rene Cooper
	Jim Wood
	City Manager: Charles "Tink" Jackson
	City Secretary: Lina Ferguson
Other staff present:	Budget Officer: Angie Jackson
	Chief of Police: Donald L. Chaney
	Public Works Director: Victor Shimek
	Building Official: Antonio Rodriguez

Absent: Councilmember Chris Parker

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kelley delivered the invocation.

C. 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.)*

Judge Stan Warfield announced that the State of the City event was a fantastic event.

D. 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 – October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

E. Items for Discussion and Action

2. Presentation of City of Eagle Lake Police Department Promotions. – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager

Chief Chaney recognized the promotions of Officers Patrick Gonzales and Eliut Lopez to Sergeants. Officer Dustin Blackburn was promoted to Investigator.

3. Presentation of Community Pride Award to Rod Marcotte with Old Texas Properties, LLC. – Timothy L. Kelley, Mayor

Mayor Kelley presented the Community Pride Award to Rod and Edwina Marcotte for their outstanding contribution as commercial property owners in Eagle Lake.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution No. R2023-19 Amending the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget Contingency Fund Expenses for the Fitness Court Construction Cost. – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager

Councilmember Maxwell made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-19. Councilmember Contreras seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Upon a Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Agreement for Year 2024 with Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division. – Charles "Tink" Jackson, City Manager

Councilmember Cooper made the motion to approve the RAMP Agreement for Year 2024 with Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division. Councilmember Wood seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Downtown Buildings/Structures Ordinance Compliance. – Charles “Tink” Jackson, City Manager

Council held discussion regarding the status of the downtown buildings/structures noncompliance. The city conducted an assessment in 2022 and a letter was sent to all the owners. Councilmember Wood made the motion to set a date to hold a special meeting for further discussion with the owners. Councilmember Maxwell seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Lead Service Line Inventory under Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) as required by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). – Charles “Tink” Jackson, City Manager

City Manager Jackson presented information regarding the lead and copper rule revisions to address any water distribution lines that may be affected. LJ Engineering was contracted to do an assessment and they located 464 distribution lines that need replacement. The deadline for remediation is October 16, 2024. On or before January 1, 2024 the addresses on the list will be sent a letter advising of the rule requirements for replacement. The city will work with all affected and provide a feasible cost for replacement and a payment plan. The work can be completed by the owners, hire a plumber, or request that the city complete the replacement.

Councilmember Wood made the motion to allow staff to prepare and distribute a notification letter to the affected locations and allow until February 28, 2024 for replacement arrangements with the city, and allowing the city to start work on March 1, 2024. Councilmember Cooper seconded. VOTE: 4-0 in favor, motion passed.

F. Presentation and Discussion of Reports – Charles “Tink” Jackson, City Manager

8. Administration and Department Reports.

- City Manager Report: Thanked Officers Benny Arriola and Collin Byars for their service, welcomed new police officer Kierra Jones, and congratulated Officers Blackburn, Gonzales and Lopez on their promotions. LCRA presentation of \$25,000 check for the repairs to the pool was held on October 25. Eagle Lake WILD event was postponed due to the weather until a new date is set. Had a tremendous turnout at the Trunk or Treat and the city participated in the Trick or Treat around the track. The State of the City event was well attended and received positive feedback. The Veterans Day events were well attended, and the park dedication featured a great group of veterans that come out. The new fitness court was completed, and the ribbon cutting was postponed due to the weather. The final Market on Main of 2023 was held on the first Friday of the month. A new sign was placed at the Community Center and Veterans Memorial Park. Upcoming events include the Christmas tree decorating contest, annual tree lighting contest, and the Christmas parade. Budget Officer Jackson reported that the accounts are earning interest with TexPool.

- Public Works: Completed the setup of the lights for the fitness court, and the blowers on the digesters at the wastewater treatment plant need repair.

- Police Department: In the process of changing uniforms and vehicle graphics; attended patrol rifle training and is now certified; uniform patches and badges will be in soon; scheduled a train crash investigation and training for December 7 at community center; legislation passed that they must go through active shooter training so he is seeking a grant for equipment to train the officers; and the department has received many compliments from the county attorney's office.

- Code Enforcement/Inspections: Code Official Rodriguez reviewed the monthly permit summary report.

- Airport: Brush at the airport has been cleared.

G. 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 have arisen after the posting of the agenda.

Councilmember Maxwell thanked all the efforts with the State of the City event.

Councilmember Wood stated that he received positive feedback on the State of the City event from out-of-town individuals.

Councilmember Cooper liked the City Newsletter as it was very informative.

Councilmember Contreras thanked everyone for all their work and dedication.

Mayor Kelley mirrored all the positive comments regarding the State of the City event and stated that there is very good city involvement in all the events.

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

Councilmember Maxwell would like to discuss a grant for downtown business signage.

I. **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