

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2024
7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

Pursuant to due call and notice, the City Council of the City of Eagle Bend, MN met in Special session on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Hall. Mayor Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Members present were Jaculyn Lorentz, Jason Nelson, Jessica Olson and Jim Kimball; absent: none. Also present were Clay Sandmeyer, Twila Pierce, James Gaida, Bryan Drown, Brian Yates, Amanda Hansen and Kevin Hess.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 24-03-42) Council Member Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bills submitted for approval were reviewed. Following a question and answer period, (Action 24-03-43) Council Member Olson moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.

Liquor Store financial report for the month of February 2024 was presented by the City Administrator to the City Council which showed a net profit of \$1,144.97

The Council was presented with a monthly report for February from the Todd County Sheriff's Office showing calls they handled during the month.

Bryan Drown from Bolton & Menk informed the council of the status for the phase 5 project. Bryan stated that the city on March, 22, 2024 received 8 bids for the phase 5 project, ranging from 1,516,929.58 to 2,641,694.80. The apparent low bid is approximately 22% less than the engineer's estimate of \$1,960,227.50. The next step in the assessment process is to hold the assessment hearing which is proposed to be held on April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Property owners will be sent mailed notice with the proposed assessment based on the apparent low bid received. Bryan stated that we won't consider awarding the construction contract until May's council meeting. With bids received we will submit the project funding application to PFA for their review. Bryan hopes to hear from PFA regarding the financial breakdown of loan and possible principle forgiveness before the assessment hearing. After a lengthy discussion (Action 24-03-44) council member Lorentz made a motion to approve resolutions for making application to the PFA Drinking Water Revolving Fund and Clean Water Revolving Fund and ordering the preparation of the Assessment roll and setting the Assessment Hearing for April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by council member Olson. These resolutions were duly adopted.

Brian Yates and Amanda Hansen were present to discuss the 2024 ambulance contract. Amanda stated that the reason the rate went from \$2.00 to \$4.00 from last years is because the Bertha ambulance has not raised their rate for twenty five years. Amanda stated, think of the cost of everything and how much it's went up in last twenty five years. The cost of supplies, fuel, equipment and training. After further discussion and questions from the council. (Action 24-03-45) Council member Kimball made a motion to approve the 2024 Bertha ambulance contract, this motion was seconded by council member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously

City Administrator presented a letter of support for Broadband in Todd County. After further discussion (Action 24-03-46) council member Lorentz made a motion to approve a letter of support from the City of Eagle Bend, this motion was seconded by council member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously

City Administrator presented information in regards to the light pole that was destroyed in the tornado two years ago. City Administrator stated that, he reached out to Jason Moller from Pro Ag and Cory Berg from Eagle Bend Welding. Both Jason and Cory stated they didn't see a need for a light pole if the city needs to have it, could the pole moved somewhere else. After further discussion (Action 24-03-47) council member Kimball made a motion to approve not putting the light pole back, this motion was seconded by council member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.

The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (L.M.C.I.T.) submitted a quote to the City for its property/casualty insurance in the amount of \$36,684.00. This premium reflects an increase of \$1,150.00 over last year's premium. After reviewing the breakdown of the coverage and premiums, (Action 24-03-48) Council Member Nelson moved to accept the quote from the LMCIT of \$36,684.00 for property/casualty insurance as presented, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously. This policy coverage is from March 12, 2024 to March 12, 2025.

City Administrator presented the council with a Quick Claim Deed and a Resolution #24-14-713 for Eagle Heights. City Administrator stated these should be the final documents for Deanna Hemmesch and her group with Eagle Heights. After further questions (Action 24-03-49) council member Kimball made a motion to approve both the Quick Claim Deed and the Resolution #24-14-713. Council member Nelson seconded this motion. Motion adopted unanimously and resolution #24-14-713 was duly adopted.

City Administrator presented the bids and update with the City Maintenance/ Lions Club building. Council member Olson stated we received four bids for the building. The council reviewed the four bids received from 10 point Construction, Becker Construction, Jeremy Wagner Construction and Arnzen Construction. The council asked Kevin Hess and City Administrator what options there to fund this project. Kevin Hess stated, he spoke with Todd from Ehlers one option would be to add this project to the Phase 5 bond. The city is looking to bond around \$345,000.00 for the Phase 5 project and this would help increase the value and be more appealing for investors. The only trouble with bonding it, is the city is locked in those rates. The second option would be for the city to cash in a CD and burrow the money from some of the cities funds as long as they pay those funds back. The problem with that is you don't want to make those funds low in case of something would happen, Kevin also stated that's where City's run into problems. They borrow money from one fund and don't pay it back. Council member Lorentz asked council member Nelson what the Lions Club was going to donate. Council member Nelson stated he talked with a couple Lions club members today and was told different amounts. Council member Lorentz said that doesn't sound like definite number they can factor in for the building cost. Council member Olson stated that it doesn't sound like anyone wants to go for this project and the city has spent enough money this year and after further discussion it was tabled until a more definite amount comes from the Lions Club.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 24-03-50) Council Member Lorentz moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.



James R. Gaida
City Administrator



Scott Johnson
Mayor