

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 01, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
675 E EAGLE AVE  
EAGLE LAKE, FLORIDA 33839

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Coler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION**

The invocation was dispensed with as it was done at the previous meeting.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was dispensed with as it was done at the previous meeting.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Wilson, Metosh, Clark, Coler

ABSENT: Billings

City Clerk Wright advised Commissioner Billings notified staff that he was not feeling well and wouldn't be at the meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Metosh and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to excuse Commissioner Billings from the meeting tonight.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

**V. AUDIENCE**

Esther Garcia 210 Varnadoe Road, Winter Haven, asked the status on the new water tower at Green Acres, she expressed concern regarding water outages in her area.

Brian Fletcher, Public Works Director, stated we are in the process of acquiring property. He advised the County is in the planning process of a project for that area and part of the project is to update the lines in this area as the county will need these pipes relocated to complete their project. He advised there is construction in that area which is causing issue to the pipes as these pipes are old and dilapidated. Mr. Fletcher stated he has advised the County that they will need to notify the residents when they need the water turned off in that area.

Ms. Garcia asked if she can get her water tested due to all the shut off's.

Mr. Fletcher stated that the water plant operator is notified everytime the water goes out and there is a tap at the end of Varnadoe Road specifically for water testing after a break.

Ms. Garcia expressed concern about high school students driving too fast out of Starling Rd and on Gerber Dairy.

Sgt. Turner stated they are aware and have done multiple traffic stops.

Joshua Macon, 459 3rd St. N Eagle Lake, he stated there is a lot of flooding by his house. He asked if the City can get the County to fix.

Mr. Fletcher stated he will get with Jay Jarvis from the County as it is a County Road.

**VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS, REQUESTS**

**A. Staff Reports**

Sgt. Turner updated the Commission regarding the events that have occurred in the city.

**B. City Manager Report**

City Manager Ernharth was absent.

**C. Proclamation - National Public Works Week, May 21, 2023 through May 27, 2023**

Mayor Coler presented the Proclamation for National Public Works Week May 21, 2023 through May 27, 2023.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve the Proclamation for National Public Works Week, May 21, 2023 – May 27, 2023.

There were no Commission or audience discussion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

**D. Proclamation – National Police Officer Memorial Week, May 15, 2023 through May 21, 2023.**

Mayor Coler presented the Proclamation for National Police Officer Memorial Week, May 15, 2023 - May 21, 2023.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve the Proclamation for National Police Officer Memorial Week, May 15, 2023– May 21, 2023.

There was no Commission or audience discussion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Consideration of the second reading of Ordinance No.: O-23-08, An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Eagle Lake, Florida, Amending the City of Eagle Lake Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Utilities, Article V. Billing Procedures, Fees and Deposits, Section 16-144 and Section 16-146; Providing No More than One Utility Bill Payment Extension May Be**

Granted within a Six Month Time Period; Providing for 15 Day Temporary Utility Connections; Providing for Codification; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Attorney Maxwell read Ordinance No.: O-23-08 by title only.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve Ordinance No.: O-23-08.

Mayor Coler asked for audience and Commission discussion; there was none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Wilson, Metosh, Clark, Coler

NAYS: None

- B.** Consideration of the first reading of Ordinance No.: O-23-10, An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Eagle Lake Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16, Utilities, Article V. Billing Procedures, Fees and Deposits, Section 16-142 and Section 16-144; Increasing the Fee for After Hours Utility Connection and Disconnection Requests; Providing Utility Accounts are Subject to Immediate Water Service Disconnection for Dishonored Checks; Providing for Codification; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Attorney Maxwell read Ordinance No.: O-23-10 by title only.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve Ordinance No.: O-23-10.

Mayor Coler asked for audience and Commission discussion.

Ester Garcia stated if they put in the wrong checking account number and routing number in before they turn off the water.

Attorney Maxwell stated that this is for dishonored checks.

Commissioner Wilson stated that the city does not have staff to contact all residents by phone if there is an issue.

Tiffany Griffith, Utility Clerk, stated that we send a letter when a check is returned or an ACH is rejected.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Wilson, Metosh, Clark, Coler

NAYS: None

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A.** Consideration of General Planning Services Contract for Consulting/Professional Services with CivilSurv Design Group, Inc.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve General Planning Services Contract for Consulting/Professional Services with CivilSurv Design Group, Inc.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Regular City Commission Minutes -----04/17/20223
- B. Approval of Financials

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve the Consent Agenda items: A. the Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of 04/17/2023 and B. the Financials.

Mayor Coler asked for audience and Commission discussion.; there was none.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

**XI. AUDIENCE**

There were no comments from the audience.

**XII. CITY ATTORNEY**

Attorney Maxwell had no report.

**XIII. CITY COMMISSION**

Commissioner Metosh had no report.

Commissioner Clark had no report.

Commissioner Wilson asked if we are reading the inactive meters. Mr. Fletcher stated we are working on process to read all meters. Mr. Fletcher advised that they just caught one today.

Mayor Coler extent sympathies to City of Winter Haven for the loss of J.P. Powell.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0



MAYOR CORY COLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK DAWN WRIGHT