

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023
7:00 P.M.
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
LOCATED AT 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

Commissioner Metosh gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Commission and audience said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

IV. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Billings, Wilson, Metosh, Clark, Coler

ABSENT: None

V. AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS, REQUESTS

A. Staff Reports

Code Enforcement Officer Nadeau updated the Commission regarding the Code Enforcement cases in the city.

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

B. City Manager Report

City Manager Ernharth requested authorization to purchase new speed timing devices that would record speed in both directions in the amount of \$25,020.

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Billings to authorize the City Manager to purchase speed timing devices in the amount of \$25,020.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

Mr. Ernharth asked for authorization to start the process of hiring a new deputy for the city as the process could take 6 months to complete.

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to authorize the City Manager to work with the Sheriff's office on a prorated basis for a new deputy for the remaining fiscal year and to include deputy in next budget.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

Mr. Ernharth asked for authorization to upgrade water meters to a radio-based water meter system that will automatically transmit water reading to water software without having staff drive city to obtain. The cost of this project is: \$260,000.

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to authorize the City Manager to upgrade water meters not to exceed \$260,000.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

Mr. Ernharth asked for authorization to do a Geographic Information System (GIS) - Additional Infrastructure Input for our fire hydrants and sewer laterals.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to authorize the City Manager to proceed with Geographic Information System (GIS) - Additional Infrastructure Input for our fire hydrants and sewer laterals not to exceed \$46,500.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Consideration of the second 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; there was none.
The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billings, Wilson, Metosh, Clark, Coler

NAYS: None

- B.** Consideration of the first reading of **Ordinance No.: O-23-09**, An Ordinance Amending the City of Eagle Lake, Florida 2030 Comprehensive Plan by Changing the Future Land Use Designation from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential Future Land Use for One (1) Parcel; Amending the City of Eagle Lake, Florida Zoning Map by Changing Zoning for the Same Certain Parcel from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to General Residential (RG); Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and, Providing an Effective Date. (General Location: One parcel of land totaling approximately 3.45 acres in size and comprising one city block lying between Laurel Avenue, East and Brookins Avenue, East; and, 6th Street, South and 7th Street South; with a street address of 0 Laurel Avenue, E., Eagle Lake, Florida 33839)

Attorney Maxwell read Ordinance No.: O-23-09 by title only.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve Ordinance No.: O-23-09.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billings, Wilson, Metosh, Clark, Coler

NAYS: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023/2024 Budget

Mr. Ernharth advised this was the 1st draft of the budget; he stated the figures from the State aren't in at this time. Mr. Ernharth stated it is a strong budget. He asked the Commission to review and let him know if you have any questions.

- B.** Approval to Set Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Millage Rate at 7.6516 Mills with Authorization for City Manager or Designee to Notify Property Appraiser and the Department of State of the Same, Schedule the 1st Public Hearing Relating to Tentative Millage and Proposed Budget for Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., and the 2nd Public Hearing Relating to Final Millage and Final Budget for Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve setting the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Proposed Millage Rate at 7.6516 Mills Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Notify Property Appraiser and the Department of State of the

Same, Schedule the 1st Public Hearing Relating to Tentative Millage and Proposed Budget for Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., and the 2nd Public Hearing Relating to Final Millage and Final Budget for Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular City Commission Minutes -----05/01/2023
- B. Approval of Financials
- C. Approval of Bad Debt List -----\$291.67

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 05/01/2023, B. the Financials and C. the Bad Debt List in the amount of \$291.67.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

XI. AUDIENCE

Luiz Ramirez 1782 Eagle Pines Circle expressed concern that City vehicles weren't identified with city decals. He had concerns about take home vehicles being used for non-city business.

Mr. Ramirez had concerns with wireless water meters; he felt they weren't accurate.

The City Manager and Commission explained it was necessary for some public works employees to have take home vehicles in the event of an afterhours call.

Mayor Coler stated the city has been using RFID technology for a decade. This will be upgraded technology to better serve the city.

Mr. Ramirez expressed concern about the Sheriff's Office decoy vehicle and if the city had to pay for the car.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Maxwell reminded everyone that Form 1 is due July 1 and starting January 1, 2024, the Commission will need to fill out Form 6.

XIII. CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Clark had no report.

Commissioner Billings had no report.

Commissioner Wilson discussed the Charter and the role the City Commission played in the day-to-day operation of the city. Commissioner Wilson would like the Commission to review the Charter.

Commissioner Metosh had no report.

Mayor Coler reminded everyone that the Ridge League of Cities Dinner is Thursday. He advised he will be delivering the books put out by the Florida League of Cities to the local elementary school.

Josh Macon, 459 3rd St. N asked about the progress regarding flooding on 3rd Street. Public Works Director Fletcher stated that 3rd St is a county road; he has been working with Jay Jarvis of the county.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Billings to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0


MAYOR CORY COLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK DAWN WRIGHT

