

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 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

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

Luz Ramirez 1782 Eagle Pines Circle asked if the new city trucks will be decaled.
Mr. Ernharth stated the lights are on order and he will check the status of the lights and decals.

Nicholas Roumoul, 1175 N 12th St. had questions regarding the water system rates, and if water meters are read monthly.

City Manager Ernharth advised that our meters are read every month electronically. Workers only need to be physically at the meter if the system alerts us of an issue with the meter.
Mayor Coler stated incremental rate increases are done yearly due to raising costs.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS, REQUESTS

A. Staff Reports

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

Mayor Coler stated we will have a new Captain in the Southeast District as Captain Shea has been chosen to go to Safe Schools.

B. City Manager Report

City Manager Ernharth approval RE: Truck, iPad, large format printer/scanner.

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Billings to approve the purchase of a Truck, iPad and large format printer scanner in the amount not to exceed \$55,000.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

C. Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week, April 30, 2023 through May 6, 2023.

Mayor Coler read Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve the Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week, April 30, 2023 – May 6, 2023.

There were no Commission or audience discussion.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

D. Consideration of the resignation of Raquel Martinez from the Planning Commission

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve the resignation of Raquel Martinez from the Planning Commission.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

E. Consideration of the appointment of Brandi Freeze to the Planning Commission filling remaining term of vacant seat

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Billings to appoint Brandi Freeze to the Planning Commission filling the remaining term of vacant seat and to waive the requirement for a background check.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

VII. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Consideration of the second reading of Ordinance No.: O-23-07, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Administration, Inspection and Service Fees, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eagle Lake, Florida, providing for an Increased One Time Administration Fee for Commercial Account Set-Ups; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.

Attorney Maxwell read Ordinance No.: O-23-07 by title only.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve Ordinance No.: O-23-07.

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-23-08, 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 discussion that it is more appropriate to give people an extension every 6 months versus one extension yearly as the year starts from the date request.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billings, Wilson, Metosh, Clark, Coler

NAYS: None

- C.** Consideration of uses for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation in the amount of \$ 17,395.00 and authorize City Manager to submit proposal.

City Manager Ernharth stated staff is recommending continue banking monies, so that, we can have a larger sum of money to purchase larger ADA equipment, ADA surfacing and benches.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to continue banking monies, so that, the city can purchase larger ADA equipment, ADA surfacing and benches for the recreational project at Eagle Lake Beach.

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.** Administrating Oath of Office to Suzy Wilson and Scott Clark

City Clerk Wright administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Suzy Wilson and Commissioner Scott Clark.

B. Election of Mayor

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Billings to appoint Commissioner Coler as Mayor.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

C. Election of Vice Mayor

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Billings to appoint Commissioner Wilson as Vice Mayor.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

D. Select Member and Alternate Member for the Polk Regional Water Cooperative

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to appoint Commissioner Billings as the Polk Regional Water Cooperative Board Member and Commissioner Wilson as the Alternate Board Member for the Polk Regional Water Cooperative.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

E. Consideration of the appointment of Commissioners as representatives to TPO Board, Ridge League of Cities Board Member, and Sports Association Liaison.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Mayor Coler to appoint Mayor Coler as the Ridge League of Cities Board Member, Commissioner Metosh as the representative to the TPO Board and Commissioner Clark as the Sports Association Liaison.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

F. Approval of Emergency Repair to Sewer Force Main on Eagle Lake Loop in the amount of \$85,480.00

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to Emergency Repair to Sewer Force Main on Eagle Lake Loop in the amount of \$85,480.00.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

- G. Accept proposal from DRP Dominica Recreation Products in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 for playground equipment

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Mayor Coler to accept proposal from DRP Dominica Recreation Products in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 for playground equipment and allow staff to negotiate equipment.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

- H. Accept proposal submitted by Wannemacher Jensen Architects for Architect Services for City Hall Complex

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to accept proposal submitted by Wannemacher, Jensen Architects for Architect Services for City Hall Complex.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

- I. Accept proposal from CivilSurv to become City's Planner

MOTION was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to accept proposal submitted by CivilSurv to become City's Planner.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

J. Consideration of Resolution No. R-23-06, A Resolution Vacating a Parcel of Land Approximately 6 Feet in Width and 112 Feet in Length Lying withing Eagle Lake, Polk County, Florida.

Attorney Maxwell read Resolution No. R-23-06 by title only.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Metosh and seconded by Commissioner Billings to approve Resolution No. R-23-06.

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 Meeting Minutes-----03/06/2023

B. Approval of Financials

C. Approval of Bad Debt List -----\$1,950.03

MOTION was made by Commissioner Billings and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Consent Agenda items: A. the Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes of 03/06/2023, B. the Financials and C. the Bad Debt List in the amount of \$1,950.03.

Mayor Coler asked for audience and Commission discussion.

The Commission questioned why the 203 Maple St. bill was so high.

Tiffany Griffith, Utility Billing Clerk stated that there was theft of utilities and they are in contact with the owner. She advised staff is discussing reading all meters including inactive meters. She advised currently inactive meters aren't read.

Mr. Ernharth stated staff is currently discussing an appropriate fee as our currently utility system charges us a fee for each account read.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

XI. AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Maxwell had no report.

XIII. CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Wilson had no report.

Commissioner Metosh had no report.

Commissioner Billings had no report.

Commissioner Clark had no report.

Mayor Coler stated along with Sgt. Turner, the Metosh's, Clerk Wright and he attended the Grand Opening of KC's Wash & Go. He advised the laundromat is a lot bigger than it looks.

Mayor Coler stated that a Lake Region student was selected for the vocational scholarship from the Ridge League of Cities.

Mayor Coler stated he will be also attending the Lake Regions graduation ceremony.

He advised that it appears the bill that will be passed to require Commissioners and others to file a Form 6 instead of Form 1 will pass.

He stated the next Ridge League of Cities Dinner is in June in Lakeland.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION was made by Commissioner Metosh and seconded by Commissioner Billings to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0




MAYOR CORY COLER

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK DAWN WRIGHT