

CITY OF EYOTA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2016

Members Present: Bryan Cornell, Ray Schuchard and Kurt Holst

Members Absent: Tyrel Clark and Tony Nelson

Staff Present: Community Officer Deputy Johnson; Daren Sikkink and Tyler Baumbach, City Engineers of WHKS; and Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

**Call to Order:** Mayor Pro-Tem Cornell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Schuchard to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Schuchard to approve the consent agenda items 4.A and 4.B with the noted correction to the July 14 minutes. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

4.A Minutes of the July 28, 2016 regular Council meeting will be corrected under the Economic Development Authority Report, Advertising – Pig Skin Preview will be corrected to read Dover-Eyota Sports Program.

4.B LMCIT liability coverage waiver limits of \$500,000 and do not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability was approved.

**REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** No report was given.

**Stan Jones Retirement Date Correction:** Stan Jones was previously approved for retirement effective July 31, 2016. Stan's official Relief Association anniversary date is September 1.

Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Holst to accept and approve September 1, 2016 as the retirement date for Firefighter Stan Jones. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Park Board:** Holst reported the summer recreation program was successful and a year-end summary survey will be sent out soon. Detailed research to create a splash pad or swimming pool will be delayed until after the City decides what it will or will not do about the idea of creating a lake. The Board is also going to survey Bush Court residents for ideas to improve Bush Park before landscaping edging is approved. Other items discussed were: summer outdoor movies, Tree Board will treat additional Ash trees, Jackie Reiland memorial scoreboard is installed and electricity should be installed soon, and estimates are being requested for cementing the ice rink area in West Side Park to increase use to include basketball hoops and hockey boards.

**Clerks Report:** No report.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**2015 Street & Utility Improvements – pay request #6:** City Engineer Daren Sikkink, WHKS & Co., updated the Council, the project is almost done; there is a punch list and there will be a walk through within a month. Dead sod will be requested to be replaced. The Council should consider requesting liquidated damages before the final payment is made. Sikkink is working with Olmsted County to negotiated sharing the \$5,094.80 cost regarding the buried fuel tanks that were found on Center Avenue S.

Elcor Construction has completed additional work, submitted a pay request and WHKS & Co. is recommending payment of pay request #6 of \$81,479.48. Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Cornell to approve the 2015 Street & Utility Improvements Project pay request #6, payable to Elcor Construction, \$81,479.48. Holst and Cornell voted in favor. Schuchard abstained; his wife is employed by Elcor. Ayes 2, Nays 0, Abstain 1. Motion carried.

**2016 Street & Utility Improvements - pay request #3:** City Engineer Daren Sikkink, WHKS & Co., updated the Council, the project is almost half done; water mains are installed along with some concrete curbs, there have been no major problems.

A-1 Excavating Inc. has completed additional construction, submitted a pay request and WHKS & Co is recommending payment of Pay Request #3 of \$120,724.10. Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Schuchard to approve the 2016 Street & Utility Improvements Project pay request #3, payable to A-1 Excavating Inc., \$120,724.10. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.

**Lake Eyota:** The Minnesota Design Team suggested creating a lake in the Second Street Wetlands parcel. An engineering study, estimated cost of approximately \$4,000, will be required in order to determine the pros and cons of a lake and to reasonably estimate construction and maintenance costs. The City surveyed the area to decide if money should be spent to continue to research creating a lake: out of 254 people, 145 (57%) said yes and 109 (43%) said no.

Schuchard is against spending the \$4,000 for additional engineering; he has been doing a lot of research and had numerous reasons why he feels the lake is not going to work and will be far too expensive. Some items discussed: cost of wetland credits, cost to move over 9,000 truckloads of dirt, cost to bring in clay to retain water, fish will not survive winters in ten foot deep water without an aerator, aerators are expensive to purchase and to maintain, etc. Cornell and Holst agreed these are all good comments but would like to see facts documented in an official study. The original wetland study covered a lot facts needed for the creation of a lake, but additional research is needed to determine if there is enough water to maintain levels for a lake.

Decision – put this on the next agenda for the full Council to discuss.

**Greg Brehmer 310 Carolann Street NW Metes and Bounds:** Greg Brehmer, 310 Carolann Street NW is requesting to obtain a small strip of land from his neighbor to the east, 254 Carolann Street through the process of metes and bounds. A previous owner of 310 Carolann built a retaining wall that is actually partially on the 254 Carolann parcel.

The land exchange will alleviate any problems with future property owners regarding the retaining wall. Complete paper work and application has been submitted.

Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Holst to approve the metes and bounds application for 254 and 310 Carolann Street NW. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.D"

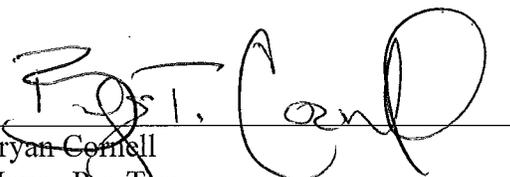
**Greg Brehmer 310 Carolann Street NW Water/Sewer Billing:** Mr. Brehmer requested his water/sewer bill be reduced because he has been watering the new sod and seeding after the ditch was reshaped, per his request, along the pedestrian path. Watering could possibly continue through August.

Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Schuchard to approve reducing Brehmer's water bills for watering in June, July and August. Discussion: water usage must be within reason, not more than 26,000 gallons. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried

**Accounts Payable:** Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Schuchard to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$259,720.17. Knowlton noted that the payment to Custom Retaining Walls will be corrected to be paid out of the General Fund (101) and not the Park Fund (230). Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.F"

**Other Business:** Nels Pierson, State Representative was present and gave the Council a brief legislative update. He is still hoping for a special session to take care of unfinished business.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Schuchard to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

  
Bryan Cornell  
Mayor Pro-Tem

  
Marlis Knowlton  
Clerk/Treasurer