

**BIG LAKE CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Danielowski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Nick Christenson, Raeanne Danielowski, Seth Hansen, Duane Langsdorf, and Mike Wallen. Also present: City Administrator Clay Wilfahrt, Finance Director Deb Wegeleben, Police Chief Joel Scharf, Public Works Director Mike Goebel, City Clerk Gina Wolbeck, Liquor Store Manager Jan Muehlbauer, and City Engineer Brad DeWolf of Bolton & Menk, Inc.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA

Council Member Wallen motioned to adopt the proposed Agenda as presented. Seconded by Council Member Langsdorf, unanimous ayes, agenda adopted.

4. BUSINESS

4A. 2016 Budget Discussion

Deb Wegeleben reviewed 2016 General Fund budget and Enterprise Fund budget concept numbers and reviewed proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) needs. The 2016 budget numbers take into account a 23% increase in expenditures from 2015 and a 23% increase in revenues compared to the 2015 budget. Wegeleben explained that the proposed levy increase to citizens would be 2.2%. Staff also noted that the City will be budgeting for all of the expected LGA funds. Discussion was held on allocating the liquor transfer dollars to a specific fund. It was noted that in 2016, the funds will be allocated to the trail improvements along Eagle Lake Road North. Staff also informed Council that the Compensation Study that was prepared by Springsted, Inc. will be presented to the Council at an upcoming Workshop. Discussion was held on the City's debt levy which has seen a reduction due to the 2015A bond refunding and the sale of the BLEDA owned parcel to Kwik Trip. Council discussed the need to trust that staff has put together acceptable numbers for the City. Discussion was held on upcoming street projects in 2017, and the need to complete the trail system all the way to US Highway 10 from Minnesota Avenue. Staff will put together potential costs for this project for council review. Council also discussed the need for the City to work with the County and 7W to encourage trail completion along CR 73.

5. OTHER

Council Member Hansen discussed water issues at 550 Glenwood Avenue that started when the new school trail was installed at the start of the previous school year. Staff noted that the City, County, and School District are looking at options for correcting the issue. Council Member Hansen also asked that restriping be considered on County Road 5 by the Park Avenue turn. Hansen stated that the center lane striping needs to be extended. Council also discussed the status of the speed study that is in the hands of MNDOT. Joel Scharf noted that there have been five crashes recently in this area along Eagle Lake Road North. Council also asked staff to check on possible vision impairment issues near the tree line on the left side of Glenwood Avenue. Mike Goebel noted that this area is in the Sherburne County right-of-way area and that he will contact Sherburne County to discuss.

6. ADJOURN

Council Member Hansen motioned to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Wallen, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Gina Wolbeck
Recorder

08/26/15
Date Approved By Council