

VILLAGE OF EAGLE

September 16, 2019

The Village Board of Trustees met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2019 with Moore, Meier, Schukei, Surman and Lahmon present. The Agenda items listed thereon were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. The Chairperson, at the beginning of the meeting, informed the public about the location of the posted current copy of the Open Meetings Act. Chairperson Moore named the three (3) areas where the agenda was posted as follows: Eagle Municipal Building, Eagle Fire & Rescue Department and Eagle State Bank.

Chairperson Moore opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony concerning the 2019-2020 Budget. Moore asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. Marcus Hochstein (625 S. 4th St.) asked how often the Village Board considers an increase in property taxes. Moore said the Village Board evaluates its options on an annual basis.

The public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Chairperson Moore opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of hearing testimony concerning setting the final tax request. Moore asked if there was any public comment. There were no comments or questions from the public.

The public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Surman, second by Lahmon, to introduce Resolution 2019-09. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Chairperson Moore read Resolution 2019-09 entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the Village of Eagle passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Village of Eagle resolves that:

1. The 2019-2020 property tax request be set at \$379,036.54.

2. The total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by 1%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.663882 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Village of Eagle proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.689602 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the Village of Eagle will exceed last year's by 2%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2019.

Motion by Surman, second by Lahmon, to adopt Resolution 2019-09. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahmon, second by Meier, to approve a one-percent increase in restricted funds. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahmon, second by Meier, to approve the 2019-2020 Budget. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Open Forum – Marcus Hochstein (625 S. 4th St.) said his son is interested in mowing lawns or performing snow removal if the Village Board is looking for help. Larry Reynoldson (700 G St.) inquired about the property at 6th & G Street that contains an unfinished residential structure. Moore said the property owner recently paid off his delinquent tax bill that the Village held a tax certificate on; the Village Attorney is now in the process of pursuing the pending lawsuit regarding nuisances and the unfinished building on the property. Meier thanked Paul Nystrom for his work mowing this summer and said all the properties looked great. Bill Stickney (500 S. 2nd St.) inquired about legalizing the operation of golf carts, and possibly ATV's, on public streets. Lahmon said the operation of these vehicles is common even without an ordinance currently in place. Surman said the last time the Village allowed these types of vehicles to operate on the streets the rules were not followed which resulted in a repeal of the law due to safety concerns. Meier said he would be open to considering golf carts first to see if the residents respond appropriately. Lahmon suggested Stickney petition residents residing within the corporate limits to determine public interest in allowing golf carts. James Dobbins (745 G St.) asked if there was an update on the new Casey's General Store construction. Moore said no.

Motion by Surman, second by Lahmon, to introduce Ordinance 2019-10. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Chairperson Moore read Ordinance 2019-10 entitled:

Ordinance No. 2019-10

An Ordinance granting Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, a Delaware corporation, its lessees, successors and assigns, a natural gas franchise and the authority to construct, operate, maintain, and extend a natural gas distribution plant and system, and granting the right to use the streets, alleys, and other public places within the present or future corporate limits of the Village of Eagle, Nebraska

Motion by Lahmon, second by Meier, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2019-10. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahmon, second by Schukei, to suspend the rules of three consecutive readings of Ordinance 2019-10. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Surman, second by Lahmon, to adopt Ordinance 2019-10. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahmon, second by Surman, to introduce Ordinance 2019-11. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Chairperson Moore read Ordinance 2019-11 entitled:

Ordinance No. 2019-11

An ordinance establishing a franchise fee on natural gas companies operating in the Village of Eagle, Nebraska

Motion by Lahmon, second by Meier, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2019-11. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahmon, second by Meier, to suspend the rules of three consecutive readings of Ordinance 2019-11. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahmon, second by Surman, to adopt Ordinance 2019-11. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Surman, second by Lahmon, to approve the Culvert Agreement between Elizabeth Umshler and the Village of Eagle at 245 South 5th Street. Voting: Ayes – Meier, Surman. Nays – Lahmon, Moore. Schukei abstained. Motion did not carry.

Motion by Surman, second by Meier, to approve Bock Concrete's proposal to install box culverts at 310 S. 4th Street and 245 S. 4th Street at a total cost of \$7,400.00. Voting: Ayes – Schukei, Meier, Surman, Moore. Lahmon abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahmon, second by Meier, to approve Allpro Plumbing's invoice for water line repair on 2nd Street in the amount of \$750.00. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahmon, second by Schukei, to approve minutes as typed for the previous meeting. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Surman, second by Lahmon, to accept the resignation of Stephanie Hestermann from her position as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Eagle. Voting: Ayes – 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, second by Surman, to terminate Jeremy Slaughter based on inefficiency and incompetency in the performance of duties. Voting: Ayes – Schukei, Lahmon, Surman, Moore. Nays – Meier. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Nick Nystrom
Village Clerk

Travis Moore
Chairperson

A true and complete copy of the above minutes is available at the Village Clerk's Office during regular business hours.