

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF ESKRIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 23, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Eskridge City Council was called to order on Monday, July 23, 2018, by Mayor Dolly Mercer at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Council Members Tim Wines, Brett Kemble, and Justin Rush and Brad Hite. Council Member Tami Bagley was absent.

Todd Luckman City Attorney requested to add an executive session the agenda for legal counsel. Council Member Tim Wines also requested a five minutes executive session be added for personnel.

Council Member Justin Rush moved, seconded by Council Member Tim Wines to approve the Agenda with the addition of the executive sessions. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Tim Wines moved, seconded by Council Member Brett Kemble to approve the July 9th, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Tim Wines moved, seconded by Council Member Brett Kemble to approve the additions to Appropriation Ordinance 1452. Motion passed with a roll call vote of all yes.

There were no public concerns or comments.

Mike Bohn, Utility Superintendent gave his department report and discussed things are getting better at the water plant, the lake was tested positive for blue-green algae and there was no blue-green algae detected in the raw intake nor the finished water at the water plant.

Stephanie Graham, City Clerk presented the Council with a year to date lake permit revenue report and a form to be completed pertaining to the Sewer Project.

Becky Frank, Public Officer discussed her ongoing cases of dilapidated properties within the city.

There were no purchase requests or work orders.

April Swartz presented the Council with the proposed 2019 budget numbers. A Public Hearing for the 2019 budget will be held at the August 13, 2018 meeting at 7:00 P.M.

The Council reviewed the dock repair request at 367 Lakeshore Drive. The Council discussed the process of repairing structures at the lake. It was decided an application is still needed with all repairs however the \$50.00 fee can be waived after it is reviewed and the structure is not altered in any way from its original design.

Council Member Tim Wines moved, seconded by Council Member Brett Kemble to approve the transfer of the dock at 324 E Flint Hills Drive from Miller to Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Justin Rush moved, seconded by Council Member Brad Hite to approve 20 minutes of executive session for personnel with the ability to call in each applicant for open animal control and maintenance positions separately. Motion passed unanimously. Council went into executive session at 7:55 P.M.

The open meeting continued at 8:15 P.M.

Council Member Brett Kemble moved seconded by Council Member Tim Wines to extend executive session for 10 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Council went into executive session at 8:15 P.M.

The open meeting continued at 8:25 P.M.

Council Member Tim Wines moved seconded by Council Member Brett Kemble to extend executive session for 10 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Council went into executive session at 8:25 P.M.

The open meeting continued at 8:35 P.M.

Council Member Brett Kemble moved seconded by Council Member Justin Rush to extend executive session for 5 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Council went into executive session at 8:35 P.M.

The open meeting continued at 8:40 P.M.

Council Member Tim Wines moved seconded by Council Member Justin Rush to extend executive session for 10 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Council went into executive session at 8:40 P.M.

The open meeting continued at 8:50 P.M.

Council Member Tim Wines moved seconded by Council Member Justin Rush to extend executive session for 5 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Council went into executive session at 8:50 P.M.

The open meeting continued at 8:55 P.M.

Council Member Justin Rush gave an update on the Westar electric substation in Eskridge. Justin stated Westar has deployed a cost-effective, safe substation where all the transformation equipment is self-contained and does not require a fence around it. Eskridge has been identified as a place of need for one of these substations and Westar is going to continue to try to find a piece of land suitable for the substation so they can continue to provide reliable service to the area.

Mayor Dolly Mercer appointed Debra Swanek as the City of Eskridge Animal Control Officer.

Council Member Justin Rush, seconded by Council Member Tim Wines moved to ratify the appointment and hire Debra Swanek as the Animal Control Officer at \$15.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Dolly Mercer appointed Gary Cox as the Part-time Maintenance help.

Council Member Justin Rush, seconded by Council Member Tim Wines moved to ratify the appointment and hire Gary Cox as the Part-time Maintenance help at \$11.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd Luckman, City Attorney updated the Council on the city sales tax stating no sales tax adopted by the city could be charged to businesses outside of city limits including city owned properties. Todd also stated the city has no liability for injuries or damages caused by trees falling down on city property.

Council Member Justin Rush moved, seconded by Council Member Tim Wines to go into executive session for the purposes of confidential data relating to financial affairs of trade secrets, corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorship with Lisa Cernich and John Waugh for 15 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Council went into executive session at 9:20 P.M.

The open meeting continued at 9:35 P.M.

Council Member Tim Wines moved, seconded by Council Member Justin Rush to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

Louella (Dolly) Mercer, Mayor

Attest: Stephanie Graham, Deputy Clerk

Read and approved this 13th day of August, 2018.

Louella (Dolly) Mercer, Mayor

Attest: Stephanie Graham, Deputy Clerk