CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
7:00 P.M.
TO BE HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS
LOCATED AT 675 E EAGLE AVE
EAGLE LAKE, FLORIDA 33839

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. AUDIENCE

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS, REQUESTS

- **A.** Staff Reports
- **B.** City Manager Report

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- **A.** Forensic Audit and/or Attorney Lead Investigation
- **B.** Consideration of State Revolving Fund Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement WW530920

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- **A.** Consideration of Bid Award for 2026 Resurfacing Project
- **B.** Discussion of Moratorium

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- **A.** Approval of the Regular City Commission Minutes ----------------------------------08/03/2026

XI. CITY ATTORNEY

XII. CITY COMMISSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Please be advised that if you desire to appeal any decisions made as a result of the above hearing or meeting, you will need a record of the proceedings and in some cases a verbatim record is required. You must make your own arrangements to produce this record. (Florida Statute 286.0105).

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 75 North Seventh Street, P.O. Box 129, Eagle Lake, Florida 33839 or phone (863) 293-4141 within 2 working days of your receipt of this meeting notification; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

POSTED AT CITY HALL AND THE EAGLE LAKE POST OFFICE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026
BY CITY CLERK DAWN WRIGHT, MMC, FCRM, PHRP

STATE REVOLVING FUND
AMENDMENT 2 TO LOAN AGREEMENT WW530920
CITY OF EAGLE LAKE

This amendment is executed by the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (Department) and the CITY OF EAGLE LAKE, FLORIDA, (Local Government) existing as a local governmental entity under the laws of the State of Florida. Collectively, the Department and the Local Government shall be referred to as "Parties" or individually as "Party".

The Department and the Local Government entered into a State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement, Number WW530920, as amended; and

Loan repayment activities need rescheduling to give the Local Government additional time to complete planning; and

Certain provisions of the Agreement need revision.

The Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Section 8.12 of the Agreement is deleted and replaced as follows:

8.12. CIVIL RIGHTS.

The Local Government shall comply with all Title VI requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 which prohibit activities that are intentionally discriminatory and/or have a discriminatory effect based on race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), age, disability, or sex.

2. Unless repayment is further deferred by amendment of the Agreement, Semiannual Loan Payments as set forth in Section 10.05 shall be received by the Department beginning on February 15, 2028, and semiannually thereafter on August 15 and February 15 of each year until all amounts due under the Agreement have been fully paid.

3. The items scheduled under Section 10.07 of the Agreement are rescheduled as follows:

(2) Completion of Planning is scheduled for August 15, 2027.

(3) Establish the Loan Debt Service Account and begin Monthly Loan Deposits no later than August 15, 2027.

(4) The first Semiannual Loan Payment in the amount of $10,488 shall be due February 15, 2028.

4. All other terms and provisions of the Loan Agreement shall remain in effect.

This Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement WW530920 may be executed in two or more counterparts, any of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Department has caused this amendment to the Loan Agreement to be executed on its behalf by the Secretary or Designee and the Local Government has caused this amendment to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Representative and by its affixed seal. The effective date of this amendment shall be as set forth below by the Department.

for
CITY OF EAGLE LAKE

____
Mayor

Attest:	Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
____________________________________	____________________________________
City Clerk	City Attorney

SEAL

for
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

____________________________________	____________________
Secretary or Designee	Date

Tom Ernharth

From: Roger Homann <RHomann@Pennoni.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 4:01 PM
To: Tom Ernharth
Cc: Brian Fletcher; Steven Shealey
Subject: RE: Projects/Grants

Tom,

Here is the list of grant projects:

1) Lift Stations 2 and 5: This project should be finished this month, and you have already spent all of the grant dollars.

2) HMGP Generators: This needs to be done by 10/31/27. There is a 25% match, that you might still get from Florida Commerce.

3) Green Acres Water Plant Phase 1: This is "regular" FDEP DWSRF grant/loan. There is overlap with the DWSRF SAHM grant, which could pay for the loan part. We need to get the SAHM planning approved (we are working hard on this!), which will allow this funding to be used.

4) Water Plant No. 1 Ground Storage Tanks: This was originally envisioned for City to pay out of impact fees. There is overlap with the DWSRF SAHM grant, which could pay for this project

5) Clean Water SRF SAHM (Hurricane Resiliency) Project – New generators for 14 lift stations: This is 100% grant once we get it moved through the system.

6) Drinking Water SRF SAHM (Hurricane Resiliency) Project (Water Plant No. 1 Improvements, Green Acres Phase 1 Improvements, and Green Acres Phase 2 Improvements): This is 100% grant once we get it moved through the system.

7) Clean Water SRF I/I Project: We are still working on planning studies for this. Design phase will be next.

Let me know if you need additional details about any of these.

Roger Homann, PE
Water/Wastewater Division Manager

Pennoni
401 Third Street Southwest | Winter Haven, FL 33880
Direct: +1 863-888-0278 | **Mobile:** +1 813-763-0841
www.pennoni.com | RHomann@Pennoni.com

From: Tom Ernharth <ternharth@eaglelakefl.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 8:05 AM
To: Roger Homann <RHomann@Pennoni.com>; Steven Shealey <SShealey@Pennoni.com>

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
675 E EAGLE AVE
EAGLE LAKE, FLORIDA 33839

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Coler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Williams, Metosh, Pita, Coler

ABSENT: Billings

III. WORKSHOP

A. Capital Improvement Element

The commission and staff discussed the city's capital improvement plan; discussions included a list of ongoing and proposed projects were discussed.

1. Capital Improvement Review

   - Overview of completed ongoing and outstanding transportation, utility, parks and stormwater projects.
   - Noted financial constraints post -2008 and recent progress as reserves have grown

2. Transportation

   - AI-based assessment in 2020 identified a \$3.3 M resurfacing backlog. Current backlog is \$2.1 M
   - Annual resurfacing prioritized by street condition; funded by gas tax and city budget

3. Utilities (Water & Wastewater)

   - Lift station upgrades, new generators, and wastewater planning underway
   - Grant funding in use; city match requirements may rise.
   - Ongoing exploration of new plant options with Bartow or in-house
   - Address current water supply needs, over pumping, cooperation for future supply

4. Parks & Recreation

   - Focus on leveraging grants for park improvements (floating docks, pickleball, dog park)
   - Need for a master plan for future funding eligibility

5. Public Facilities & Stormwater

   - Updates on City Hall/community center construction plans and required asbestos remediation
   - Firehouse renovations planned
   - Maintaining city drainage and stormwater improvements

6. City Operations & Communication

- Discussion on modernizing technology
- Outsourcing city services
- Commitment to transparent communication

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Coler adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

MAYOR CORY COLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK DAWN WRIGHT

2011 - 2025 Capital Improvements Projects and Expenditures

Transportation

Project Number	Project Description	Original Budget	Actual Cost	Projected FY	Actual FY	Funding Source Proposed / Actual
1	Street Resurfacing	$ 650,000		2011		General Fund and CDBG
2	Street Resurfacing	$ 100,000		2012		General Fund
	Street Resurfacing Phase 1		$ 234,917		2020	General Fund
	Street Resurfacing Phase 2		$ 248,287		2021	General Fund
	Street Resurfacing Phase 3		$ 405,165		2024	General Fund
	Street Resurfacing Phase 4		$ 320,879		2025	General Fund
	Totals	**$ 750,000**	**$ 1,209,248**			

Wastewater

Project Number	Project Description	Original Budget	Actual Cost	Projected FY	Actual FY	Funding Source Proposed / Actual
1	Lift Station Rehabilitation 1 - 5	$ 40,000		2011		City Utility Fund
2	Lift Station Rehabilitation 1 - 5	$ 300,000		2012		
3	Lift Station Rehabilitation 1 - 5	$ 300,000		2013		
4	Lift Station Rehabilitation 1 - 5	$ 300,000		2014		
	Facilities Plan and Sanitary Sewer I&I Study	$ 100,000	$ 95,000	2022	2025	FDEP WWSRF Grant
	Lift Station Rehabilitation 1, 3, 4		$ 1,236,194		2015	City Utility Fund, USDA Grant and Loan, FDEP Grant
	US 17 LS Upgrade and Force Main Extension		$ 303,343		2023	City Impact Fee Reimbursement to Developer
	Totals	**$ 1,040,000**	**$ 1,634,537**			

Potable Water

Project Number	Project Description	Original Budget	Actual Cost	Projected FY	Actual FY	Funding Source Proposed / Actual
1	RUS Water Line Extension	$ 35,000		2011		City Utility Fund
2	Increase HSP Capacity at Eagle Lake WP	$ 120,000	$ 139,933	2015	2025	City Utility Fund
3	10" Water Main along US17 Mcleod to Spruce	$ 135,000	$ -	2015	2022	Proposed City Utility Fund / Actual Developer Funded
4	New 6" Water Mains to Support Future Development	$ 1,326,240		2014		City Utility Fund
5	New 8" Water Mains to Support Future Development	$ 1,768,320		2014		City Utility Fund
6	New 10" Water Mains to Support Future Development	$ 2,210,400		2014		City Utility Fund
	Green Acres Water System Improvements Part 1	$ -	$ 289,710		2014	CDBG Grant and Loan
	Green Acres Emergency Well Replacement	$ -	$ 100,000		2014	City Utility Fund
	Green Acres Water System Improvements Phase 2	$ -	$ 508,000		2025	City Utility Fund
	Totals	**$ 5,594,960**	**$ 1,037,643**			

Parks

Project Number	Project Description	Original Budget	Actual Cost	Projected FY	Actual FY	Funding Source Proposed / Actual
1	Playground Equipment City Park Complex	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	2012	2014	FRDAP Grant
2	Pier/Fishing Dock Lake McLeod	$ 50,000		2012		FRDAP Grant
3	Skate Park Rehabilitation City Park Complex	$ 50,000		2012		FRDAP Grant
	Eagle Lake Park Restroom Sinkhole Repair	$ -	$ 11,000		2018	City General Fund
	Totals	**$ 150,000**	**$ 50,000**			

Stormwater

Project Number	Project Description	Original Budget	Actual Cost	Projected FY	Actual FY	Funding Source Proposed / Actual
	Bingham and 2nd Street Stormwater Improvements	$ 500,000	$ 553,336	2012	2015	Grant and City Funding
	Lake McLeod Boat Ramp Stormwater Treatment System	$ 225,000	$ 231,409	2022	2023	FDEP Grant ($225,000) and City Stormwater Funds
	Totals	**$ 725,000**	**$ 784,745**			

Grand Totals $ 8,259,960 $ 4,716,173

2026 Draft Capital Improvements Program

Transportation

Project Number	Project Description	Budget Cost	Projected FY	Funding Source Proposed	Notes
1	Street Resurfacing Phase 5	$ 300,000	2026	General Fund / Gas Tax	Funds Currently Available
2	Street Resurfacing Phase 6	$ 300,000	2027	General Fund / Gas Tax	
3	Street Resurfacing Phase 7	$ 300,000	2028	General Fund / Gas Tax	
4	Street Resurfacing Phase 8	$ 300,000	2029	General Fund / Gas Tax	
5	Street Resurfacing Phase 9	$ 300,000	2030	General Fund / Gas Tax	
6	Street Resurfacing Phase 10	$ 300,000	2031	General Fund / Gas Tax	
7	Street Resurfacing Phase 11	$ 300,000	2032	General Fund / Gas Tax	
	Totals	**$ 2,100,000**			

Wastewater

Project Number	Project Description	Budget Cost	Projected FY	Funding Source Proposed	Notes
1	LS 2 and 5 Replacement	$ 1,584,608	2027	FEMA HMGP Grant (75%) and City Imapct Fees (25%)	Project is Tentatively Funded
2	Lift Stations 2, 5, Green Acres WP and City Hall Generators	$ 1,025,000	2027	FEMA HMGP Grant (75%) and City Imapct Fees (25%)	Project is Tentatively Funded
3	Generators for 14 Lift Stations	$ 3,000,500	2027	FDEP WWSRF Grant (80%)	Project is Tentatively Funded
4	Repump Lift Station at Bomber and Gerber Dairy	$ 800,000	2028	TBD	
5	I&I Study Rehabilitation	$ 5,000,000	2032	FDEP WWSRF Grant (80%)	
6	WW Treatment Capacity Purchase / Replacement	$ 35,000,000	2028	TBD	
	Totals	**$ 46,410,108**			

Potable Water

Project Number	Project Description	Budget Cost	Projected FY	Funding Source Proposed	Notes
1	Eagle Lake Water Plant Storage, Well and Controls Imp	$ 9,087,086	2028	FDEP PWSRF Grant	Project is Funded
2	Green Water WP Improvements Phase 1	$ 14,677,568	2028	FDEP PWSRF Grant	Project is Funded
3	Green Water WP Improvements Phase 2	$ 6,352,246	2029	FDEP PWSRF Grant	Project is Funded
	Totals	**$ 30,116,900**			

Public Facilities

Project Number	Project Description	Budget Cost	Projected FY	Funding Source Proposed
1	City Hall and Sheriff's Substation	$ 7,258,431	2028	TBD
2	Community Center / Chamber	$ 4,513,107	2030	TBD
3	Library	$ 4,147,941	2030	TBD
4	Storage / Bathroom	$ 341,474	2030	TBD
5	Public Works Renovations	$ 400,000	2028	TBD
	Totals	**$ 16,660,953**		

Parks

Project Number	Project Description	Budget Cost	Projected FY	Funding Source Proposed	Notes
1	Eagle Lake Park Improvements TBD	$ 65,175		County Park Funding Allocation / CDBG	Project is Funded
2	Ballpark Lighting	$ 550,000		TBD	
	Totals	**$ 615,175**			

Stormwater

Project Number	Project Description	Budget Cost	Projected FY	Funding Source Proposed	Notes
1	Jackson Street Retention Pond Expansion	$ 154,881	2026	City Stormwater Funds	Project is Funded
2	Stormwater Master Plan Update	$ 250,000	2028	TBD	
	Totals	**$ 404,881**			

Grand Totals $ 79,647,064

Funding Summary

	Required Funding	City CIP Funds	Grant Funds	Total Funds	Surplus / (Shortfall)
Transportation	$ 2,100,000	$ 206,349	$ -	$ 206,349	$ (1,893,651)
Wastewater	$ 41,410,108	$ 7,424,928	$ 4,957,706	$ 12,382,634	$ (29,027,474)
Potable Water	$ 30,116,900	$ 7,818,840	$ 30,116,900	$ 37,935,740	$ 7,818,840
Public Facilities	$ 16,660,953	$ 3,545,330	$ -	$ 3,545,330	$ (13,115,623)
Parks	$ 615,175	$ 871,896	$ 65,175	$ 937,071	$ 321,896
Stormwater	$ 404,881	$ 685,888		$ 685,888	$ 281,007
				$ 55,693,011	$ (35,615,006)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	TYPES OF EXPENDITURES	FY2021/2022 Actuals	FY2022/2023 Actuals	FY2023/2024 Actuals	FY2024/2025 Actuals	FY2025/2026 Budget	2025/2026 Estimated Actuals	FY2026/2027 Proposed Budget	FY 25-26/26-27 Budget Diff	%
550.120	Salaries and Wages	51,254.32	44,459.74	88,513.09	125,385.66	132,551.00	132,551.00	140,792.00	8,241.00	6.22%
550.100	Employee Benefits	20,160.23	22,666.74	42,801.91	73,051.63	72,000.00	80,000.00	96,000.00	24,000.00	33.33%
550.140	Overtime	317.60	2,363.79	3,692.25	4,070.42	2,700.00	4,200.00	4,500.00	1,800.00	66.67%
	PERSONNEL COSTS	**71,732.15**	**69,490.27**	**135,007.25**	**202,507.71**	**207,251.00**	**216,751.00**	**241,292.00**	**34,041.00**	16.43%
550.240	Insurance (work comp)	952.89	1,609.11	1,356.84	1,578.90	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,750.00	150.00	9.38%
550.310	Engineering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
550.311	Legal Services & Magistrate	4,270.00	3,381.63	4,424.01	10,963.00	7,500.00	9,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	33.33%
550.340	Contractual Services (Polk County Plan Rev & Insp)	71,986.92	614,292.34	426,039.26	134,122.35	400,000.00	100,000.00	200,000.00	(200,000.00)	-50.00%
550.400	Petroleum / fuel	242.15	1,422.93	1,689.82	1,613.55	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00%
550.410	Communication Services (phone & internet)	690.29	918.01	2,754.62	3,502.29	3,300.00	3,400.00	3,500.00	200.00	6.06%
550.420	Postage	385.57	567.04	1,891.70	1,113.02	2,000.00	1,300.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00%
550.450	Insurance Auto & Equip	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	(500.00)	0.00%
550.460	Repairs and Maintenance (Equipment & Vehicles)	0.00	194.45	607.35	306.08	500.00	200.00	500.00	0.00	0.00%
550.490	Other Expenditures	1,250.40	3,490.93	537.86	1,472.02	4,000.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00%
550.491	Code Enforcement Other (Abatement)	22,444.32	249.99	28,143.70	10,446.85	70,000.00	10,000.00	50,000.00	(20,000.00)	-28.57%
550.493	Special Services - Maps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
550.520	Operating Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
550.522	Uniforms	80.97	326.15	144.96	989.16	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00%
550.540	Education & Training	525.00	25.00	4,435.35	4,209.50	7,000.00	4,500.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00%
550.541	Travel, Meetings, and Dues	274.89	2,418.02	781.50	770.00	3,000.00	800.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00%
550.000	Building and Code Enforcement - Other	0.00	93.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	Closed accts from Previous Budget years	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	OPERATING EXPENDITURES	**103,103.40**	**628,989.35**	**472,806.97**	**171,086.72**	**502,400.00**	**136,900.00**	**284,750.00**	**(217,650.00)**	-43.32%
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	**0.00**	**50,850.34**	**0.00**	**0.00**	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)	0.00%
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**174,835.55**	**749,329.96**	**607,814.22**	**373,594.43**	**719,651.00**	**353,651.00**	**526,042.00**	**(193,609.00)**	-26.90%

550.510 OFFICE SUPPLIES - 2,700.00

CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026
7:00 P.M.
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
LOCATED AT 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

Vice Mayor Metosh gave the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commission and audience said the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Billings, Williams, Metosh, Chaney, Coler

ABSENT: None

V. AUDIENCE

Attorney Maxwell provided a formal legal advisory statement to the commission, staff and the public which included instructions regarding meeting protocols.

Mayor Coler opened public comment period.

Melinda Thomas 66 S 2nd St.

- Provided a packet of documentation for commission review
- Concerns regarding occurrences in city
- Watchdog groups
- Code Enforcement violation
- City Manager/Department Heads
- Outside agencies to investigate
- Condition of city
- Public trust
- Employment of city manager
- Emails
- Group chats
- Violation of city codes
- COVID grant funds
- City credit card expenses
- City Comprehensive Plan
- Feagan's Park greenspace
- City facility maintenance
- Request for an independent forensic audit
- Block wall
- McLeod Gardens water plant
- Request for moratorium on city projects

Ed Chaney 790 N 8th
- Pictures of Commissioner Chaney

Commissioner Chaney questioned one of the pictures in the group chat.

JoJo Groene 751 N 10^{th} St
- Thomas Fish Company
- Historic buildings
- Red Brick/Schoolhouse

Linda Weldon, 885 E Bay Ave
- Statement regarding Sheriff's Office
- COVID grant funds
- Florida City and County Managers Association

Becky McLachlan, Lake Alfred
- Citrus Tea News

Mary Cruz Ruiz 1021 Suffragette Circle Haines City
- Local artist

James K. Barfield, 500 Avenue L NW, Winter Haven
- City Commission Chambers
- Red Brick Building/Schoolhouse
- 1^{st} Publix Building

Mayor Coler closed public comment period.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS, REQUESTS

A. Staff Reports

City Clerk Wright asked for permission to research and procure archival software for text messaging.

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Williams to allow the City Clerk's office to research archival software for Text Messaging software and to procure software if it is within the City's procurement parameters.

Mayor Coler asked for Commission discussion; there was none.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

Library Director Kristen Barns updated the Commission regarding the library statistics and events in the library.

Code Enforcement Officer Nadeau updated the Commission regarding the Code Enforcement cases in the city and permits issued in the city.

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

Deputy Fire Chief Gonzales updated the Commission regarding the events that have occurred in the city.

B. City Manager Report

City Manager Ernharth stated he was contacted by the county, and they are moving forward with the sidewalk on Starling Road.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Consideration of the first reading of **Ordinance No. O-26-09**, An Ordinance Amending the City of Eagle Lake, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Specifically Section 3-2. Hours of Sale, Changing the Hours that Alcoholic Beverages can be Served, Sold or Consumed; Providing a Conflict and Severability Clause and an Effective Date.

Attorney Maxwell read Ordinance No. O-26-09 by title only. Attorney Maxwell explained ordinance.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to approve Ordinance No. O-26-09.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billings, Williams, Metosh, Chaney, Coler

NAYS: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion/Consideration of Bids Previously Awarded for Building Demolition

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to rescind the previously awarded bid made on June 1, 2026, to demolish the 3 buildings: Red Brick Building, Senior Center, and 152 6th N.

Mayor Coler asked for audience discussion.

Linda Weldon, 885 E Bay Ave.
- Procurement policies
- COVID grant
- Moratorium
- 5-Year Planning
- City complex historic site
- Visioning for the city
- Road paving

Becky McLachlan, Lake Alfred
- Asked for clarification of the motion

Melinda Thomas, 66 S 2nd St
- Asked for clarification of the motion

Mayor Coler stated the motion on the floor rescinds the motion to demolish the buildings; the Commission would have to re-bid if they wanted to proceed with demolition on any of the 3 buildings discussed.

Susan Gann, 105 N Terrace Dr.

- Red Brick Building/Schoolhouse – thanked Commission
- New Complex/Old Complex
- 12U Baseball team from Eagle Lake Ballfield; representing Eagle Lake and Polk County in the World Series

Mayor Coler asked for Commission discussion; there was none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billings, Williams, Metosh, Chaney, Coler

NAYS: None

Commission and staff discussed the September meetings and TRIM requirements; the meetings will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 and Tuesday, September 22, 2026 both meetings will be at 7:00 p.m.

B. Eagle Lake Historical Society

David Floyd, 565 W Assembly St.

- Room rentals and scheduling
- Previous rental rates
- Partnering with civic groups for property enhancement
- Waiving fees for community civic groups
- Charge private rentals
- Kiwanis Club
- Polk Training Center
- Museum
- History of Eagle Lake School - Principal Streeter
- Florida Gold Citrus -Grapefruit canning
- Power restoration
- Air conditioning at Red Brick Building

Linda Weldon, 885 E Bay Ave

- Thanked commission
- 152 6th and Park Plan
- Power at Senior Center

Melinda Thomas, 66 S 2nd St.

- 1st Annual Back to School Bash at Red Brick Building
- Fire extinguishers
- Red Brick Building
- Non-profit/civic group fee waiver
- United Way

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Chaney direct City Manager to contact the building official to inspect the building; and to allow the 1st floor of the Red Brick Building be used by the Eagle Lake Historical Society on August 8th for the 1st Annual Back to School Bash; if 1st floor is unable to be used will allow them to use the campus.

Mayor Coler asked for audience discussion.

Rhonda Dorman 290 S Shore
- Red Brick Building/Roof Repairs
- Red Brick Building – donation of materials for new roof

Mayor Coler advised that the City Manager spoke to Olde World for restoration estimate.

Sandra Ramos, 690 E Central Ave
- Thanked the commission
- Civic community
- City events
- Bright Future Scholarships
- Parks/Recreation Director
- Park design
- Log Cabin
- Naming parks

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

There was discussion regarding the Red Brick Building and not using it for office space; additional suggestions to reduce the weight load included community center, general uses, historical/museum uses.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to have the city get bids to put a new roof on the red brick building.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billings, Williams, Metosh, Chaney, Coler

NAYS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of **Resolution No. R-26-09**, A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eagle Lake, Florida, Adopting a Policy Regarding Public Records Requests made by Eagle Lake City Commissioners; Directing the City Clerk to Provide Public Records Responsive to a Records Request Made by a City Commissioner to all other City Commissioners; and Providing an Effective Date.

Attorney Maxwell read Resolution No. R-26-09 by title only.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Billings to approve Resolution No. R-26-09.

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

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billings, Williams, Metosh, Coler

NAYS: Chaney

B. Consideration of **Resolution No. R-26-10**, A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eagle Lake, Florida, Regarding the Custody and Disposition of a Certain Municipal Asset; Rescinding and Voiding an Incomplete Informal Transfer of an Inoperable Vehicle; Re-Confirming the Status of Said Vehicle as Surplus Property; Directing the Immediate Disposal of Vehicle Via Public or Licensed Scrap Dealer or otherwise in Accordance with Chapter 274, Florida Statutes; Providing for an Effective Date.

Attorney Maxwell read Resolution No. R-26-10 by title only.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Billings to approve Resolution No. R-26-10.

Mayor Coler asked for audience discussion.

Melinda Thomas, 66 S 2nd St.
- Requested resolution be read in entirety
- Surplus vehicle status
- vehicle mileage
- Vehicle title
- Vehicle location
- Vehicle insurance
- Eagle Lake Administrative Code

City Attorney Maxwell read resolution in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-10

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2025, the City Commission formally approved a list of municipal equipment designated as surplus property, which list included a then approximatey14 year-old, inoperable city truck with a failed transmission (VIN:1FTFW1EF6BKD74034) (the "Subject Vehicle"); and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2025, pursuant to uncodified practice, a transfer of the title of the Subject Vehicle was improvidently initiated to a city employee for potential private use; and

WHEREAS, at all times subsequent to the Subject Vehicle being approved as surplus and initiation of title transfer, the Subject Vehicle never left municipal property, was never operated, remained under the continuous physical custody of the City, and remained continuously registered to the City of Eagle Lake with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City administration has identified that this transfer did not strictly adhere to the formal statutory mechanisms required for the final disposition of municipal property under Florida law, and the affected employee has voluntarily relinquished any and all claimed interest in the Subject Vehicle to ensure complete procedural compliance; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to formally correct this administrative oversight, clarify the public record, ensure absolute alignment with Chapter 274 of the Florida Statutes, and direct the final, lawful disposal of the asset.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EAGLE LAKE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECISSION AND VOIDANCE OF INFORMAL TRANSFER. The City Commission hereby declares any prior initiated transfer, donation, or assignment of the Subject Vehicle (VIN:1FTW1EF6BKD74034) to be null, void *ab initio*, and of no legal effect.
SECTION 2. RE-CONFIRMATION OF SURPLUS STATUS: The Subject Vehicle is hereby explicitly re-confirmed as municipal surplus property, having a fair market value in its current inoperable condition estimated to be below statutory thresholds requiring formal sealed bidding.
SECTION 3. DIRECTION FOR LAWFUL DISPOSITION. The City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to immediately execute all necessary paperwork to process the Subject Vehicle for final disposal to a licensed automotive scrap and recycling facility, or as otherwise authorized by Chapter 274, Florida Statutes, with all proceeds, if any, deposited directly into the City's General Fund.
SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION. The City Manager is directed to suspend all informal or historical asset disposal practices immediately, and the City Attorney is directed to present a comprehensive, formalized Tangible Personal Property Surplus Ordinance for first reading at the soonest practicable regular City Commission meeting.
SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Eagle Lake, Florida, this 3rd day of August 2026.

Attest: City of Eagle Lake, Florida

____________________________ ____________________________

Dawn Wright, City Clerk Cory Coler, Mayor

Approved as to form:

____

Heather R. Maxwell, City Attorney

Linda Weldon, 885 E Bay Ave
- Vehicle
- COVID grant

Mayor Coler asked for Commission discussion.

Commissioner Chaney expressed that she has brought up related concerns in the past and has continuing concerns.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billings, Williams

NAYS: Metosh, Chaney, Coler

MOTION was made by Mayor Coler and seconded by Commissioner Metosh to have a forensic audit as well as a review of city assets and an investigation on truck; Attorney Maxwell will bring back recommendations for a firm that can accomplish these tasks.

Attorney Maxwell stated she will ask the auditors for a recommendations to bring back to the Commission.

Mayor Coler asked for audience discussion.

Ed Chaney, 790 N 8th St
- Vehicle
- Employee discipline

Melinda Thomas, 66 S 2nd St.

- Forensic audit

Linda Weldon, 885 E Bay Ave.

- Forensic audit
- Construction moratorium

Attorney Maxwell discussed procurement code and Section 2-137 which relate to exceptional circumstances.

Mayor Coler asked for Commission discussion; there was none.

The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Billing, Williams, Metosh, Chaney, Coler

NAYS: None

X. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

A. Approval of City Commission Workshop Minutes------------------------------------07/20/2026
B. Approval of the Regular City Commission Minutes ----------------------------------07/20/2026
C. Approval of the Financials

MOTION was made by Commissioner Billings and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Consent Agenda, Items A. City Commission Workshop Minutes of 07/20/2026, B. the Regular City Commission Minutes of 07/20/2026n and C. the Financials.

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

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

XI. <u>CITY ATTORNEY</u>

City Attorney Maxwell had no report.

XII. <u>CITY COMMISSION</u>

Commissioner Chaney had no report.

Commissioner Williams had no report

Commissioner Metosh had no report

Commissioner Billings had no report

Mayor Coler asked for moratorium topic to be placed on the next agenda.
Mayor Coler encouraged good wishes for Eagle Lake's 12U team as they travel to Branson for the Carl Ripken World Series.

XIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

MOTION was made by Commissioner Metosh and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn at 9:49 p.m.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

____
MAYOR CORY COLER

ATTEST:

____
CITY CLERK DAWN WRIGHT