

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

Pursuant to due call and notice, the City Council of the City of Eagle Bend, MN met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Hall. Mayor Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Members present were, Jim Kimball, Jason Nelson, Jaculyn Lorentz and Jessica Olson; absent, none also present was Kevin Hess, Twila Pierce, Adam Bauch, Cory Berg, Bryan Drown and Todd Hagen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(Action 24-09-107) Mayor Scott Johnson opened the North St E public hearing. With no one present for the public hearing (Action 24-09-108) Council member Lorentz made a motion to close the North St E public hearing. This motion was seconded by council member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The council was presented Resolution #24-24-723. After further questions and discussions (Action 24-09-109) council member Lorentz made a motion to adopt resolution #24-24-723. This motion was seconded by council member Nelson, Resolution #24-24-723 was dully adopted.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 24-09-110) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular City Council Meeting and the Minutes of the August 27, 2024 special City Council Meeting seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bills submitted for approval were reviewed. Following a question and answer period, (Action 24-09-111) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Liquor Store financial report for the month of July 2024 was presented to the City Council.

The Council was presented with a monthly report for August from the Todd County Sheriff's Office showing calls they handled during the month.

Bryan Drown presented the Phase 5 Street & Utility Improvement Assessments. The City of Eagle Bend has applied for funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA). The city was notified in late July they will receive grant dollars from PFA totaling \$1,436,857. With grant funding secured the amount provided by the city's financial advisor the city will borrow from PFA and separate bond sale for ineligible PFA cost is \$658,239. The assessment total from the April 22, 2024, assessment hearing has been revised downward to match the amount being financed by adjusting the street assessment rates as follows:

- Residential street front footage revised from \$72.97 per foot to \$60.00 per foot
- Residential street side footage revised from \$36.49 per foot to \$30.00 per foot
- Commercial street front footage revised from \$87.45 per foot to \$75.00 per foot

The council was presented Resolution #24-25-724 Adopting Assessments for the Phase 5 Street and Utility Project. After further questions and discussions (Action 24-09-112) council member Lorentz made a motion to adopt resolution #24-25-724. This motion was seconded by council member Kimball, Resolution #24-25-724 was dully adopted.

Todd Hagen presented the council with the Ehlers pre-sale report and resolution to set the sale of the General Obligation Improvement Bonds, Series 2024A to finance the Phase 5 project costs that are not eligible for PFA funding. After further discussion and questions (Action 24-09-113) council member Lorentz made a motion to proceed with the sale of the bonds. This motion was seconded by council member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The City Council was presented with the renewal for health insurance for their City employees. The current rate for this plan is \$868.36 per month; the new rate for this plan will be \$898.76 per month which is a 3.5% increase. Upon discussing the proposed health insurance plan with the employees present, (Action 24-09-114) Council Member Kimball moved to approve the High Value Network Insurance Plan for the 2025 city's health insurance as presented, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The council decided to table the 2025 proposed budget and levy.

The council reviewed a quote from Commercial Recreation Specialists for Nelson Park. After further questions and discussions, Council member (Action 24-09-115) Lorentz made a motion to approve this quote. Council member Nelson seconded this motion. Motion adopted unanimously.

The council was presented with the Vets Club asking to be open on the following Sunday's, November 3rd, November 10th, November 17th and November 24th. (Action 24-09-116) Council member Olson made a motion to approve the Vets Club 1 day permit for the following Sundays in November. November 3rd, November 10th, November 17th and November 24th. This motion was seconded by council member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

Twila Pierce presented to the council her resignation. Twila thanked the council and stated that she plans to retire in March of 2025. The council thanked Twila for her many years of service and dedication to the city of Eagle Bend.

The council brought up City Administrator's exempt status. After further discussion (Action 24-09-117) council member Lorentz made a motion to move exempt status from exempt to non-exempt. This motion was seconded by council member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The council asked that the City Administrator request the County to remove the trailer house at 229 2nd Ave NE.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 24-09-118) Council Member Lorentz moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m., seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

James R. Gaida
City Administrator

Scott Johnson
Mayor