

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 8, 2026

6:30 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 Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:30 P.M., in the City Hall. Mayor Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Council Members present were Jaculyn Lorentz, Jessica Olson, and James Kimball; absent: Jason Nelson. Also present were Clay Sandmeyer, Ashlee Nordlund, Andrea Voller, Nick Stoecker, Lori Johnson, and Jay Eckel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 26-04-28) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting and the April 1, 2026, Work Session Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bills submitted for approval were reviewed. Following a question-and-answer period, (Action 26-04-29) Council Member Olson moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with the 2026 Bertha Ambulance contract. This year's rate went up to \$6 a person for a total of \$3,276.00. (Action 26-04-30) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve Bertha Ambulance's contract for \$3,276.00, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with four quotes for new lawn mower options. The first quote is from Nelson's Service Center for a Ferris ISX3300, 72" deck for \$17,000.00. The second quote is from Nelson's Service Center for a 72" deck with side discharge for the 2013 Grasshopper 930. The third quote is from Northland Sports Center for a 2026 Toro Z Master 4000 HDX MyRide with a 72" deck for \$12,733.39. The fourth quote is from Nelson's Service Center for a Ferris ISX2200, 60" deck for \$12,817.00. Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer said that the Toro and the Ferris ISX3300 both have suspension; the Gravely has no suspension and the spindles are thinner. If we go with the Toro from Northland Sports Center, we would be able to get it for \$12,733.39 because they offer discounts for municipalities. After further discussion, (Action 26-04-31) Council Member Kimball moved to approve the purchase of Northland Sports Center's Toro Z Master, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.

City Administrator Nordlund presented the Council with the water tower repair quote from Slack Painting for \$42,640.00. This amount is the worst-case scenario. The water tower needs to be drained, so we can see what's really going on. Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer said it's a balancing act between waiting for the overnight temps to be above freezing, getting state approval, and having it fixed quickly. The leak has slowed down quite a bit from 15 gallons/minute to 4-6 gallons/minute. Sandmeyer said we might be able to get money through the state for a new water tower. He is looking for a possible new well location and it would be ideal to have the new water tower close to the new well site. The Council decided to table the topic for now until City Administrator Nordlund finds out from the insurance company if any of the repair costs could be covered.

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer requested the City Council's approval to let the Fire Department sell their old 1979 tanker that was recently replaced, so it doesn't just sit around. (Action 26-04-32) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the sale of the Fire Department's tanker, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

City Administrator Nordlund brought up having a Hilltop Auditorium committee. This committee wouldn't vote on anything but could be the voice of progress for the council. She suggested the committee should consist of herself, Jim Kimball, Jay Eckel, and Kevin Hess. (Action 26-04-33) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the formation of a Hilltop Auditorium committee, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Liquor Store financial report for the month of March 2026 was presented by the City Administrator to the City Council which showed a net profit of \$2,697.38. Lead Bartender Lori Johnson advised that there are some changes coming, such as switching from Coke to Pepsi and canisters to bags. Lori is also doing some rearranging to make things easier for customers to see off-sale items. She is also considering opening up off sale so that people can grab their own items to purchase.

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

City Administrator Nordlund let the Council know that she looked into businesses selling liquor on Sundays. Minnesota statutes state that Sunday licenses can be issued for one year and the fee may not exceed \$200.00. She said it would have to be something that would need to be put on the ballot. Council Member Lorentz asked how much it costs to be put on the ballot. City Administrator Nordlund said she would find out but is sure it wouldn't be much. Council Member Olson stated that once its approved, it would be easy for other businesses to do in the future.

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer informed that Council that he is working on the Corrosion Control Treatment Plan but to finish he will need to involve the City Engineer.

Council Member Olson brought up the discussion from last fall about replacing the Nelson Park shower doors. The Lions Club will pay for the doors if the City pays for the labor. An estimate was received from Brian Crider for \$1200.00. (Action 26-04-34) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve Brian Crider's estimate of \$1200.00 for the doors, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

Council Member Lorentz informed the council that with the new wall between the museum and the library, the museum does not have access to the thermostat. She suggested we get the museum a Bluetooth thermostat with a cost of \$489.00. (Action 26-04-35) Council Member Kimball moved to approve purchasing a Bluetooth thermostat for the museum with the condition that Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer look into a thermostat with a 10-year battery, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.

City Administrator Nordlund brought up the question of when we should have our city wide clean up day. The Council agreed it should be up at the school parking lot and a possible date of May 16th. City Deputy Voller will contact LPS to check available dates, what can be disposed of, how many rolloffs we would need, and costs. Council member Lorentz advised City Deputy Voller to put spring cleaning notices on the website/Facebook page.

City Council Lorentz informed the Council that the resident at 105 Main Street West's home sale is on hold because the property is zoned commercial. She would need a variance to sell the property as residential. (Action 26-04-36) Council Member Lorentz moved to grant a variance for 105 Main Street West, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 26-04-37) Council Member Lorentz moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

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Ashlee Nordlund
City Administrator

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Scott Johnson
Mayor