

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 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 Monday, July 15, 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 Jessica Olson, Jim Kimball, and Jaculyn Lorentz; absent: Jason Nelson. Also present were Ashlee Nordlund, Andrea Voller, Clay Sandmeyer, Nick Steocker, Leila Oliver, Jason Kirchoff, Mariah Malwitz-Kilau, Jay Eckel, and Pat Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 26-07-51) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026, regular City Council Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bills submitted for approval were reviewed. Following a question-and-answer period, (Action 26-07-52) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

The City Council was presented with a list of election judge's names for their approval for the upcoming August 11, 2026, Primary and November 03, 2026, General Elections. Upon reviewing the names, (Action 26-07-53) Council Member Lorentz presented Resolution #26-03-769 "A Resolution appointing Election Judges for the 2026 Primary and General Elections" and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Kimball, Lorentz and Olson; against, none. Resolution #26-03-769 was duly adopted.

The Council was presented with a request from Todd Wadena Community Corrections to help fund the year 2027 "Community Concern for Youth Program". The amount being requested from the City of Eagle Bend is \$576.00, which is a \$24.00 increase over the previous year's amount. Following a brief discussion, (Action 26-07-54) Council Member Kimball presented Resolution #26-04-770 "Resolution authorizing participation with the Community Concern for Youth Program with Todd-Wadena Community Corrections", and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Olson. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Kimball, Lorentz and Olson; against, none. Resolution #26-04-770 was duly adopted.

The Initiative Foundation submitted information indicating what the foundation mission is along with the activities they are or have been involved with. They formally ask the Council to support them and their mission to invest in Central Minnesota by donating \$360.00 in 2027, which is the same as it was in the previous couple of years. Following a brief discussion, (Action 26-07-55) Council Member Lorentz moved to donate \$360.00 to the Initiative Foundation as presented, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

Administrator Nordlund presented the council with pricing from Long Prairie Sanitation to upgrade the current garbage can situation behind City Hall. Currently there is 1 36-gallon can, 3 64-gallon cans, 1 64-gallon recycling can, and 2 96-gallon cans. When the parks have been opened for the year, we use 2 of the 64-gallon cans in Nelson Park. During the winter we can store these in the maintenance shed. They provided us with pricing for a 2- yard dumpster, but with the pickups being either one or two times per month. The one time per month pickup would cost \$67.65, a \$9.36 increase to what we currently have, and a two times per month pickup would cost \$104.55, this is an increase of \$46.26. LPS did provide the call when needed option with a monthly rent charge of \$15.00, pickup fee of \$25.00, plus weight at \$10.00 per pound. (Action 26-07-56) Council

Member Olson moved to approve the change in dumpster size being picked up once per month, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

The door was put in to separate the library and the museum but the only way to get into the museum utility room is through the library. The library wants the museum to be open for the same hours as they are but that is not feasible. The library also wants a lock put on the library side so no one can get in there. They are worried about liability issues with people injuring themselves. Council Member Lorentz commented that the city has insurance on the building which would cover that, so it shouldn't be a concern for the library. The library put a billboard/poster board in front of the museum door to keep people from going that way but it's a safety issue. The board has since been moved, and City Administrator Nordlund made a sign to put on the door telling people there is no access to the museum from the library; they must go around to the outside museum door. City Council was confused about why the library didn't say anything about possible issues when the construction of the addition occurred 5 years ago. Council Member Olson said the City spent a lot of time and money to expand the library. Council agreed that the current contract between the library and the City is invalid and needs to be updated. It should include a policy addressing the shared meeting room. Council ended the discussion by stating that the library needs to contact the City Administrator with new terms.

Sharon Notch was wondering if the city would consider selling the gazebo in Nelson Park. If so, how much would the City want for it. The Faith Lutheran Church may want to purchase for prayer, meditation, etc., Council agreed to table the matter until City Administrator can speak to the Attorney.

Art in the Park is on Sunday, August 9, 2026, and the committee was wondering if the handicap signs for parking have been put up. The signs were discussed at a previous meeting, but no action was taken at that time. Council Member Olson suggested using some of her handicapped signs from previous events that could be put up temporarily.

Presented to the Council were two options for dog waste stations for Nelson Park. The first option, from Amazon, is an in-ground mounting Pet Waste Station with a hand sanitizer bottle for \$197.77 plus tax and shipping. The second option, from Dog Waste Depot, is a Dog Waste Station for \$327.97. There have been multiple complaints about the dog waste in Nelson Park. People are letting their dogs run without leashes and not picking up after them. Administrator Nordlund was asked to look into Dog Waste Stations for the park. (Action 26-07-57) Council Member Lorentz approved the purchase of one of the \$197.77 pet waste stations from Amazon and if it goes well to purchase more, seconded by Council Member Kimball.

The City Administrator/clerk presented the Liquor Store operating statement for the month of June 2026, which showed a net profit of \$1,544.18.

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

Old Business

Council had asked where SJM Real Estate is at with construction of their diesel pumps next to the Little Store. City Administrator Nordlund stated that the contract allowed for a 24-month construction period. So, they have until June 2027 to complete the project.

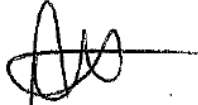
Council Member Olson asked for an update on selling of 228 2nd Ave NE to Joann Oliver. City Administrator Nordlund stated that she talked to the attorney who said if the City is comfortable selling the property for what they paid for it plus having Joann pay for closing costs and the street assessment on the property then it is fine.

New Business

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer updated that council that the construction for the new recycling center will begin soon. Mike Eberle from Todd County Solid Waste Management said they will run black top over the whole area soon; they are just waiting on the bins. We can use solar lights for now.

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer stated that our treatment plan for lead/copper overages has been approved. Hawkins will be testing to make sure the treatment plan is working.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 26-07-58) Council Member Lorentz moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m., seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.



Ashlee Nordlund
City Administrator



Scott Johnson
Mayor