

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 11, 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, March 11, 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, and Jessica Olson; absent: Jason Nelson and Jim Kimball. Also present were Jay Eckel, Andrea Voller, Ashlee Nordlund, and Lori Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 26-03-18) Council Member Olson moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. (Action 26-03-19) Council Member Olson moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2026, Special City Council Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bills submitted for approval were reviewed. Following a question-and-answer period, (Action 26-03-20) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

At the February 25th, 2026, Council Meeting, Administrator Nordlund was asked to reach out to Mike Eberle and ask about the upkeep of the recycling site. Mike Eberle from Todd County Solid Waste Management stated the city is not obligated to keep the recycle site if they feel it is not benefiting the community. Administrator Nordlund asked, who is responsible for the upkeep of the site to include the asphalt pad, broken fence, or the camera fails? Mr. Eberle stated the city would be responsible but can apply for grants to help with the updates. Council Member Lorentz stated that we should move forward with this since we can get rid of it at any time and that having it just off main street was a good spot. After further discussion, (Action 26-03-21) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the recycle site, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Jay Eckel informed the council on the progress of auditorium project. He said that since the three-story school building is completed covered by the DEED grant, we can use the whole \$1.5 million on the auditorium. He brought in a possible bid example that the City could send out to get things underway. He also said that the auditorium roof is in bad shape/leaking so that would have to be our first priority. He suggested we go with an adhered roof instead of ballasted roof, so leaks could be found easier. Council Member Olson asked if we should look at changing the auditorium roof from flat to sloped. Jay said that since this is a historical site we would have to get special permission to do that. The council agreed that the roof is our 1st priority, but we need to look at the project as a whole before putting out bids. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed that we should get everyone on the same page on the project before doing anything else. City Administrator Nordlund has contact information for the contractor and the architect that Central Minnesota Housing is using for the school, so we can get more details on that side of the project. Jay will send Ashlee all the information he has on the school from past discussions. After that is received, the City Council will be setting up a work session to discuss their next steps. No action was taken.

The VFW had submitted a temporary liquor license for April 19, 2026. (Action 26-03-22) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve a temporary liquor license for the VFW, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with a Zoning Permit Application #26-01 for Ryan Paulson, located at 434 3rd Avenue NW. Mr. Paulson is wanting to increase the garage from a 24' by 28' to 36' by 36'. This includes removal of the existing structure followed by soil remediation for concrete slab installation. The new garage

includes heated concrete floors, spray foam insulation, green and white exterior to match the house. The new larger garage will not impede setbacks, due to the garage being built in the same place with an additional 12' further to South, and an additional 8' to the West. After a brief discussion, (Action 26-03-23) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve Zoning Permit Application #26-01 as presented, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with three 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 Council decided to table the topic until next month, no action was taken.

The Council was presented with the quote from Bolton & Menk for \$7,725.00 for the annual subscription-based platform with ESRI. This includes an estimated cost of \$6,500.00 for Bolton & Menk to set up the Eagle Bend ArcGIS Online site and migrate the city information to the new site and \$1,225.00 for the annual subscription with the current number of users. The GIS provides the whereabouts of the water, sewer, and gas line along with additional pertinent information. After a brief discussion, (Action 26-03-24) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the migration of city information by Bolton & Menk to the new GIS platform in the amount of \$6,500.00, and the annual subscription in the amount of \$1,225.00 as presented, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Liquor Store financial report for the month of February 2026 was presented by the City Administrator to the City Council which showed a net loss of \$2,043.63

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

Administrator Nordlund presented the Council with Notice of Motion that has been filed for 502 Nelson Street W., as a follow up to the abatement process. Nordlund also stated that the City Attorney has begun drafting summary enforcement documents to be filed with the court for 214 2nd Ave SE. Council Member Lorentz asked if City Administrator Nordlund could have the attorney give us detailed steps on the process that has been going on from September 2025 until now.

At the February 25, 2026, Special City Council Meeting, Clay Sandmeyer stated to the Council that one of the new streetlights, by Eagle Bend Welding, had fallen down due to the strong wind we had in one of the recent storms. A Quote was obtained from Design Electric Inc. in the amount of \$4,574.00 which includes the material and labor for completing the sidewalk fixture replacement. After a brief discussion, (Action 26-03-25) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the quote from Design Electric Inc. in the amount of \$4,574.00 for the replacement of the sidewalk fixture but first find out if our insurance will cover the cost, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

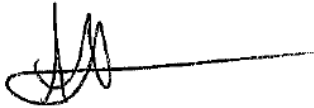
Administrator Nordlund informed the Council that the water tower is leaking approximately 15 gallons of water per minute. Maintenance Supervisor, Clay Sandmeyer, has contacted Tri-State coatings and he was told to contact Tom Slack from Brandon-Evansville to fix the tower. In order to fix the tower, it must be shut down and drained, but this cannot be done until the weather is above freezing overnight.

We were informed by Hach that a Water Tester is needed for corrosion control. This would be to test for phosphates due to exceeding copper limits and will need to be done monthly. The first report is due on March 31st. After a brief discussion, (Action 26-03-26) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the purchase of the

water tester in the amount \$3,042.82 as presented, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The City Administrator reminded the Council that the Todd County Assessor has scheduled Thursday April 09, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. for the Board of Equalization meeting for the City of Eagle Bend.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 26-03-27) Council Member Olson moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.



Ashlee Nordlund
City Administrator



Scott Johnson
Mayor