

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 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, May 13, 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, Jason Nelson and James Kimball; absent: none. Also present were Clay Sandmeyer, Ashlee Nordlund, Andrea Voller, Nick Stoecker, Lori Johnson, Liz Westergren, Pat Nelson, Leila Oliver, and Jay Eckel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 26-05-38) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting and the April 9, 2026, Board of Review Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bills submitted for approval were reviewed. Following a question-and-answer period, (Action 26-05-39) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The residents of parcel #33-0004500 are asking to defer their special assessment payment for 2027 as they were not made aware of the special assessment when they purchased the property. City Attorney Joe Krueger said that it would be okay. (Action 26-05-40) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve owners of parcel #33-004500 deferring their 2027 special assessment payment, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

The residents of parcel #33-0035300 turned in zoning permit # 26-02 to put in a new pre-built shed on their property. Based on their desired location for the shed they would need a variance as setbacks are not in line with City ordinances. After reviewing the information, the Council agreed that since this is not a going to be a permanent structure a variance is not needed. (Action 26-05-41) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve a zoning permit #26-02 as presented, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

The sale for 105 Main St. West went through yesterday, May 12, 2026. Administrator Nordlund received a phone call from the lender and was told they made exceptions on their end to finalize the sale.

City Administrator Nordlund gave the Council updates on the current abatements in process:
137 North Street West-We can't move forward with the abatement because it was sold but they are doing a good job of getting it fixed up.

214 2nd Avenue SE-All paperwork has been sent in and there will be a zoom court hearing soon.

223 3rd Avenue NE-All paperwork has been sent in and a default court hearing is being scheduled.

537 3rd Avenue NW- All paperwork has been sent in and there will be a zoom court hearing soon.

502 Nelson St W-Property has been abandoned and it's in Star Bank's hands now. They are asking the City to help with the cleanup; the bank will pay for fees/equipment rental/labor. (Action 26-05-42) Council Member Lorentz moved to have the City clean up the yard within 30 days with the bank paying the fees, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Council was given an update on the Hilltop Auditorium project. Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer spoke to Crow Wing about where they would like the gas lines to go into the building, and what is needed for power. Sandmeyer stated he will contact MN Power. City Administrator Nordlund said she has the digital blueprints and is waiting to hear from Blumentals about the contract. There have been a couple of meetings and crews are

working on things behind the scenes. The Council asked how much money was pledged and what the standings are with them, City Administrator Nordlund said she will contact Twila and Kevin to get an update on the pledge money.

Liquor Store financial report for the month of April 2026 was presented by the City Administrator to the City Council which showed a net loss of \$744.12. A new pop system was installed. This has more options on the gun so it should improve things and keep expenses down.

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

Old Business

The streetlight by Eagle Bend Welding was repaired and the invoice was paid. The water tower was also repaired. We are waiting for the insurance check which will cover all the water tower repair costs. Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer said the USDA grant they are waiting on for a possible new water tower has not opened yet; probably June or July.

New Business

There were several complaints about pavers missing from the sidewalk in front of the post office. Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer found bricks and cut them to size to fill in the hole. There are several spots on the sidewalks in town that are sinking, so we will need to come up with a permanent solution. City will get estimates on what it would take to have someone come in and pour in the low spots.

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer requested that the eagle and rock over by the Highway Park be moved because it's in a wet low area that is hard to mow around. Liz Westergren confirmed that there is a time capsule under the eagle so Sandmeyer will have to be careful when digging. Council agreed to let Sandmeyer move the eagle and the rock possibly to the other side of the Highway Park.

Miscellaneous

Roger Moske can no longer keep his trailer for cans in the Little Store parking lot, he asked the Council where he could move it to, possibly in one of the other parks. The Council stated the trailer could not go in one of the parks or on city property.

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer talked to an individual, that had put up a sign on County Rd 78 & County Rd 22 for his commercial greenhouse. Sandmeyer told him he would talk to the Council for permission. The Council stated he put the sign on private property without permission; along with impeding on the road right of way, and they would like it removed by the weekend.

Tim Denny from the library board called City Administrator Nordlund, asking if the museum could be open the same hours as the library. Nordlund told him no, that wouldn't work. Nordlund told the Council she will get estimates on having someone come block all the doors between the museum and the library. The Council would like someone from the library board to come to a Council meeting to discuss things in person.

City Council Member Lorentz asked when the construction will be starting on the Little Store's diesel pumps. City Administrator Nordlund said she would contact the owner for an update.

On behalf of the Lions Club, Council Member Olson asked if there was insurance money received from the tornado damage to pay for a new building with bathrooms at Lions Park. The plan would be to tear the old building down to its foundation then replace it with a new building with bathrooms and storage. City Administrator Nordlund confirmed that there is no insurance money left. Council Member Kimball asked to at least find out how much it would cost to pay for the new building.

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer said that there is a lot of dog waste in Nelson Park. Council Members suggested we look into the cost of installing dog waste clean up stations.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 26-05-43) Council Member Lorentz moved to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.



Ashlee Nordlund
City Administrator



Scott Johnson
Mayor