

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2025
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 November 17, 2025, 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 Jackie Lorentz, Jessica Olson, and Jason Nelson; absent, Jim Kimball. Also present were Clay Sandmeyer, Nick Stoecker, Andrea Voller, Ashlee Nordlund, and Lori Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 25-11-170) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve October 20, 2025, regular City Council Meeting minutes as written, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bills submitted for approval were reviewed. Following a question-and-answer period, (Action 25-11-171) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with a letter from the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer regarding parcel # 33-0016300 located at 229 2nd Avenue NE that was forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of property taxes and have gone through the first two sales under Minnesota Statute 282.005. Todd County is requesting that the city approve the parcel for public auction, purchase the parcel, or request a conveyance to the city for public use. If the City would like to purchase or have the parcel conveyed, a written request must be sent to the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer by January 9th, 2026, or the sale will be deemed to be approved. (Action 25-11-172) Council Member Olson moved to approve parcel # 33-0016300 to be sold at public auction, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with an Excavation Permit from Arvig Enterprises, Inc. to install fiber optic communications located on Main Street East. Arvig will be installing fiber optic cable in the road right-of-way to bring high speed internet to the area. Construction is planned for 2026 and will be completed via vibratory plow or directional boring. The route will be staked, excavation tickets called in to Gopher State One, and all necessary state and county permits will be acquired. The existing utilities will be located and flagged in the right-of-way prior to construction. City Administrator Nordlund was told by our lawyer that this is usually approved administratively and needs to be approved even though it's just to the right-of-way. (Action 25-11-173) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the Excavation Permit as presented by Arvig Enterprises, Inc., seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with a contract between the City of Eagle Bend and Nelson's Service Center for use of city property located at 401 3rd Avenue SW, Eagle Bend, MN 56446 to store equipment throughout the winter months. Council Member asked for confirmation that this contract was the same as last year's contract; City Administrator Nordlund confirmed yes. (Action 25-11-174) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the annual contract allowing Nelson's Service Center to use city property for storage as presented, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with a Consent to Abatement of Hazardous Property located at 430 3rd Avenue NW, Eagle Bend, MN 56446, which is an extension agreement for Bobby and Mandy Berndt to fix the roof of the garage in the spring of 2026. (Action 25-11-175) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the Consent to

Abatement of Hazardous Property located at 430 3rd Avenue NW, Eagle Bend, MN 56446, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The City of Clarissa put in 3 new location requests, for locating utilities for Natural Gas lines to be installed. These three new customers are connecting to the Clarissa-Eagle Bend shared line, meaning that the costs are split between the two cities. Administrator Nordlund and Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer stated there was no notice given to get approval from the Council to pay half of these invoices. City Council Member Olson asked for the Council to be kept updated on this situation.

Work Session information.

(Action 25-11-176) Council Member Olson moved to set the workshop for Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025, at 6:00 pm, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.

Liquor Store financial report for the month of October 2025 was presented by the City Administrator to the City Council which showed that the liquor store had a net loss of (\$7, 153.40).


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

The Council would still like to meet with each full-time City employee and Lead Bartender Lori Johnson to discuss how their job is going before the work session on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Council Members Lorentz and Olson will meet with the four full-time City employees (Nordlund, Voller, Stoecker and Sandmeyer) on the morning of Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

The City would like to add the Fire Department to the City's Microsoft account and get them a City email address. This would help them with writing grants and security when it comes to employee turnover. (Action 25-11-177) Council Member Olson approved for the Fire Department to be added to the City Microsoft Account and get an official City email address, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

City Council Member Olson asked City Administrator Nordlund to check with Sourcewell if there are any grants we could apply for and check if there are any grants for getting a grant writer. City Administrator Nordlund said she would check with our Sourcewell contact about this matter.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 25-11-178) Council Nelson moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.



Ashlee Nordlund
City Administrator



Scott Johnson
Mayor