

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 16, 2024
6:00 P.M., CITY HALL

Pursuant to due call and notice, the City Council of the City of Eagle Bend, MN met in special session on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., in the City Hall. Mayor Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Jessica Olson, Jaculyn Lorentz and Jim Kimball; absent: Jason Nelson. Also present were, James Gaida, Twila Pierce, Clay Sandmeyer, Bryan Drown, Trevor & Taylor Milbrett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 24-07-86) Council Member Olson moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2023 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 24-07-87) Council Member Kimball moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The City Administrator/clerk presented the Liquor Store operating statement for the month of June 2024 which showed a net profit.

The council was presented with the Todd County Sheriff's – Incident summary for the month of June. The report showing calls they handled during the month.

Bryan Drown from Bolton & Menk gave an update on the Phase 5 project. PFA had a June 30th deadline for cities to certify their project. PFA now knows the number of projects they have to consider providing funding to. They are analyzing what loan and grant dollars are available and how many projects can be funded based on where they rank on their Intended Use Plan. Mr. Drown stated that they still haven't heard from PFA on what projects would be funded and that Eagle Bend is in the top third of the list of projects. Bryan brought to attention that it being the middle of July that it would be difficult to complete the project in 2024 and if funding is received we would have to extend the completion date for the project. If grant funding is not received the recommendation would be to reject bids and rebid at a later date. Unfortunately, PFA will probably not know what grant funding is available in 2025 until a bonding bill is passed which is typically at the end of the legislative session in May.

Next item on the agenda was Trevor & Taylor Milbrett bill, Trevor and Taylor Milbrett stated that they have no issue paying the water and mileage portion of the bill but don't feel they should be charged for the use of the fire truck. Taylor stated that Trevor is on the Fire Department. Council member Olson stated that her thoughts on this is. The water ran through the city's water treatment plant and they should have to pay for the water used but this is more of a fire department issue. The Fire Department should decide if they let firemen use the fire trucks to fill pools. Council member Kimball asked why is there a charge for the use of the fire truck and where it came from. City Administrator stated that the fire department used to fill pools but they quit doing that about five years ago. Council member Olson stated that it got to be way too much that firemen would spend their whole days off filling pools. Council member Olson stated that this should be a perk of being on the fire department. Council member Kimball stated that he disagrees that this a volunteer fire department. Twila stated that where you draw the line because the firemen are considered city employees so does that mean they can use all the city equipment for personal use. Twila stated than you have the issue where tools and equipment start

wondering off and the tax payers have to pay to replace that equipment. Council Kimball member stated that is a very true statement and he agreed with Twila. That this is going to open a can of worms and that this is expensive equipment being used and it needs to one way or the other. Either everyone can get their pools filled or no can fill their pools with fire trucks. Council Lorentz agreed that there should be some perks to being on the fire department and this should be a perk. (Action 24-07-88) Council member Lorentz made a motion to change the bill and charge Milbrett's for 9,000 gallons of water they used and the mileage but to remove the use of the fire truck from the bill. This motion was seconded by council member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Council was presented with a Zoning Permit Application (#24-03) Ty Kliemk wanting to build a fence. The fence would be 200ft long and 4ft high. After further questions and discussion council member (Action 24-07-89) Lorentz made a motion to approve Ty Kliemk zoning permit application. This motion was seconded by council member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

The council was informed by City Administrator that liquor license would be coming up for renewal for Vets Club and Eagle Lanes. City administrator told the council the reason this is being brought up, was their license's expire in September. This would help both parties in renewing their license. As long as each establishment can provide their certificate of liability insurance before applying for renewal. (Action 24-07-90) Council member Lorentz moved to approve renewing liquor license for all these establishments as long as they provide their certificate of liability insurance before applying for renewal. This motion was seconded by council member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

The council was asked to donate to the Initiative Foundation which the city has donated to this before in past years. After some discussion the council decided approve the donation request. (Action 24-07-91) Council member Kimball moved to approve the donation request of \$360.00 from the Initiative Foundation, seconded by council member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 24-07-92) Council Member Lorentz moved to adjourn at 6:27 p.m., seconded by Council Member Olson. Motion adopted unanimously.



James R. Gaida
City Administrator/Clerk



Scott Johnson
Mayor