CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 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, Jason Nelson, and Jaculyn Lorentz; absent: none. Also present were Ashlee Nordlund, Andrea Voller, Clay Sandmeyer, Nick Steocker, Jay Eckel, Kevin Hess, and Sharon Notch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following a brief review and discussion, (Action 26-08-62) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2026, regular City Council Meeting and the minutes of the July 29, 2026, special City Council Meeting as written, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Bills submitted for approval were reviewed. Following a question-and-answer period, (Action 26-08-63) Council Member Olson moved to approve the bills for payment as presented, seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously

The Council was presented with Resolution #26-05-771 – Placing the question of Sunday Liquor Sales on the November 2026 General Election Ballot. This would be for the whole city but mainly the VFW and the Municipal Liquor Store. (Action 26-08-64) Council Member Kimball moved to approve the resolution as written, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion adopted unanimously.

Administrator Nordlund stated that she has received the signed liquor license renewal application and the Certificate of Liability Insurance from the VFW. (Action 26-08-65) Council member Olson moved to approve renewing On-Sale Intoxicating liquor licenses for both Eagle Lanes and the VFW. This motion was seconded by Council Member Kimball. Motion adopted unanimously.

Kevin and Barb Hess would like a credit on the sewer portion of their August 6th utility bill because an outside hose was left on and nothing went down the sewer. The credit would equal $151.00. (Action 26-08-66) Council Member Kimball moved to approve giving Kevin and Barb Hess a credit of $151.00 on their August 6th utility bill, seconded by Council Member Lorentz.

City Administrator Nordlund requested advice on how to respond to inquiries about vacant lots in town since most of them do not meet the current ordinances/setbacks. Council Member Lorentz stated no trailers houses or tiny homes. Kevin Hess stated that most of the empty lots in town are considered old development, meaning people could build on them, but they would need to come to a City Council meeting with house plans drawn up and possibly get a variance approved. Council Member Lorentz also said that it would be on a case-by-case basis.

The City Administrator/clerk presented the Liquor Store operating statement for the month of July 2026, which showed a net loss of $1,594.72.

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

City Administrator Nordlund asked the Council to decide what percentage she should use when planning employee wages for the 2027 preliminary budget. Council Member Lorentz suggested 5% since they could always go lower on the actual budget. (Action 26-08-67) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve City Administrator Nordlund using 5% for employee wages on the 2027 preliminary budget, seconded by Council Member Kimball.

Old Business

City Administrator Nordlund informed the Council that the Kern property at 502 Nelson Street West has been cleaned up, the bill was sent to Star Bank, and Star Bank has paid the bill. Maintenance will continue to mow the property, and the City will bill Star Bank.

Council Member Olson asked if the firetruck was put up for auction yet. Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer said no, because it's leaking fluid and needs to be fixed. It is nothing major and won't cost much to fix.

Council asked if City Administrator Nordlund talked to the attorney about how to sell the Nelson park gazebo. Administrator Nordlund informed the Council that the attorney stated that any time the City wants to sell property/items, they need to go out for closed bids. For the gazebo, the City will put it on Facebook and in the newspaper for bids until September 4th at Noon.

City Administrator Nordlund communicated that the Project One contract changes from the July 29, 2026 special City Council Meeting were updated. And Tiffany Jandro from MN Power will be at the school auditorium on August 28th to do a walk-through and help the City fill out an application for power needs.

New Business

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer updated the council that the construction of the new recycling center will begin soon. Mike Eberle from Todd County Solid Waste Management said the pad for the lot will be started in the next couple of weeks.

Maintenance Supervisor Sandmeyer stated that the State wants us to do something about the copper exceedance levels in our water. Sandmeyer said that there isn't much we can do since it's most likely caused by residents having their water softeners set too high. This can dissolve the protective copper oxide layers inside pipes, releasing cooper ions into the water supply.

Council Member Olson asked if the City will be having another clean up day in the fall. Everyone agreed we should and settled on September 26th from 9-11am. The price for residents will still be $5.00 but now the price for non-residents will be $50.00 since the City would like to focus on residents. It was suggested that the City add an option for elderly/disable residents to call into City Hall if they would like us to pick up items. (Action 26-08-68) Council Member Lorentz moved to approve the next City clean up day to be on September 26 from 9-11am with a fee of $5.00 for residents and $50.00 for non-residents, seconded by Council Member Olson.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 26-08-69) Council Member Kimball moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m., seconded by Council Member Lorentz. Motion adopted unanimously.

Ashlee Nordlund
City Administrator

Scott Johnson
Mayor