

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 26, 2025

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, August 26, 2025, 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 Jaculyn Lorentz, Jim Kimball, and Jessica Olson; absent: Jason Nelson. Also present was Ashlee Nordlund, Andrea Voller, Nick Stoecker, Stacie Kimball, Debra Berndt, Jonathan Dulas, and Duane & Stephanie Line. The purpose of this meeting was to hold a hearing for notice of order to abate public nuisances.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Johnson opened the abatement hearing for Bobby and Mandy Berndt, Joseph Davidson, Jonathan Dulas & Rebecca Breun, Jeremiah Kern Sr., Charles & Joyce Larson, James Schuett, and Kerdell Wittmier, Jr. at 6:00 p.m. Present for this hearing were Debra Berndt, Bruce Peterson, Jonathan Dulas, Stacie Kimball, and Duane & Stephanie Line. Council Member Jason Nelson joined the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

Starting with Bobby and Mandy Berndt, the Council reviewed the pictures that were taken on July 21, 2025, compared to the pictures taken on April 26, 2025. Debra Berndt stated the car was hers and the RV belongs to Bruce Peterson, and he is cleaning it out so it can be removed from the property. Ms. Berndt also stated the other items belong to Bobby, and they do not want to get into any trouble. Council Members Lorentz and Olson reassured her that owner of the property is responsible. After reviewing all the pictures and discussing what needs to be done, (Action 25-08-133) Council Member Lorentz presented Resolution #25-22-754 "City of Eagle Bend Notice of Order to Abate Public Nuisance at 430 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW. and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Lorentz, Olson, Kimball, and Nelson; against, none. Resolution # 25-22-754 was duly adopted. Bobby and Mandy Berndt will have twenty-one (21) days from August 27, 2025, to comply with the conditions set forth in the resolution.

Next on the abatement list, Jeremiah Kern, Sr.; the Council reviewed the pictures that were taken on July 21, 2025, compared to the pictures taken on April 26, 2025, and found little to no change at this property and there is still a pile of garbage and mattresses. (Action 25-08-134) Council Member Lorentz presented Resolution #25-23-755 "City of Eagle Bend Notice of Order to Abate Public Nuisance at 502 Nelson Street W. and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Olson. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Kimball, Olson, Lorentz, and Nelson; against, none. Resolution # 25-23-755 was duly adopted. Jeremiah Kern, Sr. will have twenty-one (21) days from August 27, 2025, to comply with the conditions set forth in the resolution.

Next on the abatement list, Charles and Joyce Larson; the Council reviewed the pictures that were taken on July 21, 2025, compared to the pictures taken on April 26, 2025. There have been little improvements made on this property. There were still a cattle trailer and boats in the yard among other things. (Action 25-08-135) Council Member Lorentz presented Resolution #25-24-756 "City of Eagle Bend Notice of Order to Abate Public Nuisance at 537 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW. and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Lorentz, Olson, Kimball, and Nelson; against, none. Resolution # 25-24-756 was duly adopted. Charles and Joyce Larson will have twenty-one (21) days from August 27, 2025, to comply with the conditions set forth in the resolution.

The next property on the abatement list, Kerdell Wittmier, Jr.; the Council reviewed the pictures that were taken on July 21, 2025, compared to the pictures taken on April 26, 2025. There have been no improvements to

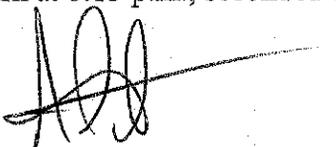
this property, and the garbage has just been moved around. (Action 25-08-136) Council Member Lorentz presented Resolution #25-25-757 "City of Eagle Bend Notice of Order to Abate Public Nuisance at 214 2nd Avenue SE. and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Kimball, Lorentz, Olson and Nelson; against, none. Resolution # 25-25-757 was duly adopted. Kerdell Wittmier, Jr., will have twenty-one (21) days from August 27, 2025, to comply with the conditions set forth in the resolution.

Next on the abatement list, James Schuett; the Council reviewed the pictures that were taken on July 21, 2025, compared to the pictures taken on April 26, 2025. There has been no progress made on this property. There are animals going in and out of the windows. (Action 25-08-137) Council Member Lorentz presented Resolution #25-26-758 "City of Eagle Bend Notice of Order to Abate Public Nuisance at 137 North Street W. and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Nelson. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Kimball, Olson, Lorentz, and Nelson; against, none. Resolution # 25-26-758 was duly adopted. James Schuett will have twenty-one (21) days from August 27, 2025, to comply with the conditions set forth in the resolution.

Next on the abatement list, Jonathan Dulas & Rebecca Breun; the Council reviewed the pictures that were taken on July 21, 2025, and compared to the pictures taken on April 26, 2025. More items and debris have been placed throughout the property since the first pictures were taken. Mr. Dulas stated he was cleaning it up, but he is trying to get the inside of the house remodeled so he can live in it. Council Member Lorentz stated that it seems there is more stuff than less. Mr. Dulas stated the motor home is operable and it has insurance, and asked if the Council wanted him to put tabs on the derby cars? He stated if there are tabs on the derby cars, he will drive them up and down the streets in town. Mr. Dulas went on to state that the Council does not like his hobbies. Council Member Lorentz told Dulas there is garbage in your yard, and there are other residents that have the same hobbies. Dulas told the Council; my yard will never be to your standards. Lorentz told him that our standards are the City Ordinances. Dulas stated, go ahead, pass it, but just so you know, it's going to get a lot worse. (Action 25-08-138) Council Member Lorentz presented Resolution #25-27-759 "City of Eagle Bend Notice of Order to Abate Public Nuisance at 223 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE. and moved for its adoption, seconded by Council Member Kimball. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Lorentz, Olson, Kimball, and Nelson against, none. Resolution # 25-27-759 was duly adopted. Jonathan Dulas & Rebecca Breun will have twenty-one (21) days from August 27, 2025, to comply with the conditions set forth in the resolution.

Lastly on the abatement list, Joseph Davidson; the Council reviewed the pictures that were taken on July 21, 2025, compared to the pictures taken on April 26, 2025. Council Member Lorentz stated, although the RV in the yard has not been licensed since 2023, Mr. Davidson has made considerable progress cleaning the yard. Mr. Davidson has put up a shed to put things in, and it looks like he finished the roof. He has made quite an improvement. (Action 25-08-139) Council Member Lorentz moved to not go forward with the abatement process on the property at 236 North Street W, if the owner continues with the improvements, seconded by Nelson. Put to a vote, the following members voted in favor of this resolution; Olson, Lorentz, Nelson, and Kimball; against, none.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, (Action 25-08-140) Council Member Lorentz moved to adjourn at 6:13 p.m., seconded by Council Member Nelson. Motion was adopted unanimously.



Ashlee Nordlund  
City Administrator/Clerk



Scott Johnson  
Mayor