City of Eden Valley
City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting
April 1, 2026
6:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the April 1, 2026 Regular Council Meeting of the City of Eden Valley was held in the Civic Center meeting room.

Council Present: Mayor Bengtson, Councilors: Huschle, Kleven, Schueller
Council Absent: Fischhaber
Also present: Cindy Anderson, City Clerk; Brandon Stenger, Public Works Director; Evan Borscheid, Chief of Police; Mitch Determan and Scott Hemmesch, Stearns County Assessor's office; Missi Voigt, Meeker County Assessor's office

1. Approve Agenda: Mayor Bengtson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda.
A motion to approve the agenda was made by Huschle, seconded by Kleven; and carried unanimously.

The Mayor opened the Local Board of Appeals at 6:00 pm

Stearns County: Determan reported that Stearns County had not received any requests for appeal, Anderson reported that no one contacted city hall. Determan and Hemmesch reviewed the average market value changes for properties in Eden Valley for the 2025 assessment year.

Meeker County: Voigt reported that Meeker County had not received any requests for appeal, Anderson reported that she did not receive any requests either.
Voigt reviewed the Meeker county sales and reported the changes in Eden Valley were in line with the remainder of the County.

2. Consent Agenda*
    a) Approve Minutes of March 4 and 18, 2026 Council Meetings
    b) Temporary 1-4 day on sale liquor license for Eden Valley Fire Relief Association June 26 - 27, 2026.
    c) LG 220 Application for Exempt permit for Assumption Church for Raffle October 30, 2026 at 464 State St N, Eden Valley.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Huschle, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously

3. On sale and Sunday liquor license application for 2Forks Inc – 153 Stearns Ave.
A motion to approve the ONSS Liquor license 2Forks at 153 Stearns Ave was made by Huschle, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

4. Lg214 Premises permit application Watkins Lions Club at Rusty Spur 106 Stearns Ave W
Mayor Bengtson asked if they had spoken with Eden Valley Lions and The Hawks Baseball club.
Kim Fremo stated that the Eden Valley Lions have been gambling at Sassies Bar.
A motion to approve the LG214 Premises permit for the Watkins Lions Club at Rusty Spur at 106 Stearns Ave W was made by Huschle, seconded by Schueller, and carried unanimously.

5. Approve Road Closures
April 17 – High School holding Distracted Driving session
Beer Gardens – Valley Daze
Parade – Valley Daze
Saturday Bike Rally-Valley Daze

A motion to approve the Road Closures was made by Huschle, seconded by Kleven and carried unanimously.

6. Approval of February Bills $ 180,726.38

A motion to approve the March Bills of $180,726.38 was made by Huschle, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

7. Departments:
    a) Clerk/Treasurer:
        i. Anderson reviews 1st quarter expense and revenue report
        ii. Anderson reviewed the cash and investment report for March 2026.

    b) Public Works, Stenger reviewed the following:
        i. Updated flow meter quote – it was determined that we needed a different type of meter Flow Meter Quote $3,991.67 (E520-49450-540 $20,000)

A motion was made by Bengtson to approve purchase of flow meter for $3,991.67, seconded by Kleven and carried unanimously

        ii. Stenger reported that Well #2 needs new submersible pump and motor. These will match Well 4 and are less costly to maintain. He stated the motor was from 1950's. Quote from Thein well is $16,974.50 plus labor (which they estimated $5500)

A motion was made by Kleven to approve Well 2 pump and motor for quoted price of $16,974.50 plus the actual cost of labor, seconded by Huschle and carried unanimously

    c) Police Dept: Chief Borscheid reviewed the monthly report.
    Borscheid discussed the lack of applications and his need to fill some hours. He stated that he could work hours and overtime. It was suggested that he meet with the hiring committee and come up with a plan to bring back to the Council – addressing the actual needs of the city, what hours need to be covered, etc.

    d) Other: None

8. Upcoming:
    Council Meeting/ Workshop – April 15th 7 pm (City Audit report)
    Waterboard Meeting – April 23rd 3:00 pm
    EDA – April 27, 2026
    Council Meeting May 4, 2026
9. Adjourn.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Brent Bengtson, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Anderson, Clerk/Treasurer