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

With due call and notice thereof, the May 6, 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, Fischhaber

Also present: Cindy Anderson, City Clerk; Brandon Stenger, Public Works Director; Evan Borscheid, Chief of Police; Kent Louwagie, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk; Reynoldo Saez-Callis;

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 Fischhaber; and carried unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda*
   a) Approve Minutes of April 1, April 15 and April 29, 2026 Council Meetings
   b) LG220 Exempt Permit for EVW Youth Football Association raffle on 9.11.2026 at 475 Church St Football field.
   c) LG220 Exempt Permit for Assumption Church raffle and Bingo on August 16, 2026 at 464 State St N.

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

3. Approval of February Bills $ 369,470.86
A motion to approve the March Bills of $369,470.86 was made by Huschle, seconded by Fischhaber, and carried unanimously.

4. Speed Feedback Sign
   Resolution 2026-11 Requesting vehicle speed feedback sign
A motion to approve Resolution 2026-11 Requesting vehicle speed feedback sign was made by Huschle, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

5. SW Improvement Project, Kent Louwagie, City Engineer
   Louwagie reported that an Open House is being planned for June 9th 4:00 – 7:00 pm. A mailing will be sent to all affected properties. He also discussed the easement acquisition that we will need for the properties at the end of Park Avenue and Rails Avenue.

6. Boards and Commissions:
   a) Planning Commission:
      i. Amend Permit 2025-0002 478 Meeker: Kleven explained that the Planning Commission reviewed the request to increase the size of the cold storage building to 40 X 80.7 (was 40 X40.7). The Planning Commission found the request to meet the city codes and are requesting the Council approve the request.

A motion to approve 478 Meeker cold storage 40 X 80.7 as presented was made by Fischhaber, seconded by Huschle, and carried unanimously.

      ii. 550 Meeker – Request to add to accessory structure. Kleven reported that the Planning commission reviewed the application and found that the request met city codes and are requesting the Council approve this request.

A motion to approve 550 Meeker 82 X 80 addition to accessory structure as presented was made by Fischhaber, seconded by Huschle, and carried unanimously.

      iii. 281 State Street – request to have a car lot in the back of the property. Kleven explained that

the Planning commission reviewed the application, and are recommending approval with the following conditions:

1. Owner must continue to carry active state dealer licensing
    a. Proof of licensing and insurance must be provided annually
2. Dealership parking must be contained to the area west of the garage
3. Retain a maximum of 15 vehicles for sale
    a. All vehicles must be in working order
    b. No salvage vehicles permitted
4. Must provide parking spaces for tenants of the building (off street parking required for rental)
5. Provide adequate security and lighting
6. Maintain a clean lot including trash removal and adequate drainage
7. Prior to use, parking lot must be graded and covered in Class 5 substrate
8. Dealership must be inside of lots 24-0084000 and 25-0085001
9. Blocking of the back alley for an excessive amount of time is not permitted
10. No major Maintenance on vehicles
11. The conditional use permit shall be recorded at the Office of the Meeker County Recorder.
12. The property owner must adhere to All conditions.

Council discussed it not being a permitted use or conditional use in the Cities Codes. Other concerns they shared:

- number of vehicles fitting in the small area in the back
- the way it would make the downtown area look
- limited space for safe parking for the tenants of the building
- the park located across the alley from the lot and close proximity to the day care - children running down alley, etc.
- Vehicles needing repair

Mayor decided to table this until the Meeting on May 20, 2026

b) EDA – Anderson reported that at the meeting 3 applications for the façade program were submitted. 1 Loan application was approved for 18,000 for 2 forks tavern.

7. Inselmann property – the total bills to date:
    $57,477.88
    -$20,000 (portion city paid)
    $37,477.88 (balance)
    -$10,000 paid by owner
    $27,477.88 (balance due)

    Anderson reported that this could be put on their tax role. Council would need to decide length and interest rate.

Motion to put the November 1, 2026 balance due on the 2027 tax roll for a 15 year, 1% interest was made by Bengtson, seconded by Huschle. Motion carried.

8. MOA – adding Juneteenth to employee contracts. Anderson explained that Juneteenth was missed when the new contracts were signed. This was approved by council and put in personnel policy 2 years ago.

Motion to approve adding Juneteenth holiday to the employee contracts was made by Huschle seconded by Fischhaber. Motion carried.

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9. Departments:
    a) Clerk/Treasurer:
        i. Anderson reviewed the cash and investment report for April 2026.

    b) Public Works, Stenger reviewed the following:
        i. Stenger reported that the air dryer at the water treatment plant died and he needs to order a new one.

Motion to approve spending up to $2,000.00 for a new air dryer for treatment plant was made by Fischhaber, seconded by Kleven. Motion carried.

ii. Stenger reported that Peter Theis will be returning a seasonal park maintenance for 2026. He will start in May, $18.00 rate.

c) Police Dept: Chief Borscheid reviewed the monthly report.
Borscheid reported that, after meeting with Fischhaber and the Mayor, it was agreed that he may work up to three additional five-hour overtime shifts per pay period due to the lack of a second officer.

d) Ev Charging Station -m Mayor asked to table this item.
EV Charging Stat
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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

10. Other:
School Bus law changed: Stop for flashing lights even if no atop arm is out. Best practice is to stop for the bus, children maybe crossing the street.

11. Upcoming Meetings
SCML Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Council Meeting – May 20, 2026
Citywide Cleanup – May 23rd 9:00 - Noon
Council Meeting June 3, 2026

12. Adjourn.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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Brent Bengtson, Mayor

Attest:

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Abraham Fofanah, City Clerk