City of Eden Valley
City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting
May 20, 2026
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, May 20, 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 attending: Cindy Anderson, Clerk Treasurer; Abe Fonanah, City Clerk; Eddie Kelm; Mike and Cindy Tomsche; Rey and Amber Saez-Callez.

1. Agenda
   Motion to approve the agenda was made by Huschle, seconded by Schueller.

2. Old Business: Conditional Use for 281 State St for a car dealership
   Council discussed the issue of conditional use. Some Concerns shared: Does not fit the downtown area, better use would be on highway, safety in alley with children walking and riding bikes,

   Council asked a few questions:
   Are there any regulations from the state for site plans, where and how cars are parked? Ray said the state goes by what the city allows.

   Did they investigate other Locations? Ray stated that he had spoken with a couple other business owners who said they could store a few vehicles at the lot.

   Do you have any concerns with mixing the for-sale vehicles and the vehicles belonging to your tenants? Ray said he has no concerns, he will put it in the lease so tenants will know where they can park and where the other cars will be located.

   Regarding oil/gas leak, will class 5 be sufficient for this? Ray stated that all cars parked in driveways and at businesses can create the problem. He does not see this having a significant impact.

   Motion to approve the conditional use permit for 281 State St for a car lot with the following conditions was made by Michael Kleven, seconded by Anne Fischhaber. Roll Call Vote: Schueller-Yes; Kleven-Yes; Bengtson – No; Fischhaber-Yes; Huschle-No.

3. Workshop Agenda -

   a) Noise Ordinance for bands at local bars: Council discussed current ordinances and the concerns of both residents and the businesses.
   b) Utility Bills – email billing – Council confirmed that staff should continue to get people to use email billing.
   c) City apparel-Fischhaber recommended the city order apparel with city logo for council to wear to casual meetings and meetings in the public. Fofanah will investigate and get the information to the council, committee members, and staff.
   d) EV Charging Station. Mayor reported that grant is now available up to 100%.
      He reported that we completed the pre-application.
      He is looking for Council approval to make the next application in the process. Eventually we will need to put together a core project team, which would include planner, engineer, grant writer, City Clerk, Consultant provided by grant.
      He explained that the grant cycle is scored at each phase. They look at different criteria like serving underserved population, rural communities, location near population center, access to phase 3 power.
      Council asked about future costs: Bengtson reported that there could be annual contract, garbage cans, and removal.
      Council asked who maintains the system: Bengtson reported the company would do large

maintenance.

4. Council Action Items
   Motion to approve submitting the next EV charging station application was made by Kleven, seconded by Fischhaber. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Upcoming coming:
   a) City Wide Clean-up May 23 9-noon
   b) June 3 – Council Meeting

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Brent Bengtson, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Anderson, Clerk/Treasurer