City of Eden Valley
City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting
June 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the June 3, 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; Abraham Fofanah, City Clerk; Brandon Stenger, Public Works Director; Evan Borscheid, Chief of Police; Kent Louwagie, City Engineer, Bolton & Menk; Eddie Kelm; Mike and Cindy Tomsche; Glen Theis; Tiffany Farrier; Amanda Isensee; Samantha (Sassie's)

1. Agenda
   A motion to approve the agenda was made by Huschle, seconded by Fischhaber, and carried unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda*
   a. Approve Minutes of May 6, 2026 Council Meeting
   b. Approve Minutes of May 20, 2026 Council Meeting
   A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Fischhaber, seconded by Huschle, and carried unanimously

3. Approval of May Bills $174,484.32
   A motion to approve the May Bills of $174,484.32 was made by Bengtson, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

4. Noise Ordinance for Bands at Local Bars – The council and community members discussed the current noise and operating hours ordinance, specifically focusing on its economic impact on local businesses and the comfort of residents.

   Business Perspective: Fofanah introduced an email chain between staff and 2Forks, in which 2Forks outlined the economic impact of the current ordinance. Tiffany stated that closing outdoor patio spaces or stopping music at 10:00 PM causes significant economic harm, as much of their income is generated during these hours. The establishment employs 22 people and operates as an entertainment business. They proposed a compromise, such as extending hours by one hour for two nights a week, businesses providing the city with a specific schedule of bands or giving businesses one or two nights a month to go until 11:00 PM.

   Resident Perspective: Mixed feedback was given. Some residents noted that outdoor bands attract visitors and potential future residents to the area. However, noise remains an issue for others, with concerns that excessive noise could drive residents away, creating a separate economic downside.

   Council Discussion: Bengtson acknowledged the need to find a balance, moving bands

indoors, while noting that a few exceptions a year (e.g., three weekend nights) shouldn't completely disrupt residents. Huschle referenced the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) rules (Minnesota Rules 7030) as the standard most towns use for a 10:00 PM cutoff. He noted that indoor music is permitted until 1:00 AM, and nearby Paynesville is the only exception with later outdoor hours. Schueller went to the establishments after 10:00 PM with a decibel reader and recorded a decibel level of 87, which is above the MPCA standard. However, he stated that, subjectively, it did not seem overly loud. He suggests there are ways to allow weekend bands while maintaining city control. The council will look further into the ordinance and continue discussions at a future meeting.

5. Southwest Improvement Project
    a. Preliminary Engineering Report – Louwagie brought this item forward because the council authorized the initial report in 2024. The report must be updated to account for changes over the past two years. The revised report now includes the preliminary assessment roll for street curb and gutter. There will be an open house at the community center on June 9 to answer questions and collect feedback about the project plan.
    b. Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement – Louwagie stated that a public hearing would give property owners a chance to understand the project process and authorize whether to move forward with the process or choose not to. The proposed Public Hearing date is June 23, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

    A motion to approve Resolution 2026-12, Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement, was made by Huschle, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

6. Elimination of Parcels from TIF
    a. Resolution Approving The Elimination of Parcels From Tax Increment Financing (Housing) District No. 4-2A Within Municipal Development District No. 4 In The City of Eden Valley.

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-13, Approving The Elimination of Parcels From Tax Increment Financing (Housing) District No. 4-2A Within Municipal Development District No. 4 In The City of Eden Valley, was made by Huschle, seconded by Fischhaber, and carried unanimously.

7. Updating Signature Authority
    a. Resolution Approving Authorized Signer of City Financial Accounts

A motion to approve Resolution 2026-14, **Approving Authorized Signer of City Financial Accounts,** ***was made by Bengtson, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.***

8. Boards & Commissions
    a. Planning Commission – Kleven provided an update on discussions from the 5/27/2026 Planning Commission meeting. The commission approved a home occupation permit and listened to a resident's request for a dog park. The resident will work with staff to survey the community to gather feedback including whether there is a desire for a dog park.

9. Departments:
    a. Clerk/Treasurer
        i. Cash and Investment Report – Fofanah updated council on cash and investments which totals to $4,197,175.
        ii. Quote Streaming System: (100-41900-540 Machine & Equipment Budget $5,000) $2,499.00 + camera $1700.00 =$4199.00

Motion was made by Bengtson to approve the streaming system quote of $4,199, seconded by Fischhaber, and carried unanimously.

        iii. Amend Start date for Finance/Utility Billing Clerk to June 1, 2026

Motion was made by Bengtson to amend the start date for Finance/Utility Billing Clerk to June 1, 2026 by, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

10. Public Works:
    a. Sunny Meadows Tar Patch: (100-43100-400 Repairs & Maintenance Budget $40,000)
    b. Quote Hanson Paving: $5,350.00
    c. Quote Diversified Paving: $6,896.00

Motion was made by Bengtson to approve Sunny Meadow tar patch repair for the quoted price of $5350, seconded by Huschle, and carried unanimously.

Stenger provided a reminder to residents not to blow lawn clippings into the street as it puts stress on the City's stormwater system.

11. Police
    a. Monthly Report: May Stats Sheet – Borscheid gave an update on the May 2026 stat sheet. The city received speed signs previously approved by council. They were placed along County Road 55 where the speed limit shifts to 30 MPH.

12. Other:

13. Upcoming Meetings:
    Council Meeting June 17, 2026
    Council Meeting June 23, 2026
    Council Meeting July 1, 2026

14. Adjourn.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Brent Bengtson, Mayor

Attest:

Abraham Fofanah, City Clerk