City of Eden Valley
City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting
July 1, 2026
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the July 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, Fischhaber

Also attending: Fofanah, City Clerk; Brandon Stenger, Public Works Director; Evan Borscheid, Chief of Police;

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 June 3, 2026 Council Meeting
   b. Approve Minutes of June 17, 2026 Council Meeting
   c. Approve Minutes of June 23, 2026 Public Hearing
   d. Approve Road Closure – Sassie's Tavern: 8/29/2026

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

3. Approval of June Bills $219,546.82
   A motion to approve the May Bills of $219,546.82 was made by Huschle, seconded by Fischhaber, and carried unanimously.

4. Boards & Commissions
   a. Planning Commission
      i. Zoning Site Permits – There are two site zoning permits. The 438 Brooks St S permit is for a 38x18x9 deck, and the 800 State Street N permit is for a 14x12 deck. Both projects are recommended for approval.

   A motion to approve the zoning site permits at 438 Brooks St S for a 38x18x9 deck and 800 State St N for a 14x12 deck was made by Huschle, seconded by Schueller, and carried unanimously.

   b. Rental Licensing renewal system – One of the rental owners in the city made a request about changing the ordinance for rental and inspections. They work in multiple cities and find Eden Valley's requirements to be expensive and time consuming. The commission considered changes that would reward those who stay in compliance and incentivize those who do not.

      Bengtson – Does not want to give preferential system but is open to hearing more from the planning commission. It would need to be fair.
      Fischhaber – The commission should also consider another tier for people who do not meet requirements to have a renewal on a one-year basis.
      Huschle – It took a lot to get the system to this point and has concerns about making changes.

5. Departments:
   a. Clerk/Treasurer
      i. Cash and Investment Report – Fofanah reviewed the cash and investments which totals to $4,391,991.78.
      ii. 2nd Quarter Financial Report – Fofanah reviewed the second quarter report

b. Public Works:
    i. New Uniforms: Stenger is considering switching uniforms. The proposal is slightly more money than the current uniform, but the overall increase is within the budget. The city council supports the switch.
c. Police
    i. Monthly Report: June Stats Sheet – Borscheid gave an update on the June 2026 stat sheet. Last year there were five more calls, but 41 more traffic calls. So, while the department reported to a similar number of calls, there was more work going on.

6. Other:
   League of MN Cities: Fischhaber – There is lobbying for additional funding from federal government which will be beneficial if approved. She will give this information to Fofanah to follow up. The funding could support water and sewer projects.
   America 250: Kleven – Celebration tomorrow night at Fredrichs Park.
   Election Candidates: Bengtson – Potential candidates may come to a council meeting to introduce themselves to the community.
   Meeting proposal: Bengtson – Proposed a meeting on August 5 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to hold a workshop for the police budget. All council members approved.

7. Upcoming Meetings:
   Council Meeting July 15, 2026
   Council Meeting August 5, 2026

8. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Brent Bengtson, Mayor

Attest:

Abraham Fofanah, City Clerk