City of Eden Valley
City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting
July 15, 2026
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, June 15, 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: Abraham Fonanah, City Clerk; Sara Garland, Finance Clerk; Brandon Stenger, Public Works Director

1. Approve Agenda
   Motion to approve the agenda was made by Kleven, seconded by Fischhaber, and carried unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda
   a. Approve Minutes of May 6, 2026 Council Meeting
   b. Approve temp 1-4 day Liquor License for Assumption Church August 16, 2026
   A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Bengtson, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

3. Workshop

Mayor adjourns to workshop

   a. Budget
      i. Streets, Parks, Buildings, Water, Sewer

Stenger – The only new thing is that we are due for a new mower, but there is money to the side for it. This is the current mowers third summer.

Fischhaber – 43100. Thinking about the future. Some cities start a fund and put it in every year. Planning ahead would assist us rather than relying on other funds. There are many streets that are starting to look rough. Park can use some help near Douglas.

Stenger – We set aside money in the reserve and CIP funds. Hutchinson is one of a few streets that could use some funds.

Bengtson – We do allow left over funds in the budget to go into the CIP fund. We have until the end of December. Informed Stenger to think about if he needed more, now would be a good time to talk.

Huschle – When we start planning for future construction it isn't just that road but also focusing on detour routes. Some of the detour routes for streets in need will require more attention.

      ii. City Council Pay

Bengtson – I didn't get into this for the money. Playing the devil's advocate, ideally someone would run because they wanted to do it, but if we wanted to get some of the younger generation, they might need more incentive. Looking at the per diem, Meeker County is $70 per meeting. Not sure if shifting to $50 per meeting is a good recruitment tool. The meeting is about an hour. So, it is currently $30/hour. If a change is better to do smaller increases year-over-year than to do a catch-up increase. I am trying to not rush into something just because it is an election year. I want people to sit in these chairs for the right reason.

Huschle – Good with where I am. I personally do not ever do something to get this on the backside.

Kleven – I am split 50/50 but lean towards and increase. It is good to tell people you want here. It's good to have thank you for doing this work. More for acknowledgement than anything else.

Schueller – I don't do it for money. Going down the road with the younger generation, hopefully it is the same thing. If you're in it for the money you need to go to a bigger city. There are other issues coming up that are probably more important. Leave it where it is. You can't put a price on doing something for the right reason.

Fischhaber – I agree with all of you. It is a public service. Some smaller cities pay up to $100 per city. Maybe looking at $50 per meeting. It would encourage some different communities to come in. If we look at it every election, it doesn't provide a big shock in ten years when you need to catch up. I am not going to sit in this seat forever, but it is important to think about who will be here in the future. The principle of it is to look at it now, or if not, when. If we are going to do it, we need to do it right.

Mayor Resumes Regular Meeting

4. Council Action

5. Other:

Upcoming Meetings:
Council Meeting August 5, 2026
Council Meeting August 19, 2026

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Brent Bengtson, Mayor

Attest:

Abraham Fofanah, City Clerk