City of Eden Valley
City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting
August 5, 2026
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the August 5, 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

Also attending: Abraham Fofanah, City Clerk; Brandon Stenger, Public Works Director; Evan Borscheid, Chief of Police; Perry Kuechle, Eden Valley Fire; Cory Schultz, Eden Valley Fire; Dave Teicher, Eden Valley Fire, Tom Schmitt, Eden Valley Fire; Aaron Brutger, Candidate for District 13

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

2. Consent Agenda*
   a. Approve Minutes of July 1, 2026 Council Meeting
   b. Approve Minutes of July 15, 2026 Council Meeting
   c. Approve Stearns Criminal Prosecution Contract for 2027 and 2028

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

3. Remarks from Aaron Brutger, Candidate for District 13

4. Approval of July Bills $496,123.95
   A motion to approve the May Bills of $496,123.95 was made by Huschle, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

5. Fire Relief Association: Perry Kuechle, Relief Association President Request to raise the amount from $2050.00 to $2400.00 effective January 1, 2027
   A motion to approve the Fire Relief Association's request to raise the investment amount from $2050.00 to $2400.00 effective January 1, 2027 was made by Bengtson, seconded by Schueller, and carried unanimously.

6. Renaming Baseball Park: A Request to Rename Park after Robert "Birdie" Geislinger

   Bengtson – This is a no brainer actually. He is the Hawks. When you think of the Hawks, that is the person you see. I think that would be a great honor to put his name on that field.
   A motion to recommend Eden Valley Baseball Field be renamed in recognition of Robert "Birdie" Geislinger was made by Huschle, seconded by Bengtson, and carried unanimously.

7. Boards & Commissions
   a. Planning Commission
      i. Zoning Site Permit – 310 State Street S: 10'6"x12'x7'2"-10'4" addition

   A motion to approve the zoning site permit at 310 State Street S was made by Kleven, seconded by Huschle, and carried unanimously.

8. Discussion on Rental Ordinance – Chapter 153.06

Bengtson: I would be in favor of it as long as there is some way to pull it back if someone falls out of compliance.

Huschle: Weary that if too lenient, rental property maintenance will fall behind.

9. Dog Park Survey

   Bengtson: From a city standpoint, we are thinking about the cost, the structure, how do we keep the area clean, and who is picking up the tab.

10. Departments:
    a. Clerk/Treasurer
        i. Cash and Investment Report: Fofanah updated council on cash and investments which totals to $4,197,175.
    b. Public Works:
        i. Crack Filling – Stenger: Mapped out areas we are targeting this year. It is the same company we used last year. There is no quote for this process. We give them a number, and they work until they run out. They will start in the industrial area. $10,000 is what we did last year.

    Motion was made by Bengtson to approve tar patch repair for $10,000, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

    c. Police
        i. Monthly Report: July Stats Sheet – Borscheid gave an update on the July 2026 stat sheet.
    d. Other: Primary Elections August 11, 2026
11. Other:

12. Upcoming Meetings:
    Council Meeting August 17, 2026
    Council Meeting September 2, 2026

13. Adjourn.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Brent Bengtson, Mayor

Attest:

Abraham Fofanah, City Clerk