City of Eden Valley
City Council Minutes - Regular Meeting
August 19, 2026
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, August 19, 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 Fofanah, City Clerk; Sara Garland, Finance Clerk; Brandon Stenger, Public Works Director

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

2. Consent Agenda
   a. Road Closure for Homecoming Parade October 9th 2:30 PM – 3:10 PM
   A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Bengtson, seconded by Kleven, and carried unanimously.

3. Workshop

Mayor adjourns to workshop

a. Water and Sewer Budget

Garland – We have received over 50% of revenue so far. Expenses are on track. We are looking at a deficit of $100,000 for next year's budget. The debt service spreadsheet shows going into 2027 bond and project wise, it is not going to be the tough year. We would start paying it out in 2028.

It doesn't look like there is any change in the water rate until 2028. Should we increase sooner or stay at the same schedule? If we are doing it every other year, we would increase water in 2027, not 2028. The base rate will have more effect. If someone isn't around for a month and doesn't use water, they still pay the base rate.

Stenger – Sewer is usually behind. We do try to plan for those big events. We plan for the reserve. There is $600,000 in the water reserve.

Bengtson – According to the loans we must do an increase to show that it is sustainable. If we are looking at coming up short on water, we could look into some areas to backfill a bit. Move the water portion from 2028 to 2027. Sewer we can leave. If the base fee goes up a dollar, that is just a dollar a month, it isn't like we are doing a big jump. We need small increases every year, but we might still need to do more than a dollar this year.

Huschle – We looked at changing the fee last time, but we changed sewer more than water. We can't keep pulling from other areas because eventually that well is going to run dry. I would hate to deplete funds because it is going to run out quickly. Water consumption is what it is at this point with not much change. We should look at the base. We have $600,000 in water reserve but doesn't get you much when you run into larger issues.

Fischhaber – We don't want the residents to feel the pinch from dealing with increases to both at the same time. In 2027, it would be better to look instead of a big jump, do it gradually. In 2029 we should bump it again, so there isn't three years of nothing.

Kleven – Why don't we calculate it so we zero out. Look at what it would take in a perfect world, all being equal, then average it out over the course of the next few years to understand what it would take now.

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4. Wolftrack Energy Solar Contract

Fofanah – Last year a contact was approved to complete the first stage of the project by October 2026. We are not going to meet the completion target as we didn't get the program approved by Xcel. It seems unlikely that we will get this site approved due to capacity issues. Wolftrack Energy has offered a full refund of the payment we made last December for the first portion of work.

A motion to accept the refund from Wolftrack was made by Kleven, seconded by Fischhaber, and carried unanimously.

5. Other:

    a. AED at 395 State St N:

    Stenger – The power to the AED comes from the property owners building. It trips his breaker. The owner was unaware that he was paying for the electricity. We are at a standstill because we do not know who needs to pay. It was an outside organization that installed it, not the city.

    Garland – The Lions noticed that it was covered. They are the ones who brought in that AED. We can talk to them about finding another location.

Upcoming Meetings:
Council Meeting September 2, 2026
Council Meeting September 16, 2026

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at Adjourn: 7:57

Brent Bengtson, Mayor

Attest:

Abraham Fofanah, City Clerk