Regular Meeting
January 8, 2014
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the January 8, 2014 regular meeting of the Eden Valley City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center meeting room. Present were Mayor Korman, Councilors Gabrelcik, Bradshaw and Thielen, and Clerk Haag. Also present Public Works Director Rademacher, Chief Junker, Allen Foss and others. Mayor Korman presided.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Gabrelcik, seconded by Thielen.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Thielen. Items on the consent agenda included Approve Minutes of December 4, 2013 regular meeting, Approve LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Eden Valley-Watkins Post Prom Committee raffle on March 13, 2014 with no waiting period, Approve assigned fund balances in General Fund as of 12/31/13 as follows: Police Equipment Escrow $21,000, Street Equipment Escrow $9,000 and Park Equipment Escrow $3,000. Motion to approve consent agenda was seconded by Gabrelcik and carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was the Speak Easy 2014 On-Sale Liquor License clarification. Speak Easy Manager Allen Foss was present and reviewed their plans to have an outdoor patio area on their lot just west of the building, between their building and The Voice newspaper building. Foss provided a sketch of the proposed patio area and reported it would be located 8 to 10 feet off of the sidewalk, would have a fence of reasonable height to prevent the passing of alcoholic beverages from the patio to public on the sidewalk, and would have controlled entrances and exits. In addition, no glass bottles or or beverage containers would be used which would eliminate the potential for broken glass in the area as well as on the sidewalk. Foss also reported the area would be closely monitored. After discussion, the consensus of the Council was the licensing would be approved as requested.

Appointments and salaries for 2014 were presented as follows:
2014 APPOINTMENTS & SALARIES
APPOINTMENTS:
Street Commissioner: Jeff Bradshaw
Police Commissioner: Dan Thielen
Fire Commissioner: Vacancy
Water & Sewer Commissioner: Kevon Gabrelcik
EDA Council Representatives: Pete Korman & Dan Thielen
City Attorney: Adam Ripple, Rinke Noonan Law Firm
Official Newspaper: Eden Valley Watkins Voice
Official Depository: State Bank in Eden Valley, with provision City reserves right to seek best interest on investments
Assistant Tree & Weed Inspector: Jim Rademacher
Emergency Management Director: Jim Rademacher
Acting Mayor: Dan Thielen
Authorized Signature on Checks: Ramona Haag, Pete Korman, Dan Thielen

SALARIES:
Election Judges - $12/hr.
Mileage - As approved by IRS reimbursement rate
Official Daytime Meeting Reimbursement - $40/half day
$80/full day (defined as anything over five hours)
Planning & Zoning Commission Members - $30/meeting
EDA Board - $30/meeting
Park Board – No compensation, but noon meal provided

A motion was made by Gabrelcik, seconded by Bradshaw, and carried unanimously, to approve appointments and salaries as presented.

Resolution #2014-1, Reviewing and Adjusting Fee Schedule was introduced and moved for adoption by Thielen, seconded by Gabrelcik. Voting in favor were Gabrelcik, Bradshaw, Korman, and Thielen; against: none, whereby Resolution #2014-1 was duly adopted.

Resolution #2014-2, Setting Administrative Offense Penalties was introduced and moved for adoption by Gabrelcik, seconded by Bradshaw. Voting in favor were Gabrelcik, Bradshaw, Korman, and Thielen; against: none, whereby Resolution #2014-2 was duly adopted.

Mayor Korman reported there is a vacancy on the EDA Board due to Mike Schindler moving out of the city and resigning his position. Interested applicants for appointment to the Board will be considered.

Mayor Korman opened the Public Forum. There were no comments

The Clerk presented the bills.
Total Expense: $ 339,125.65

A motion to approve the bills was made by Thielen, seconded by Gabrelcik, and carried unanimously.

Clerk Haag provided a tentative schedule of Council meeting dates for 2014 and reported an insurance dividend of $6,210 had been received from LMCIT in December.
Haag also reported she had spoken with County Assessor Bob Anderson regarding Community Ed's proposal to consider use of the old fire hall meeting room and he had confirmed school rental of the building would be a tax exempt use and not require the City to pay property taxes on that portion of the building even if it is rented. Discussion followed on potential rent charges and Haag is to research current costs for utilities on the building and report back to the Council.
The Special Election to fill the Council vacancy is scheduled for January 28th and the City Clerk's office will be open for absentee voting on Saturday, January 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., as well as until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27th.

Haag reported she is currently working on end-of-year reporting and audit preparation, with the annual audit scheduled for February 12-14.

Chief Junker provided end-of-year reports showing comparisons for 2012 and 2013.
Junker also reported Officer Zach Schwartz had resigned from the Department due to obtaining a full-time position and a copy of Schwartz's resignation had been provided in the agenda packets. A motion was made by Thielen, seconded by Gabrelcik, and carried unanimously to accept the resignation. Junker requested Council consideration to hire another part-time officer to replace Schwartz based on the same type of situation where the officer-in-training pays the majority of fees and training costs, and Council consensus was to o.k. the request.

Public Works Director Rademacher reported the MRWA Conference is scheduled for March 4-6 in St. Cloud and he and Maintenance Worker Berg would like to attend, which was fine with Council.
Rademacher provided the Council with the annual water/wastewater report for 2013.
He also reported he had checked on various options to consider regarding the current street sweeper rear engine being in need of repairs. The option of a sweeper attachment on a skid steer would have an estimated cost of $7000, plus would result in extra costs of labor and trucking to unload and haul the sweepings away. The cost to have the rear engine overhauled was $3000, and Rademacher estimated they could get 3 to 4 years use out of that, barring any additional repairs or parts needed. A new street sweeper costs approximately $300,000, and used ones run $35,000 to $40,000. A suggestion to check into contracting for sweeping services or check with neighboring cities on the possibility of a joint purchase or sharing their existing sweeper was made. Rademacher will explore those options and report back to the Council.
Mayor Korman reported he had received a call from a concerned citizen regarding snow and ice removal from sidewalks and streets. Consensus was this winter has been extremely cold and after the recent ice storm the low temperatures had resulted in ice removal products both with and without salt base to be ineffective. City staff, local contractors, and local property owners on main street have been doing the best they can with the conditions they have faced and warmer temps will result in the ice removal products working.
Rademacher reported City Engineer Kent Louwagie said the last word they had on street light installation date was possibly late January.

Next regular meeting date will be February 5, 2014.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Thielen, seconded by Bradshaw.

Attest:

Mona Haag, Clerk/Treasurer	Peter Korman, Mayor

CITY OF EDEN VALLEY

*Check Summary Register©

	Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
10100 STATE BANK IN EV				
Paid Chk# 007406	COMDATA	12/20/2013	$576.83	Supplies
Paid Chk# 007407	COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPOR	12/20/2013	$744.07	Testing
Paid Chk# 007408	DIVINE CAKES	12/20/2013	$100.00	Supplies - holiday gathering
Paid Chk# 007409	HACH COMPANY	12/20/2013	$280.60	Supplies
Paid Chk# 007410	ERNIE JUNKER	12/20/2013	$84.99	antivirus software reimb
Paid Chk# 007411	KEEPRS, INC.	12/20/2013	$2,235.00	vests
Paid Chk# 007412	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	12/20/2013	$334.70	Insurance
Paid Chk# 007413	MATT LAHR CONSTRUCTION	12/20/2013	$4,300.00	Repairs & Services
Paid Chk# 007414	MEEKER COOPERATIVE	12/20/2013	$541.84	Electric
Paid Chk# 007415	MEEKER COUNTY ATTORNEY	12/20/2013	$140.00	Legal
Paid Chk# 007416	MEEKER COUNTY SHERIFF	12/20/2013	$20.00	Services
Paid Chk# 007417	MIKE'S STANDARD	12/20/2013	$183.73	Supplies & oil
Paid Chk# 007418	MINNESOTA COMPUTER SYSTE	12/20/2013	$32.06	copier lease
Paid Chk# 007419	M-R SIGNS	12/20/2013	$52.42	Supplies
Paid Chk# 007420	NOHNER ELECTRIC	12/20/2013	$6,300.00	Services & Repairs
Paid Chk# 007421	NORTHLAND TRUST	12/20/2013	$250.00	Call Bond Fee Series 2005A
Paid Chk# 007422	OFFICE DEPOT	12/20/2013	$63.08	supplies
Paid Chk# 007423	PAYNESVILLE PRESS	12/20/2013	$38.00	Library Story Hour Ad
Paid Chk# 007424	PRECAST SYSTEMS	12/20/2013	$4,787.50	EV Sign
Paid Chk# 007425	JAMES RADEMACHER	12/20/2013	$41.81	Mileage
Paid Chk# 007426	RINKE NOONAN	12/20/2013	$367.50	Legal
Paid Chk# 007427	ROYAL TIRE	12/20/2013	$1,056.37	Repairs
Paid Chk# 007428	SELECT ACCOUNT	12/20/2013	$7.32	Ins admin
Paid Chk# 007429	STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATI	12/20/2013	$2,843.75	Interest on truck loan
Paid Chk# 007430	THIELEN EXCAVATING	12/20/2013	$6,123.00	Snow removal
Paid Chk# 007431	T-MOBILE	12/20/2013	$120.41	Phone service
Paid Chk# 007432	UTILITY CONSULTANTS, INC.	12/20/2013	$1,258.10	Testing
Paid Chk# 007433	VALLEY INN	12/20/2013	$4,962.96	Midsummer Blast Services
Paid Chk# 007434	WELLNESS COUNCIL OF AMERI	12/20/2013	$189.61	Supplies
Paid Chk# 007435	WEST CENTRAL SANITATION	12/20/2013	$154.69	Services
Paid Chk# 007436	XCEL ENERGY	12/20/2013	$2,171.73	Electric
Paid Chk# 007437	AFSCME LOCAL 65	12/31/2013	$349.85	UNION DUES
Paid Chk# 007438	FLEET SERVICES	12/31/2013	$540.30	
Paid Chk# 007439	MN REVENUE	12/31/2013	$1,468.26	8021776
Paid Chk# 007442	A & C FARM SERVICES	1/9/2014	$502.74	Supplies
Paid Chk# 007443	AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	1/9/2014	$127.08	uniform rental
Paid Chk# 007444	JUANITA ARENS	1/9/2014	$450.00	Services
Paid Chk# 007445	ARVIG	1/9/2014	$1,375.18	Phone service
Paid Chk# 007446	BCBS/RESOURCE TRAINING	1/9/2014	$5,566.50	Insurance
Paid Chk# 007447	BOLTON & MENK, INC	1/9/2014	$41,224.80	Engineering
Paid Chk# 007448	BOND TRUST SERVICES	1/9/2014	$23,022.50	2007 GO BOND
Paid Chk# 007449	BRAUN INTERTEC CORP	1/9/2014	$10,771.50	SERVICES
Paid Chk# 007450	CENTER POINT ENERGY	1/9/2014	$1,748.44	NATURAL GAS
Paid Chk# 007451	CENTRAL MCGOWAN	1/9/2014	$6.33	RENTAL
Paid Chk# 007452	CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT SUP	1/9/2014	$31.24	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007453	COMDATA	1/9/2014	$167.95	SUPPLIES

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Paid Chk# 007454	EDEN VALLEY LUMBER CO	1/9/2014	$927.16	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007455	ERKENS WATER SOFTENER SE	1/9/2014	$54.22	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007456	EV-W VOICE	1/9/2014	$25.00	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007457	FRAUENSHUH & SPOONER, P.A.	1/9/2014	$101.50	LEGAL
Paid Chk# 007458	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL	1/9/2014	$7.25	SERVICES
Paid Chk# 007459	HEARTLAND SECURITY	1/9/2014	$59.25	SERVICES
Paid Chk# 007460	HEIMAN INC.	1/9/2014	$189.96	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007461	JIM NEUMAN SMALL ENGINE RE	1/9/2014	$5.29	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007462	LANDSCAPING PLUS	1/9/2014	$450.00	SNOW REMOVAL
Paid Chk# 007463	LMC	1/9/2014	$240.00	SAFETY TRAINING
Paid Chk# 007464	LMCIT	1/9/2014	$1,515.00	WORK COMP AUDIT
Paid Chk# 007465	MEEKER COUNTY SHERIFF	1/9/2014	$90.00	SERVICES
Paid Chk# 007466	MEEKER COUNTY TREASURER	1/9/2014	$47.50	LICENSES
Paid Chk# 007467	MINNESOTA COMPUTER SYSTE	1/9/2014	$86.09	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007468	MN DOLI	1/9/2014	$100.00	ELEVATOR LICENSE
Paid Chk# 007469	MRWA	1/9/2014	$225.00	DUES
Paid Chk# 007470	440600 NCPERS MINNESOTA	1/9/2014	$16.00	INSURANCE
Paid Chk# 007471	PAYNESVILLE PRESS	1/9/2014	$167.75	ADV
Paid Chk# 007472	BOB PESCHON	1/9/2014	$200.00	SERVICES
Paid Chk# 007473	PETTIPIECE & ASSOCIATES, LL	1/9/2014	$154.00	ADMIN
Paid Chk# 007474	REGION III MCFOA	1/9/2014	$15.00	TRAINING
Paid Chk# 007475	REGION VI CHIEFS ASSOC.	1/9/2014	$25.00	DUES
Paid Chk# 007476	RESOURCE TRAINING & SOLUTI	1/9/2014	$87.00	DUES
Paid Chk# 007477	RINKE NOONAN	1/9/2014	$4,082.60	LEGAL
Paid Chk# 007478	SELECT ACCOUNT - VEBA	1/9/2014	$13,124.80	VEBA
Paid Chk# 007479	STATE BANK IN EDEN VALLEY	1/9/2014	$20.00	SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX RENT
Paid Chk# 007480	STREICHERS	1/9/2014	$99.99	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007481	THIELEN EXCAVATING	1/9/2014	$2,221.00	SNOW REMOVAL
Paid Chk# 007482	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	1/9/2014	$107.69	COPIER LEASE
Paid Chk# 007483	TRI-COUNTY NEWS	1/9/2014	$182.00	SUBSCRIPTION
Paid Chk# 007484	US BANK	1/9/2014	$39,165.00	Account Number 33526800
Paid Chk# 007485	UTILITY CONSULTANTS, INC.	1/9/2014	$112.60	SERVICES
Paid Chk# 007486	VALLEY QUICK STOP	1/9/2014	$985.00	GAS
Paid Chk# 007487	VERIZON	1/9/2014	$61.03	PHONE SERVICES
Paid Chk# 007488	VMG	1/9/2014	$75.87	SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 007489	XCEL ENERGY	1/9/2014	$3,760.45	ELECTRIC
		Total Checks	$196,500.74	

CHECK#	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT
EFT	PERA	PERA	810.00
39903	State Bank in Eden Valley	Cash start – holiday gathering	200.00
39904	The Kingery Family	Services – holiday gathering	350.00
EFT	PERA	PERA	1,487.55
39905	Best Buy	Supplies	2,870.85
39906	Penny Covert	Reissue lost check #21049	90.50
39907	State Bank in Eden Valley	Wire transfer to 4M Fund	100,015.00
EFT	PERA	PERA	1,530.89
EFT	PERA	PERA DCP	86.00
EFT	IRS	Payroll Taxes	7,485.79
JE-2014-1	Water Treatment Plant	December Usage	10,296.00
22128	Payroll	Zoning	3,796.31
22129-22134	Payroll	Salaries	6,248.12
22135-22140	Payroll	Salaries	6,340.98
22141-22144	Council	Salaries	1,016.92
		TOTAL:	$ 142,624.91
		GRAND TOTAL:	$ 339,125.65