

Regular Meeting

July 8, 2015

7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the July 8, 2015 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 Bengtson, Councilors Sheets, Bradshaw, Thielen and Kern, and Clerk Haag. Also present Public Works Director Rademacher, Chief Junker, Kent Louwagie, and others. Mayor Bengtson presided.

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Thielen. Items on the consent agenda included Approve Minutes of June 3, 2015 regular meeting, Approve Donation Resolution #2015-13, Accept liability coverage limits of \$1,500,000 from LMCIT and not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, Section 466.04. Motion to approve consent agenda was seconded by Bradshaw and carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was Church Street South traffic and a number of concerned citizens were present to discuss the issue. Mayor Bengtson asked that those wishing to speak come to the podium and state their name before stating their concerns. Peter Muccicciaro, 343 Church Street South, reported he would be spokesperson for the neighborhood residents present, and that they have been having on-going issues with traffic and speed of vehicles in that area due to traffic coming and going for baseball games. He said the speed bumps have helped somewhat, the issue of people driving around the speed bumps seems to have been addressed, the baseball players are no longer the issue as they are mostly using the south entrance to the park, but that people attending the baseball games continue to use excessive speed when traveling to the park and the neighborhood fears for the safety of their children. He acknowledged he had locked the main gate and had yelled at some people at a recent baseball game after he had witnessed a SUV traveling down the street at a speed he estimated to be 40 mph. He also reported he had witnessed his brother die after being struck by a vehicle 32 years ago and did not wish to ever see that happen to anyone else, regretted he had locked the gate and had the altercation, but feared for the safety of his children and reacted to that fear at the time. The neighborhood group feels the Council needs to come up with a solution to the traffic issues during sporting events, and he suggested blocking off north entrance and using the south entrance to the park, although he realizes that may not be the best solution either. They do not want to have to keep their children indoors to keep them safe and want them to be able to play outside without fear of getting hit by a vehicle. Mayor Bengtson agreed there is a problem, but said closing the entrance is not the answer. He also informed Muccicciaro that what he did when locking the gate could be constituted as a crime and could have been both a security and safety risk. He also noted if there had been an emergency in the area rescue vehicles or ambulance would have been blocked from entering the north park entrance to assist. Tina Junker and Jennifer Rishkofski expressed similar concerns with traffic and suggested the gate be closed during events. David Lease was present and reported he lives by the south entrance to the park and experiences issues with traffic and dust there already and does not wish to see additional traffic routed there, but hopes the Council can come up with a solution that works for everyone. Cindy Tomsche reported she is at the baseball park frequently during the season, since her husband is a coach, and agreed the issue needs to be resolved, since she said some of the residents have yelled at fans and behaved in ways that do not give a good impression of the City and its people to those visiting from other areas. She

also reported some of the children in the neighborhood have been seen playing in the streets, which adds to the safety issues, noting there are pictures documenting this. She asked the Council to help make it a good place to have a baseball game. Diane Geislinger, associated with Hawks Baseball team, said in the over 40 years she has been involved with the baseball she has never been so embarrassed as she has the last year or two with the foul language the residents in the area use toward fans and other people at the games. She suggested parents keep their children off of the streets and have them play in their yards, noting the baseball park has been there longer than many of the houses on the street. Residents reported their children did not play in the streets and were monitored by the parents. Other neighbors expressed concerns regarding speeding vehicles and the unfavorable reaction of drivers when neighbors have asked them to slow down. After further discussion, Mayor Bengtson thanked those present for coming, reported the Council will review the issue but, since the baseball season is almost over for the year, will take some time to do it right and come up with an acceptable and reasonable solution before next year's baseball season.

City Engineer Kent Louwagie was present to give an update on the Highway 22 project. He reported the 2013 concrete work has been completed and crews are in the city today and scheduled to return tomorrow to complete more punch list items. Council questioned the patchwork completed and what happens if the patches do not hold. Louwagie reported if it fails the contractor will have to come back and fix it, noting a two-year warranty for the work goes into effect after the final payment is made to the contractor.

Clerk Haag reported City Attorney Adam Ripple has reviewed the draft rental ordinance and found no issues of concern. A special meeting to provide information on the proposed ordinance to property owners will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Civic Center and Haag will mail notification of the meeting to all affected property owners.

The Meeker County contract for Assessment services for assessment years 2016-2019 was reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Bengtson, seconded by Thielen.

Mayor Bengtson reported a Certificate of Commendation was awarded to the City of Eden Valley and its wastewater treatment staff by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for operation of the treatment facility. He also recognized Jim Rademacher and Mark Berg for the phenomenal job they do for the City, noting the City has received 14 certificates since 1993.

Haag reported she had submitted an application for, and received, a grant from CentraCare Health Foundation Paynesville to purchase 2 AED units, one for the Event Center/Library building and the other for the Civic Center/City Hall. Cost of the two units is \$3672, with grant award of \$2300 from CentraCare.

Mayor Bengtson opened the Public Forum. There were no comments.

The Clerk presented the bills.

Total Expense: \$ 137,905.77

A motion to approve the bills, with the exception of the bill from Thielen Machine & Welding, was made by Thielen, seconded by Bradshaw, and carried unanimously. A motion to pay the

bill from Thielen Machine & Welding was made by Bengtson, seconded by Kern, and carried, with Thielen abstaining.

Clerk Haag provided copies of correspondence from the Coalition of Greater MN Cities regarding an annual conference and membership information for Council review. Haag reported the City had received a refund check of \$15,632.47 from Resource Training & Solutions as a result of the City's favorable group health insurance claims experience. Landscaping needs to be completed at the City's four "Eden Valley" signs that were purchased the last two years and Haag had received an estimate from Landscaping Plus for landscaping, plus solar lighting at the four entrances. Haag suggested the refund check received from Resource Training be used to pay for the balance of the cost of the AED units to be purchased with the help of the CentraCare grant, the proposed re-codification of the City's ordinances by American Legal, and the landscaping by the city signs. Questions on the design and the solar lighting were discussed, as well as the number of contractors contacted. A request for a drawing of the proposed plans from Landscaping Plus and an additional estimate from another contractor were requested for review at the next Council meeting.

Haag reported she was still researching information regarding Lonn Peterson's request for incentives for new home construction and had obtained some information from cities regarding incentives they offered, plus was waiting for information from the County Auditor's office regarding estimated tax revenues on new homes.

A resident had requested Haag ask the Council to consider participating in the National Flood Insurance Plan (NFIP) through FEMA in order to allow residents to purchase flood insurance. Haag explained the Council had discussed this issue in the past, but it always appeared the enforcement of the ordinance they would need to adopt to participate in NFIP would be complicated and labor intensive to enforce. New flood maps have been updated and Haag had contacted FEMA representative Ceil Strauss regarding participation. Since the only area FEMA has designated as a flood hazard is in the area near the sewage treatment ponds and would not be developed for housing, Strauss suggested the City could adopt a simplified ordinance of approximately ten pages that would state no building would be allowed in the area designated as a flood hazard. Strauss would also provide a sample ordinance and resolution for the City to consider adopting, and a public hearing would be needed before adopting the ordinance. Strauss reported participation in the plan would provide residents access to preferred risk policies, plus she had heard SBA was denying loans to small businesses in some cities if the cities did not participate in NFIP. After discussion, the Council requested Haag contact Strauss for the sample ordinance and resolution and they will consider participation in NFIP.

Correspondence from the Stearns County Assessor's office regarding the availability of online training for Local Board of Review training was provided to the Council.

Haag reported due to time constraints she was unable to have the 6-month budget to actual report ready for the Council, but would have it by the next Council meeting.

Chief Junker provided his monthly report of calls and said Derrick Bjork is working shifts on his own now and continues to do a good job. Both Councilors Kern and Thielen mentioned they had good reports on Derrick's performance as well.

Junker reported Valley Daze had gone fairly well and also provided an update on Midsummer Blast plans.

Council questioned Junker on his suggestions for the ballpark entrance on Church Street South. He responded he did not have the answer, he has been aware of the traffic issue for the 15 years he has lived on the street, and that parents also need to be responsible for where their children play. Discussion followed on some possible solutions including additional speed bumps, the replacement of the existing speed bumps that are showing wear, setting up "blockade" type barriers to slow traffic, and/or extra police patrol before and after games, as well as a few times during a game. It was suggested for the time being the extra police patrol be put into effect, and if local officers aren't on duty the County be requested to swing through as well. The Council will continue to review these other possible solutions.

Public Works Director Rademacher reported Asplund is in town trimming trees for Xcel and asked the Council to contact him if there are any issues related to that. Rademacher reported the curbs have been painted and colored cement sealed. Council requested Junker enforce parking violations on Stearns Avenue West where the curbs are painted. Junker suggested when the city ordinances are updated a general parking ticket fine be included.

Next meeting will be rental code information meeting on July 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and next regular meeting date will be August 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Attest:

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Mona Haag, Clerk/Treasurer

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Brent Bengtson, Mayor

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June 2015 to July 2015

Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
<b>10100 STATE BANK IN EV</b>			
Paid Chk# 008879	CENTER POINT ENERGY	6/22/2015	\$472.30 NATURAL GAS
Paid Chk# 008880	FLEET SERVICES	6/22/2015	\$558.31 SQUAD LEASE
Paid Chk# 008881	JACK'S OIL DISTRIBUTING INC	6/22/2015	\$886.28 GAS & OIL
Paid Chk# 008882	LOST & FOUND	6/22/2015	\$206.47 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008883	MEEKER COOPERATIVE	6/22/2015	\$569.50 ELECTRIC
Paid Chk# 008884	SELECT ACCOUNT	6/22/2015	\$8.44 ADMIN FEES INSURANCE
Paid Chk# 008885	JANICE SHEETS	6/22/2015	\$57.50 MILEAGE
Paid Chk# 008886	STATE BANK IN EDEN VALLEY	6/22/2015	\$400.00 STARTING CASH - KICKOFF
Paid Chk# 008887	STEARNS ELECTRIC ASSOCIATI	6/22/2015	\$2,600.00 INTEREST ON FIRE TRUCK LOAN
Paid Chk# 008888	VALLEY DAZE COMMITTEE	6/22/2015	\$1,000.00 LEGION DONATION FOR PARADE
Paid Chk# 008889	VMG	6/22/2015	\$35.12 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008890	WEST CENTRAL SANITATION	6/22/2015	\$154.69 SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008891	XCEL ENERGY	6/22/2015	\$1,703.51 ELECTRIC
Paid Chk# 008892	RITA ANDERSON	7/9/2015	\$60.00 ZONING - 4/22 & 5/27
Paid Chk# 008893	MICHAEL RIPLEY	7/9/2015	\$30.00 ZONING - 4/22/15
Paid Chk# 008894	JESSICA SATHER	7/9/2015	\$60.00 ZONING - 4/22 & 5/27
Paid Chk# 008895	A & C FARM SERVICES	7/9/2015	\$1,173.50 REPAIRS
Paid Chk# 008896	ALEX AIR APPARATUS INC	7/9/2015	\$745.57 TOOLS & MINOR EQUIP
Paid Chk# 008897	AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	7/9/2015	\$165.09 UNIFORM RENTAL
Paid Chk# 008898	JUANITA ARENS	7/9/2015	\$450.00 SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008899	ARROW GLASS	7/9/2015	\$1,138.89 REPAIRS
Paid Chk# 008900	ARVIG	7/9/2015	\$1,475.30 ADV & PHONE
Paid Chk# 008901	BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	7/9/2015	\$129.00 BDS VAULT SOFTWARE
Paid Chk# 008902	BCBS/RESOURCE TRAINING	7/9/2015	\$5,329.00 INSURANCE
Paid Chk# 008903	BOLTON & MENK, INC	7/9/2015	\$2,240.00 ENGINEERING - CIP
Paid Chk# 008904	BOND TRUST SERVICES	7/9/2015	\$18,677.50 BOND PAYMENTS
Paid Chk# 008905	CENTRAL MCGOWAN	7/9/2015	\$6.60 RENTAL
Paid Chk# 008906	CITY OF WATKINS	7/9/2015	\$229.69 WATER FESTIVAL LUNCH
Paid Chk# 008907	COMDATA	7/9/2015	\$1,240.44 SUPPLIES & SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008908	CUSTOM DRYWALL INNOVATIO	7/9/2015	\$130.00 SERVICES/MAINT/REP
Paid Chk# 008909	EDEN VALLEY LUMBER CO	7/9/2015	\$172.65 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008910	ERKENS WATER SOFTENER SE	7/9/2015	\$21.30 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008911	FASTENAL COMPANY	7/9/2015	\$6.09 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008912	GENERATOR POWER SYSTEMS	7/9/2015	\$3,585.56 MAINT/REPAIR
Paid Chk# 008913	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL	7/9/2015	\$21.75 SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008914	GRANITE WATER WORKS	7/9/2015	\$77.59 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008915	HAWKINS INC	7/9/2015	\$1,060.04 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008916	HEARTLAND SECURITY	7/9/2015	\$59.25 SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008917	INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CEN	7/9/2015	\$36.34 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008918	JACK'S OIL DISTRIBUTING INC	7/9/2015	\$1,397.14 GAS & RENTAL
Paid Chk# 008919	K & B SOLUTIONS	7/9/2015	\$736.75 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008920	KEEPRS, INC.	7/9/2015	\$52.66 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008921	KELLYS HEATING AND AC	7/9/2015	\$393.00 MAINT/REPAIR
Paid Chk# 008922	KIMBALL PARTS CITY	7/9/2015	\$123.19 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008923	LEIGHTON BROADCASTING	7/9/2015	\$1,825.00 ADVERTISING
Paid Chk# 008924	LMCIT	7/9/2015	\$14,953.00 WORK COMP INSURANCE

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Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
Paid Chk# 008925	M & M LUMBER	7/9/2015	\$65.00 RENTAL
Paid Chk# 008926	MARC	7/9/2015	\$232.95 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008927	MEEKER COMMUNICATION SER	7/9/2015	\$104.26 REPAIRS
Paid Chk# 008928	MINI BIFF LLC	7/9/2015	\$119.34 RENTAL
Paid Chk# 008929	MINNESOTA COMPUTER SYSTE	7/9/2015	\$89.49 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008930	PAYNESVILLE PRESS	7/9/2015	\$11.90 ADVERTISING
Paid Chk# 008931	BOB PESCHON	7/9/2015	\$200.00 SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008932	JAMES RADEMACHER	7/9/2015	\$150.00 RENTAL
Paid Chk# 008933	RINKE NOONAN	7/9/2015	\$382.20
Paid Chk# 008934	CRIS RISBERG	7/9/2015	\$500.00 SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008935	ROSCOE BASEBALL	7/9/2015	\$150.00 ADVERTISING - MSB
Paid Chk# 008936	SCHLANGEN CABINETS	7/9/2015	\$590.00 RESTROOM CABINETS
Paid Chk# 008937	SELECT ACCOUNT	7/9/2015	\$8.44 INSURANCE ADMIN
Paid Chk# 008938	STEARNS COUNTY AUDITOR/TR	7/9/2015	\$2,416.50 ASSESSOR SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008939	STRATEGIC	7/9/2015	\$698.96 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008940	SUMMIT COMPANIES	7/9/2015	\$432.00 MAINT/REPAIR
Paid Chk# 008941	TEAM LABORATORY	7/9/2015	\$594.00 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008942	JEFF TEICHER	7/9/2015	\$260.00 LIONS PARK SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008943	TESSMER MEATS	7/9/2015	\$115.31 SUPPLIES - KICKOFF
Paid Chk# 008944	THIELEN MACHINE & WELDING,	7/9/2015	\$1,000.00 MINOR EQUIPMENT - BRUSH SITE
Paid Chk# 008945	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	7/9/2015	\$115.09 COPIER LEASE
Paid Chk# 008946	TOTAL LAWN CARE	7/9/2015	\$252.86 SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008947	UC LABORATORY	7/9/2015	\$391.60 TESTING
Paid Chk# 008948	US BANK	7/9/2015	\$2,835.00 INTEREST ON 2003 BOND
Paid Chk# 008949	VALLEY QUICK STOP	7/9/2015	\$7.99 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008950	VERIZON	7/9/2015	\$263.15
Paid Chk# 008951	VMG	7/9/2015	\$209.14 SUPPLIES
Paid Chk# 008952	WEST CENTRAL TRIBUNE	7/9/2015	\$634.48 ADVERTISING
Paid Chk# 008953	WM MORRIS ENDEAVOR ENTER	7/9/2015	\$0.00 JON PARDI DEPOSIT
Paid Chk# 008954	XCEL ENERGY	7/9/2015	\$4,040.26 ELECTRIC
Paid Chk# 008955	HOUSTON PRODUCTIONS LLC	7/9/2015	\$10,000.00 JON PARDI DEPOSIT
Paid Chk# 008956	PAT BECKER	7/9/2015	\$20.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008957	HOWARD COVERT	7/9/2015	\$110.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008958	PENNY COVERT	7/9/2015	\$65.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008959	KRISTEN EISENSCHENK	7/9/2015	\$30.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008960	PAM HAAG	7/9/2015	\$75.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008961	LACY HEMMESCH	7/9/2015	\$55.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008962	LINUS HEMMESCH	7/9/2015	\$40.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008963	DARRIN HONDL	7/9/2015	\$65.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008964	ERNIE JUNKER	7/9/2015	\$90.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008965	MARK KERN	7/9/2015	\$80.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008966	CHAD KUECHLE	7/9/2015	\$45.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008967	HEIDI KUECHLE	7/9/2015	\$45.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008968	PERRY KUECHLE	7/9/2015	\$5.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008969	JOHN MAGEDANZ	7/9/2015	\$50.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008970	LOREN MEIERHOFER	7/9/2015	\$20.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008971	DENNIS NISTLER	7/9/2015	\$30.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008972	JERROD NOHNER	7/9/2015	\$20.00 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

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Paid Chk# 008973 JASON NORDMANN	7/9/2015	\$25.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008974 JAMES RADEMACHER	7/9/2015	\$150.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008975 BILL RUHLAND	7/9/2015	\$80.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008976 RANDY RUHLAND	7/9/2015	\$105.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008977 STEVE SCHMITT	7/9/2015	\$160.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008978 CORY SCHULTZ	7/9/2015	\$70.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008979 ADAM TEICHER	7/9/2015	\$15.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008980 DAVE TEICHER	7/9/2015	\$60.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008981 LORI TEICHER	7/9/2015	\$120.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008982 DAN THIELEN	7/9/2015	\$150.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008983 GREG THIELEN	7/9/2015	\$120.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008984 JOE THIELEN	7/9/2015	\$85.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008985 MARY THIELEN	7/9/2015	\$130.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008986 SCOTT THIELEN	7/9/2015	\$220.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
Paid Chk# 008987 JEFF WENDROTH	7/9/2015	\$45.00	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
<b>Total Checks</b>		<b>\$95,703.93</b>	

CHECK#	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT
EFT129E	Authnet Gateway	MSB Website Chgs	94.16
JE-201514	City of EV – Sewer Fund	Backwash at Treatment Plant	2,294.75
EFT130E	Select Account	Flex	293.40
39995	Paynesville Chamber	MSB Parade entry fee	25.00
EFT131E	ING	MN DCP	100.00
EFT132E	IRS	Payroll Taxes	1,959.14
EFT133E	PERA	PERA	1,690.07
EFT134E	Select Account	Flex	283.76
EFT135E	IRS	Payroll Taxes	81.83
EFT136E	PERA	PERA DCP	145.00
EFT137E	Select Account	Flex	82.01
39997	Rainbow Singers	Services – Kickoff	150.00
EFT138E	ING	MN DCP	100.00
EFT139E	IRS	Payroll Taxes	1,844.57
EFT140E	PERA	PERA	1,660.08
EFT141E	MN Revenue	State withholding tax	1,127.01
39998	AFSCME Local 65	Union dues	373.56
JE-2015	Water Treatment Plant	June Usage	9,058.50
22591-			
22598	Payroll	Salaries	7,426.87
22599-			
22603	Council	Salaries & meetings	1,596.57
22604-			
22611	Payroll	Salaries	7,054.32
22612			
22643	Fire & Rescue	Calls & meetings	4,761.24
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 42,201.84</b>

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 137,905.77**