

Regular Meeting
March 4, 2015
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the March 4, 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, and Joe & Karen Becker. Mayor Bengtson presided.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Sheets, seconded by Bradshaw.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Thielen. Items on the consent agenda included Approve Minutes of February 4, 2015 regular meeting, Approve Donation Resolution #2015-5, Approve LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Assumption Church raffle on October 6, 2015 with no waiting period. Motion to approve consent agenda was seconded by Bradshaw and carried unanimously.

Joe & Karen Becker were present to discuss renewal of the Irrigation Land Lease between Becker Farms and the City of Eden Valley. Current 3-year lease with annual payment of \$7722 has expired and Joe requested the Council consider renewing the lease for another three years and offered a 10% increase in the amount of \$8500 per year. Public Works Director Rademacher reported Becker Farms works well with the City on the land lease. Discussion on advertising for bids was held, and it was noted Beckers had planted alfalfa last Fall on some of the land. After discussion, a motion was made by Thielen, seconded by Kern, and carried unanimously to renew the Land Lease with Becker Farms for another 3 years, at the rate of \$8500 per year. The subject of possible overnight camping on the land in conjunction with Midsummer Blast was discussed as well. Becker said he felt something could be worked out depending on weather and rain and did not see an issue if it would be located on the grassland straight north and east. Consensus of the Council was to hold off on any plans for overnight camping in 2014.

The next item on the Agenda was Policy on Preventing Water Line Freeze-up. Haag had provided information from the League of MN Cities and Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) on adopting policies, as well as a copy of the policy adopted by the City of Watkins and a sample policy from Minnesota Rural Water. After discussion, a motion was made by Thielen to remove the fifth bullet point from the sample policy from MRWA concerning one home on a line, and adopt the amended policy with the base water temperature of 35°. Motion was seconded by Sheets and carried unanimously.

Resolution #2015-6, A Resolution Decertifying Tax Increment Financing District 4-2A of the City of Eden Valley was introduced and moved for adoption by Kern, and seconded by Bengtson. Voting in favor were Sheets, Bradshaw, Bengtson, Thielen and Kern; against: none, whereby Resolution #2015-6 was duly adopted.

City Information Technology was discussed. Mayor Bengtson suggested a security audit review may be needed of the City's IT system to determine any potential threats to security, or develop policies to manage it. It was suggested Haag contact the League of MN Cities to determine if they had any sample policies or if there was any direction from the State as to guidelines for IT security for cities, and Bengtson will review with Haag and bring information back to the Council.

Resolution #2015-7, A Resolution Approving Application for a DNR outdoor recreation grant for improvements to the Friederichs Park was introduced and moved for adoption by Thielen, and seconded by Kern. Voting in favor were Sheets, Bradshaw, Bengtson, Thielen and Kern; against: none whereby Resolution #2015-7 was duly adopted.

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

The Clerk presented the bills.

Total Expense: \$ 96,517.07

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

Haag provided correspondence from the League of Minnesota Cities on current legislative issues for Council review. Resolution #2015-8, A Resolution Supporting Dedicated State Funding for City Streets was introduced and moved for adoption by Bengtson, seconded by Sheets. Voting in favor were Sheets, Bradshaw, Bengtson, Thielen and Kern; against: none, whereby Resolution #2015-8 was duly adopted. Resolution #2015-9, A Resolution In Support of Legislation Establishing an Early Voting Process for Voters in Minnesota was introduced and moved for adoption by Kern, seconded by Sheets. Voting in favor were Sheets, Bradshaw, Bengtson, Thielen and Kern; against: none, whereby Resolution #2015-9 was duly adopted. The report of cash & investment balances as of 2/28/15 was also provided by Haag for Council review.

Haag reported the annual audit had gone well and the final report would be available at the April 8, 2015 regular Council meeting, which would also be the date for the annual Boards of Review, with Stearns County portion of the City from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., Meeker County portion from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., and the regular Council meeting scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. Haag had sent the draft Rental Ordinance to City Attorney Adam Ripple and had emailed his response on the initial review to Council and indicated he would review it further when he had returned, as he was scheduled to be out of the office for a week. Haag had also questioned Ripple on the possibility of the City contracting for a Compliance Officer/Zoning Administrator and he indicated it may be a possibility, but would be reviewing the draft rental ordinance further and provide more information at a later date.

Haag suggested the Council consider scheduling a date to discuss the issue of tarp accessory structures with affected residents, since the previous Council had extended the date for compliance with the current zoning ordinance to June 30, 2015, and had indicated a meeting with residents would be scheduled before that date. Discussion followed, with Council suggestion to review the entire zoning ordinance, noting it would take some time to complete

that task. After discussion, a motion was made by Bengtson to remove the June 30, 2015 deadline for the affected tarp accessory structure owners to comply with the ordinance and extend it until the time when the Council has reviewed the existing ordinance and made any necessary changes, and to not allow any more tarp accessory structures per the existing ordinance during that time as well. Motion was seconded by Bradshaw and carried unanimously. Haag also reported on another zoning issue regarding accessory structures on bare lots and provided a copy of a Declaration of Restriction for Building Purposes that will be utilized in those cases per advice of City Attorney Adam Ripple.

Chief Junker provided reports for the months of January and February for Council review. He reported the Executive Training Institute for Police Chiefs is scheduled for April 20-22, 2015, is in his 2015 budget, and he would like to attend. Council consensus was Junker should attend the training.

Public Works Director Rademacher reported he and Mark are attending the MRWA annual conference in St. Cloud this week.

Valley Dairy Supply has an auction scheduled for March 27th and would like permission to close the frontage road along Highway 55 from Thielen Machine & Welding west to Smith Street on the day of the auction. They have been in contact with neighboring businesses in that area and have not received any concerns from those businesses regarding their request. Chief Junker reported he did not see any issues either, and Council consensus was to allow the street closing as requested.

Rademacher reported there is a water leak on the property owners service line at Eden Brook Apartments and the property owner is in the process of getting it fixed.

He also reported he has received two bids for a 3-yr. lease of tractor with mower deck. Haug Kabota bid is \$9385, and Arnold's of Kimball is \$10,250, both bids are net with trade of existing tractor w/deck. A motion to accept the bid of \$9385 from Haug Kabota was made by Thielen, seconded by Bengtson, and carried unanimously.

Councilor Sheets thanked the Council and City for sending her to LMC Newly Elected Official training and recommended the rest of the Council try to attend in the future. Mayor Bengtson had also attended and agreed it was good training and recommended other members attend as well.

Mayor Bengtson read a thank-you from the Eden Valley Area Library Board.

Council Thielen reported the Event Center is being used more by the community, the restrooms have not been completed yet and grant dollars and funds raised by the volunteer group Eden Valley Citizens for Progress have been used up on other building improvements completed there. Thielen suggested since it is a city building, budgeted funds from the City's Government Building repair and maintenance fund be used to complete the restrooms there, as discussed at the budget workshops in 2014. Thielen estimated costs to complete the restrooms could run \$18,000 to \$20,000 for electrical, plumbing and fixtures. Discussion followed, with Mayor Bengtson indicating he thought the Event Center was a benefit to the community and he would

not be opposed to getting the restrooms completed and then increasing the rental rate charged. Councilor Sheets also voiced support, saying she thought it was a great building for community functions, and provided opportunities to meet people within the community. Councilor Bradshaw voiced opposition to the idea, as well as the building use itself, reporting he feels it exists in competition with other businesses in the community. Councilor Kern noted he supports the idea of the Event Center, but expressed concern with spending that large of a portion of the budgeted money for the Event Center in case other unanticipated repair and maintenance needs came up in other buildings covered by that budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Thielen to pay for the restroom improvements at the Event Center with the budgeted funds. Motion was seconded by Bengtson. Voting in favor were Sheets, Bengtson, and Thielen; against: Bradshaw & Kern. Motion carried.

Next meeting date will be the April 8, 2015, with Board of Review for Stearns County at 7:00 p.m., Board of Review for Meeker County at 7:30 p.m. and Regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

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

Attest:

Mona Haag, Clerk/Treasurer

Brent Bengtson, Mayor

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Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
10100 STATE BANK IN EV			
Paid Chk# 008595	AFSCME LOCAL 65	2/23/2015	\$250.64 UNION DUES
Paid Chk# 008596	CENTER POINT ENERGY	2/23/2015	\$2,359.74 NATURAL GAS
Paid Chk# 008597	EHLERS & ASSOCIATES INC	2/23/2015	\$100.00 REPORTING SERVICES
Paid Chk# 008598	FLEET SERVICES	2/23/2015	\$558.31 SQUAD LEASE
Paid Chk# 008599	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	2/23/2015	\$348.04 DISABILITY INSURANCE
Paid Chk# 008600	MEEKER COOPERATIVE	2/23/2015	\$741.50 ELECTRIC
Paid Chk# 008601	SELECT ACCOUNT	2/23/2015	\$349.69 FLEX & ADMIN
Paid Chk# 008602	XCEL ENERGY	2/23/2015	\$1,079.46 ELECTRIC
Paid Chk# 008603	AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	3/5/2015	\$134.67 Uniform rental
Paid Chk# 008604	JUANITA ARENS	3/5/2015	\$450.00 Brookview services
Paid Chk# 008605	ARVIG	3/5/2015	\$1,487.62 Adv & phone
Paid Chk# 008606	AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO.	3/5/2015	\$1,114.10 Repairs
Paid Chk# 008607	WESTERN TREE SERVICE	3/5/2015	\$600.00 Services
Paid Chk# 008608	BATTERIES PLUS	3/5/2015	\$215.90 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008609	BCBS/RESOURCE TRAINING	3/5/2015	\$5,329.00 Insurance
Paid Chk# 008610	CENTRA CARE HEALTH PAYNES	3/5/2015	\$315.75 Vaccine - Teicher
Paid Chk# 008611	CENTRAL MCGOWAN	3/5/2015	\$10.56 Rental
Paid Chk# 008612	COMDATA	3/5/2015	\$264.15 Supplies, service, dues
Paid Chk# 008613	EDEN VALLEY LUMBER CO	3/5/2015	\$240.45 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008614	ERTL HARDWARE	3/5/2015	\$4.18 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008615	GALLS LLC	3/5/2015	\$49.92 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008616	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL	3/5/2015	\$11.60 Services
Paid Chk# 008617	JACK'S OIL DISTRIBUTING INC	3/5/2015	\$529.81 Gas
Paid Chk# 008618	KAESER & BLAIR INC	3/5/2015	\$855.21 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008619	KDV	3/5/2015	\$12,800.00 Audit Charges
Paid Chk# 008620	KIMBALL PARTS CITY	3/5/2015	\$6.73 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008621	LMC	3/5/2015	\$80.00 Loss Control Workshop
Paid Chk# 008622	MEEKER COMMUNICATION SER	3/5/2015	\$440.00 Programming
Paid Chk# 008623	MINNESOTA COMPUTER SYSTE	3/5/2015	\$89.27 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008624	MN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	3/5/2015	\$680.00 Connection Fee
Paid Chk# 008625	MN STATE FIRE DEPT ASSOCIA	3/5/2015	\$170.00 Dues
Paid Chk# 008626	M-R SIGNS	3/5/2015	\$85.15 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008627	MR. HEATING & AC, LLC	3/5/2015	\$197.50 Repairs
Paid Chk# 008628	440600 NCPERS MINNESOTA	3/5/2015	\$16.00 Insurance
Paid Chk# 008629	NOHNER ELECTRIC	3/5/2015	\$152.15 Services
Paid Chk# 008630	OFFICE DEPOT	3/5/2015	\$65.76 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008631	PAYNESVILLE PRESS	3/5/2015	\$403.11 Advertising & Printing
Paid Chk# 008632	BOB PESCHON	3/5/2015	\$200.00 Services
Paid Chk# 008633	JAMES RADEMACHER	3/5/2015	\$100.00 Safety shoes
Paid Chk# 008634	RAMSEY PRINTING	3/5/2015	\$172.10 Supplies
Paid Chk# 008635	SELECT ACCOUNT	3/5/2015	\$2,114.66 Flex & Admin
Paid Chk# 008636	JANICE SHEETS	3/5/2015	\$228.97 Mileage & Lodging
Paid Chk# 008637	STEARNS COUNTY AUDITOR/TR	3/5/2015	\$408.07 Election services
Paid Chk# 008638	THIELEN EXCAVATING LLC	3/5/2015	\$1,728.00 Services
Paid Chk# 008639	TOM'S CARPET KINGDOM	3/5/2015	\$2,508.87 Carpet/Tile #105
Paid Chk# 008640	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	3/5/2015	\$115.09 Copier Lease

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Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
Paid Chk# 008641 UC LABORATORY	3/5/2015	\$43.60	Testing
Paid Chk# 008642 VERIZON	3/5/2015	\$262.13	Phone
Paid Chk# 008643 VMG	3/5/2015	\$23.76	Supplies
Paid Chk# 008644 WEST CENTRAL SANITATION	3/5/2015	\$512.80	
Paid Chk# 008645 XCEL ENERGY	3/5/2015	\$1,831.15	Electric
Total Checks		\$42,835.17	

CHECK#	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT
39983	MN BCA	Background ck-Brookview	15.00
EFT83E	ING	MN DCP	100.00
EFT84E	IRS	Payroll Taxes	2,012.60
EFT85E	PERA	PERA	1,917.38
39984	MN DNR Ecological	Water use permit	227.68
EFT86E	ING	MN DCP	100.00
EFT87E	IRS	Payroll Taxes	1,978.84
EFT88E	PERA	PERA	1,822.98
EFT89E	MN Revenue	State withholding tax	793.23
EFT90E	USDA Rural Development	Fire Hall loan payment	21,740.00
JE-20155	Water Treatment Plant	February Usage	8,622.00
22493-			
22498	Payroll	Salaries	7,329.43
22499-			
22504	Payroll	Salaries	7,022.76

TOTAL: \$ 53,681.90

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 96,517.07