

Regular Meeting
September 4, 2013
7:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the September 4, 2013 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 and Dan Thielen, and Clerk Haag. Also present Public Works Director Rademacher, Chief Junker, City Engineer Kent Louwagie and others. Mayor Korman presided.

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

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Gabrelcik. Items on the consent agenda included Approve minutes of August 7, 2013 regular meeting, Adopt Donation Resolution #2013-26, Approve Fund Transfer of \$22,800 from Capital Improvement Fund to Healthy Communities Fund for building improvements per March 6, 2013 Council meeting, Approve renewal of LMCIT liability coverage with city not waiving monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statutes 466.04. Motion to approve consent agenda was seconded by Thielen and carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was review and discussion of the Church Street South neighborhood request and petition regarding traffic and speed issues related to the athletic field/city park. Community members present included Kathy Theis, Rich Kleis, Mike and Cindy Tomsche, Chuck Geislinger, Bob and Diane Geislinger, Dave Schneider, Gerry Arnold, Mike Haag, as well as media representatives Jean Matua and Laurie Schultz. Mayor Korman reported since the last meeting he had requested Public Works Director Rademacher check into pricing of flashing lighted speed limit signs, and Rademacher reported the cost of a residential sign with flashing LED lights was estimated at \$4500 to \$4800. Limiting access to the park through the south entrance only was discussed, and concerns over traffic congestion and safety with only one entrance were raised. Bob Geislinger, Hawks Baseball manager, also expressed safety concerns for safety of volunteers collecting admissions at the gate if it were on the south end of the park, since the entrance is not visible from the baseball field and theft of admissions or safety of the attendant could be an issue. Traffic and speeding of students driving to baseball practice was discussed, and EV-W Baseball Coach Mike Tomsche reported they had not been advised of any problems related to this and would certainly address the issue if needed. Discussion followed on parental responsibility related to children playing in the street, lack of sidewalks in the area, increased police patrol and ticketing offenders, options for alerting motorists of the speed limit, and other measures that could slow traffic in the area, including installation of speed bumps. After discussion, it was the general consensus of those present that restricting access to the park from the south side was not a viable option, but the Council did authorize installation of portable speed bumps on each block during the months of April through July next year, plus installing portable flashing amber lights on the existing speed limit signs on Church Street South to be used during events at the park as soon as Public Works Director Rademacher can determine a way to attach them. Continued traffic control of the area by the Police Department was also affirmed.

Mike Haag, EV-W Eagle Boosters representative, was present to request permission to have a building constructed at the city athletic field park to be used by the Booster Club for their brat stand sales at football games. Plans are to construct a 12X36 steel building in the location where they currently operate their stand with the use of the Sportsman's Club wagon and Booster's tent/canopy. The Eagle Boosters will pay for the cost of the building and the EV-W School District will cover the insurance on the building. Clerk/Zoning Administrator Haag reported the Planning & Zoning Commission had reviewed a site permit application for the proposed building and had recommended approval of the site permit contingent on City Council approval to build it on the city's land. A motion was made by Thielen, seconded by Gabrelcik, and carried unanimously to approve the request by the Eagle Boosters to construct the building on city property.

City Engineer Kent Louwagie was present to update the Council on the street project. Louwagie reported pavement and approximately 3 feet of the topsoil has been removed. Dewatering is expected to begin, with current water table 12 to 14 feet below the surface, and installation of sewer main to be at approximately 20 feet. The contractor is currently sinking well points 25 feet down for the dewatering, and once pumping they estimate it will be 3 to 7 days before sewer pipe can be laid. Casing for the watermain at the railroad should be installed next week, and the railroad is expected to come in mid-September to replace the rails. The proposed bus route needed to be modified and is now turning south off of Stearns Avenue East through the alley by the school and city parking lot. Temporary water hookups are almost all set up and water will need to be tested before they go online. A construction update meeting should be scheduled within the next week for further updates. Council questions on storm sewer and street lighting issues were answered.

The 2014 proposed budget was reviewed. Mayor Korman reported the Council and staff had held a budget workshop session the week before and the proposed budget and levy for 2014 once again did not propose to raise the total levy, for the 6th year in a row. Korman also reminded everyone the proposed levy could not be raised once approved in September, but could be lowered before the final levy is approved in December. Discussion was held on LGA increases, and sales tax exemption for 2014, as well as other budget items. After discussion, a motion was made by Thielen, seconded by Gabrelcik, and carried to approve the proposed budget for 2014. Resolution 2013-27, Resolution Approving Proposed Tax Levy, was introduced and moved for approval by Gabrelcik:

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSED TAX LEVY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Eden Valley, Counties of Meeker and Stearns, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2014, upon the taxable property in the City of Eden Valley, for the following purposes.

GENERAL FUND LEVY	\$	383,500.00
2003 GO IMPROVEMENT BOND	\$	4,500.00
2007 GO IMPROVEMENT BOND	\$	<u>12,000.00</u>
TOTAL LEVY TO BE CERTIFIED	\$	400,000.00

The city clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county auditors of Meeker and Stearns Counties, Minnesota.

Motion was seconded by Thielen. Voting in favor were Gabrelcik, Korman and Thielen; against: none, whereby Resolution #2013-27 was duly adopted. The public hearing on the final budget and levy for 2014 will be held on December 4, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

A Fire & Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement between neighboring fire and emergency departments has been drafted by the City of Paynesville with assistance from their attorney Bill Spooner. Clerk Haag explained the Stearns County Fire Chief's Association had proposed a mutual aid agreement, but theirs did not follow all of the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust recommendations, so the City of Paynesville had revised the agreement to comply with those issues. Haag also reported she had reviewed the proposal with Fire Chief Joe Thielen. Twenty-three area departments have been invited to enter into the agreement. After review, a motion was made by Gabrelcik, seconded by Thielen, and carried unanimously, to approve the Fire & Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement as drafted by the City of Paynesville.

Minutes of the August 21, 2013 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the August 21, 2013 minutes and approve the site permits for Edward & Jennifer Kaminskie, Tom Inselman, and Eagle Boosters, and the Administrative Subdivision Parcel Combination for Tom Inselman was made by Thielen, seconded by Gabrelcik, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Korman opened the Public Forum. There were no comments

The Clerk presented the bills.

Total Expense: \$ 121,513.88

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

Clerk Haag reported she had contacted City Attorney Adam Ripple regarding the SpeakEasy outdoor seating area and a temporary agreement had been drafted and signed by Mr. Foss. The agreement expires December 31, 2013, in order to allow the Council ample time to consider adoption of an ordinance related to the issue. Haag provided information to the Council on LMC Regional meetings in the area and asked they contact her if they wished to attend. Haag reminded the Council the special election to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of former Councilor Eric Reetz was scheduled for September 10th. Possible dates for the next special election required to fill the vacancy resulting from Cheryl Thielen's resignation were discussed. After discussion, it was suggested to wait until after the holidays and end of year reporting timeline and January 28, 2014 was proposed as a potential date. Clerk Haag will draft the necessary resolution for consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

Mayor Korman reported there appear to be more concerns with rental housing in the city, especially on upkeep and nuisance issues, and suggested the Council may want to pursue looking at rental ordinances that may be beneficial. After discussion, Council requested staff look into sample ordinances and report back to the Council. Councilor Thielen questioned the status of obtaining microphones for the Council meetings, and Haag reported she is still waiting for Adam Saltmarsh from Arvig to be able to fit it in his schedule, and she will call him again to see when he will be available.

Chief Junker questioned if the Council wanted to survey residents on Church Street about their support of speed bumps before proceeding with installing them. The letter and petition submitted by the residents was reviewed, and indicated they would welcome whatever solution the Council comes up with, so no additional survey would be completed. Junker asked if installation of the speed bumps was a Council directive and he was advised it was. Junker reported the monthly report for August was not available yet.

Public Works Director Rademacher reported he had obtained two estimates for the Park Avenue East overlay from Highway 22 east to White Street and they were as follows: Caldwell Asphalt - \$15,520, and Mid Minnesota Hotmix - \$13,770. Rademacher recommended going with Mid Minnesota Hotmix. Councilor Thielen questioned if Rademacher had obtained a quote from the current project blacktop contractor, and Rademacher reported mobilization costs are an issue and he would like to move forward with the overlay. A motion was made by Thielen, seconded by Gabrelcik, and carried to proceed with the estimate from Mid Minnesota Hotmix and complete the overlay on Park Avenue East as proposed. Rademacher reported a resident had discussed a parking issue with him, but since they were not present no action was recommended. He also reported irrigation is going well. Mayor Korman requested Rademacher work on getting a flashing amber light installed on the speed limit signs for Church Street south that can be used for football game nights this year.

Next meeting will be a special meeting on September 16, 2013, with regular meeting date changed to October 9, 2013, due to the first Wednesday being so early in the month before most bills are submitted for payment.

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

Attest:

Mona Haag, Clerk/Treasurer

Peter Korman, Mayor

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August 2013 to September 2013

Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
10100 STATE BANK IN EV			
Paid Chk# 007109	AFSCME LOCAL 65	8/23/2013	\$233.50 UNION DUES
Paid Chk# 007110	CENTER POINT ENERGY	8/23/2013	\$385.88 NAUTRAL GAS
Paid Chk# 007111	FLEET SERVICES	8/23/2013	\$558.31
Paid Chk# 007112	MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	8/23/2013	\$334.70
Paid Chk# 007113	MEEKER COOPERATIVE	8/23/2013	\$466.84
Paid Chk# 007114	T-MOBILE	8/23/2013	\$120.41
Paid Chk# 007115	WEST CENTRAL SANITATION	8/23/2013	\$414.81
Paid Chk# 007116	XCEL ENERGY	8/23/2013	\$2,191.73
Paid Chk# 007117	AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	9/5/2013	\$124.13
Paid Chk# 007118	JUANITA ARENS	9/5/2013	\$400.00 Services
Paid Chk# 007119	ARVIG	9/5/2013	\$1,363.34
Paid Chk# 007120	BCBS/RESOURCE TRAINING	9/5/2013	\$5,449.00 Insurance
Paid Chk# 007121	BENUSA CONTRACT SALES & S	9/5/2013	\$1,583.89 AC units
Paid Chk# 007122	BORDER STATES	9/5/2013	\$141.03 supplies
Paid Chk# 007123	CENTRA SOTA	9/5/2013	\$254.14 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007124	COMDATA	9/5/2013	\$1,140.59 Supplies & Services
Paid Chk# 007125	DPC INDUSTRIES, INC.	9/5/2013	\$1,824.62 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007126	EDEN VALLEY LUMBER CO	9/5/2013	\$3,939.60 Supplies & Repairs
Paid Chk# 007127	ERKENS WATER SOFTENER SE	9/5/2013	\$54.29 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007128	PAT FANK	9/5/2013	\$175.00 Services
Paid Chk# 007129	GOPHER STATE ONE-CALL	9/5/2013	\$46.40 Services
Paid Chk# 007130	MONA HAAG	9/5/2013	\$147.47 Mileage
Paid Chk# 007131	HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS	9/5/2013	\$96.16 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007132	J.P. COOKE CO.	9/5/2013	\$82.80 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007133	JACK'S OIL DISTRIBUTING INC	9/5/2013	\$61.75 Generator fuel
Paid Chk# 007134	JERRY'S MEATS & PROCESSING	9/5/2013	\$888.30 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007135	JIM NEUMAN SMALL ENGINE RE	9/5/2013	\$27.68 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007136	JASON JOHNSON	9/5/2013	\$175.00 Services
Paid Chk# 007137	KEEPRS, INC.	9/5/2013	\$553.68 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007138	KELLYS HEATING AND AC	9/5/2013	\$166.00 Repairs
Paid Chk# 007139	KIMBALL PARTS CITY	9/5/2013	\$8.72 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007140	LMC	9/5/2013	\$1,142.00 Dues
Paid Chk# 007141	MAGUIRE IRON INC.	9/5/2013	\$29,210.00 Maintenance & Repairs
Paid Chk# 007142	MEEKER COMMUNICATION SER	9/5/2013	\$4,158.18 Squad Equip & Services
Paid Chk# 007143	MEEKER COUNTY ATTORNEY	9/5/2013	\$150.00
Paid Chk# 007144	MIKE'S STANDARD	9/5/2013	\$355.71 Gas, repairs, supplies
Paid Chk# 007145	MINNESOTA COMPUTER SYSTE	9/5/2013	\$111.67 Supplies & maint
Paid Chk# 007146	MN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	9/5/2013	\$680.00 Water connection fee
Paid Chk# 007147	440600 NCPERS MINNESOTA	9/5/2013	\$16.00 Insurance
Paid Chk# 007148	PAYNESVILLE PRESS	9/5/2013	\$73.60 Library volunteer adv
Paid Chk# 007149	BOB PESCHON	9/5/2013	\$200.00 Services
Paid Chk# 007150	PETTIPIECE & ASSOCIATES, LL	9/5/2013	\$946.24 Admin
Paid Chk# 007151	RAMSEY PRINTING	9/5/2013	\$213.75 \$2 tickets
Paid Chk# 007152	ROCKHOUSE PRODUCTIONS LL	9/5/2013	\$2,250.00 MSB Services
Paid Chk# 007153	JAMES SCHUTZ	9/5/2013	\$983.00 Services
Paid Chk# 007154	SELECT ACCOUNT	9/5/2013	\$559.39 Flex

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August 2013 to September 2013

Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
Paid Chk# 007155	TEAM LABORATORY	9/5/2013	\$619.88 Supplies
Paid Chk# 007156	JEFF TEICHER	9/5/2013	\$250.00 Services
Paid Chk# 007157	THIELEN MACHINE & WELDING,	9/5/2013	\$63.78 Repairs
Paid Chk# 007158	TOM KRAEMER INC	9/5/2013	\$1,465.66 Mini Biffs
Paid Chk# 007159	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SERVICES	9/5/2013	\$134.72 Copier lease
Paid Chk# 007160	TOWNSQUARE MEDIA	9/5/2013	\$1,430.50 Adv
Paid Chk# 007161	UTILITY CONSULTANTS, INC.	9/5/2013	\$1,457.10 Testing
Paid Chk# 007162	VALLEY QUICK STOP	9/5/2013	\$204.80 MSB pop
Paid Chk# 007163	VERIZON	9/5/2013	\$61.03 Squad computer line
Paid Chk# 007164	VFBA ASSOC.	9/5/2013	\$183.00 Insurance
Paid Chk# 007185	VMG	9/5/2013	\$545.65 MSB supplies
Paid Chk# 007166	WENNERS HARDWARE	9/5/2013	\$553.31 Refrigerator
Paid Chk# 007167	WEST CENTRAL TRIBUNE	9/5/2013	\$59.60 MSB Adv
Paid Chk# 007168	XCEL ENERGY	9/5/2013	\$4,444.31
Paid Chk# 007169	ZIEGLER INC.	9/5/2013	\$757.00 Generator Rental
Total Checks			\$76,689.65

CHECK#	TO:	FOR:	AMOUNT
39871	State Bank In Eden Valley	Starting cash - MSB	2,675.00
39872	Rockhouse Productions	Services – MSB	6,750.00
EFT	PERA	PERA	1,497.80
39873	Tyler Bulau	Mileage & supplies	156.41
39874	Stearns County Recorder	Record 3 Vacate Resolutions	138.00
39875	Becky Stenger	Supplies	87.34
39876	Angela Weggen	Supplies	154.43
39877	Central MN Productions	Services – MSB	1,750.00
39878	National Child Safety	Services	75.00
39879	Marilyn Peterson	Supplies	50.00
EFT	PERA	PERA	1,481.07
39880	MN Revenue	State withholding tax	732.18
EFT	IRS	Payroll Taxes	3,505.87
39881	MNJIS Criminal History	Background checks	45.00
39882	Judy Thielen	Supplies	17.16
JE-2013	Water Treatment Plant	August Usage	12,393.00
22028-			
22035	Payroll	Salaries	6,677.52
22036-			
22042	Payroll	Salaries	6,638.45
TOTAL:			\$ 44,824.23
GRAND TOTAL:			\$121,513.88