

# EAST BETHEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2024

The East Bethel City Council met on November 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. for the regular City Council meeting at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Lewis Brian Mundle Bob DeRoche  
Tim Miller Jim Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Matt Look, City Administrator  
Eric Larson, City Attorney  
Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager

## 1.0 Call to Order

The November 13, 2024, City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Lewis at 7:00 p.m.

## 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## 3.0 Adopt Agenda

**Mundle stated I'll make a motion to adopt tonight's agenda. Miller stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

## 4.0 Presentations and Public Hearings

### 4.0 A Delinquent Utility Public Hearing, Resolution 2024-74

Look stated that Council set November 13, 2024, as the Public Hearing date for individuals wishing to object to the delinquent charges being collected through the assessment process. He gave Council the addresses of the remaining delinquent accounts and stated that the County charges a \$70 fee to place it on the property taxes. He also noted that the interest is 18% over 12 months, or 1.5% per month.

Look stated that a large number of users are from Whispering Aspens and The Preserve.

DeRoche asked if any of this ever goes into litigation. Look stated this goes on their annual property taxes, so if they do not pay their property taxes then there is the process of tax forfeiture. Look stated that the total is \$24,755.38.

Lewis opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

No comments received.

Lewis closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

**DeRoche stated I'll make a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-74, Final Certification of Delinquent Charges for Collection with 2024 Property Taxes. Miller stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? Miller asked if the Greystone Trailer Park was part of this. Look stated they bill the trailer park 1 lump sum fee and distribute that amongst their customers. To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

## 5.0 Public Forum

Tammy Gimpl, resident, asked when complaints are filed to the City, where do they go. Look stated that the complaints are handled by the Community Development Department and then are followed

up on based on the complaint. Ms. Gimpl discussed the complaint she filed on the Active 911 that was posted to social media, and whether it will be investigated or not.

Look stated that he apologized on behalf of the City to Mr. Gimpl and that they do not have any evidence at the moment of who the information came from.

Ms. Gimpe stated that Active 911 cannot be downloaded by the public, but First Due is public.

DeRoche asked if they could go back and find out who dispatched and called it in. Look stated that the only way this could be determined is if there is a court order made.

Larson urged the Council to move on, due to the City Administrator addressing the complaint and it being fully fleshed out.

## 6.0 Consent Agenda

~~Item A: Approve Bill List~~

Item B: Approve Meeting Minutes, October 28, 2024 City Council Meeting

Item C: Resolution 2024-75, Declaring Tire Machine Surplus Property

~~Item D: Resolution 2024-76, Fire Department Benefit Level Increase~~

Item E: Approve the Hire of Seasonal Ice Arena Attendants

Item F: Resolution 2024-72, Approving Sidewall Height Variance

Mundle requested to pull Item D. Smith requested to pull Item A.

**Mundle stated I'll make a motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended. Miller stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

### 6.0 A Approve Bill List

Smith asked the arena operations and asked if they could get information from Deputy City Administrator/ Finance Director Jeziorski on where they started. He stated that there have been lots of different numbers since the City stated they would take care of the arena. Look stated that he will forward the generated report to the City Council.

**Smith stated I'll make a motion to approve Item A of the Consent Agenda. DeRoche stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

### 6.0 D Resolution 2024-76, Fire Department Benefit Level Increase

**Mundle stated I'll make a motion to table Item D of the Consent Agenda to the December 9, 2024, City Council Meeting. Miller stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

## 7.0 New Business. Commission, Association, and Task Force Reports

No reports given

### 7.0 A Planning Commission

None.

**7.0 B Economic Development Authority**

None.

**7.0 C Park Commission**

None.

**8.0 Department Reports****8.0 A Community Development**

None.

**8.0 B Engineer Report**

None.

**8.0 C City Attorney**

None.

**8.0 D Finance**

None.

**8.0 E Public Works****8.0 E.1 2025 Equipment Capital Improvement Plan**

Ayshford stated that the 2 Ford F-450 diesel-engine trucks have been plagued with issues and one of them have been in the dealership for 9 months over the last 2 years. He stated that for their purposes, they do not use them hard enough to justify having diesel engines. He is proposing to move these vehicles up in their timeline and sell them and re-coop about 50% of their original cost. He suggests replacing the 2 trucks with a gas engine with a contractor dump box and a Chevrolet 3500.

**Mundle stated I'll make a motion to approve proposed changes to the 2025-2029 Equipment Replacement Schedule. DeRoche stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**DeRoche stated I'll make a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-77, Designating 2015 Ford F-450 Surplus Equipment. Mundle stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**Mundle stated I'll make a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-78, Designating 2016 Ford F-450 Surplus Equipment. Miller stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**Mundle stated I'll make a motion to authorize purchase of the Chevrolet 3500 Crew Cab, Chevrolet 3500 Cab and Chassis, contractor box and snow plows from the quoted State of MN contact pricing. DeRoche stated I'll second.** Lewis asked any discussion? To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**8.0 F Fire Department**

None.

**8.0 G City Administrator Report**

None.

**9.0 – Other Items****9.0 A Staff Report**

Look reported that the County Canvassing Board was held today. He stated that East Bethel was selected for the post-election review which will be held on November 18, 2024.

**9.0 B Council Reports**

Mundle stated that they had Sunrise River WMO meeting, and they have a pool of money for shoreline stabilization projects between Martin Lake and Coon Lake. He thanked all the Veterans.

Miller stated that they had their Rum River Bylaws meeting last night and they have a new Joint Powers Agreement for all the cities involved.

DeRoche thanked all the Veterans.

**9.0 C Other**

None.

**10.0 Adjourn**

**DeRoche stated I'll make a motion to adjourn. Mundle stated I'll second.** To the motion, all in favor say aye. **All in favor.** Lewis asked any opposed? That motion passes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lilian Rokosz

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