

EAST BETHEL TOWN HALL MEETING

April 24, 2025

The East Bethel City Council met on April 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. for a Town Hall meeting at City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ardie Anderson Suzanne Erkel Brian Mundle
 Tim Miller Jim Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Matt Look, City Administrator
 Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager
 Mike Jeziorski, Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director
 Carrie Frost, Administrative Coordinator
 Craig Jochum, City Engineer
 Nick Schmitz, Building Inspector
 Lieutenant Derrick Peterson, Anoka County Sheriff's Office

1.0 – Call to Order

The April 24, 2025, Town Hall meeting was called to order by Mayor Anderson at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 – Adopt Agenda

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

3.0 – Informal Session in the Senior Center with Council, Guests, and Staff – East Bethel Senior Center

4.0 – Opening Remarks by Mayor Ardie Anderson – City Council Chambers

Anderson thanked everyone for attending and stated that he has been learning so much over the last 4 months, and through the League of Minnesota class.

5.0 – Updates by Elected Officials – City Council Chambers

None.

6.0 – General Public Input – City Council Chambers

Kevin Lewis encouraged the City to send out the *East Bethel Bulletin* quarterly, like it used to. Lewis also asked for an update on the Fire Chief.

Look stated that they have extended an offer to an individual and are in the final negotiations of that. Look noted that once that is signed, they will be brought in to be introduced to the people, building, equipment, etc. They are hoping to hire this individual in mid-late May.

Jane Winehold stated that there is a vacant property near her house, and there have been 2 deaths in that house. She asked if there was any further information regarding that property. Mrs. Winehold stated that people have also passed through her property who should not be there.

Mary Wells asked about exploring the idea of Accessory Dwelling Units and asked how a property owner could start some dialogue about it. Mundle stated that, according to State building Codes, it was not very functional, and the best options for having additional people living together were to add on to the existing house.

Smith stated that if there is room on a property to add an additional unit and a septic system, then he is not against it and would talk with staff.

Megan Hennick asked if there is any discussion on the traffic being created on Viking Boulevard getting to Highway 65. Mundle stated that a traffic study was done before the development was approved, and it looked at the intersections in the area.

Erkel asked if there is a right-turn-only lane on Sandhill. Mrs. Hennick stated that there is not.

Miller thanked everyone for joining the meeting. Miller shared that East Bethel has achieved the lowest tax break in the last few years among anyone in the area.

Miller stated that they have approved many ordinances and variances to help residents achieve what they desire for their properties.

Miller noted that they are trying to make their Fire Department and the City safer.

Erkel stated that if any residents ever need to meet with the Council, please reach out, and they can set up a time to meet.

7.0 – Adjourn

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

Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Submitted by:

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