

EAST BETHEL TOWN HALL MEETING

November 13, 2025

The East Bethel City Council met on November 13, 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

1.0 – Call to Order

The November 13, 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 Anderson – City Council Chambers

Anderson thanked all the residents who showed up tonight, the staff for their commitment to the City, and the vendors.

5.0 – Updates by Elected Officials – City Council Chambers

Peggy Scott stated that the Bonding Committee was here tonight regarding the Bonding Bill, which went well, and noted that Look made a nice presentation on the water in the schools. Mrs. Scott stated that she is always available and that if anyone has anything on their mind, do not hesitate to reach out.

6.0 – General Question and Answer Session – City Council Chambers

Nikki from St. Francis School District, stated that she has seen a need in their community to replace the blue food bags that were provided for weekend food assistance. Nikki noted that the community came together and they are running a pilot program at Cedar Creek, an ongoing food donation program, to fill bags of food to send home with kids and families who need it.

Nikki noted that if anyone wants to make donations they can be dropped off in the entry way of the Cedar Creek Elementary School. Nikki noted that they are collecting non-perishable, unexpired food items and personal care items.

Kevin Lewis stated that equal treatment under the law is a foundational principle of America and should be for East Bethel as well. Mr. Lewis noted that when 3 new members joined the City Council in 2022/2023, they shared a vision of moving their City closer to that objective by reducing the corruption of favoritism shown to some residents.

Mr. Lewis stated that ending the free-ride for the Mundle family business in occupying space at the Whispering Aspen Community Center is consistent with that vision. Mr. Lewis noted that the favoritism continued to show when \$2 million was spent running the sewer line from Viking Boulevard to 241st Avenue, which enabled the Mundle family's business to greatly increase the number of homes they could build and sell. Mr. Lewis stated that this does not seem like equal treatment under the law.

Mr. Lewis asked if the personnel committee has met since July 2025 to oversee staff evaluation and changes to personnel and administrators' contracts for 2026.

Mr. Lewis stated that he recommends a better response from Look to the East Bethel residents when they try to get in touch with him.

Erkel stated that she was at an Anoka County/Blaine Airport meeting yesterday, and they are organizing a festival for the airport and are looking for volunteers.

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 6:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lilian Rokosz

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