

August 18, 2026

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Eagle River was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Deb Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dan Grosskopf and was recited by all present.

Roll Call: Dan Dumas, Kim Schaffer, Vic Washelesky and Dan Grosskopf. Also in attendance: Robin Ginner, Becky Bolte, Tony Sable, Kyle Anderson and Mike Sanborn. Brad Adamovich present via Zoom.

Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Schaffer to approve the agenda in any order. Carried, all.

Motion by Dumas, 2nd by Washelesky to approve the minutes of 7-14-2026 Common Council and 7-29-26 Special Council meetings. Carried, all.

a) A listing of public record requests to the City of Eagle River for July 2026 was provided.

b) MSA Monthly Updates: John Promer presented a written update including the 2026 Street Projects update and reports the Silver Lake Road Project is substantially complete.

c) Eagle River Light & Water:

Sanborn presented Resolution #1079 to approve Amendment No 3 to Long Term Power Supply Contract with WPPI for participating members. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve Resolution 1079 to approve amendment No 3 to long term power supply contract with WPPI. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Dumas to approve of the disposal of old safe by any means as determined by Sanborn. Carried, all.

Sanborn presented the sludge update stating they have approval from the DNR to spread 210,000 gallons of sludge on 17.5 acres of private landowners' acreage off 17 North. Landowner has proposed a 5 year term at a rate of \$.07 per gallon spread Sanborn presenting the 210,000 gallons capacity for spreading would result in \$14,700 per year. Attorney Garbowicz to draw up contract. Sanborn is working with DNR for approval of additional acreage in the same area.

Sanborn gave an update on the Electric Rate Increase anticipated to go into effect after January 1, 2027, stating the PSC is driving the increase. The overall electric rate increase is 1.75% with the average homeowner using 503 kilowatt hours will see a \$.93 a month increase. The average commercial customer using 1370 kilowatt hours will see a \$2.47 a month increase. The PSC will review and public hearing will be done before implementation.

d) Golf Course

Greens Update: Superintendent Kyle Anderson provided a verbal report stating the 7-27-26 storm damage cleanup is done and that the storm damage caused a two day closure of the course. Backwoods Tree Service was contracted with to do some clearing to open up the right side of hole 8 and tee box on hole 8.

An update to the Employee Golfing Privileges Benefit Policy was presented by Ginner. Discussion. No change to policy, leaving policy alone to allow Golf Pro to have sole discretion on allowing unpaid use by employees.

Golf Pro Update: Tony Sable provided a written report. Sable reported total revenue is down from July 2025 to July 2026 and things are going smoothly. Sable asked that the parking lot at the clubhouse be addressed for repair. Ginner stated DPW can stripe new lines in the parking lot, and she will get options and estimated cost to chipseal or resurface. Sable also requested the south side of the cart barn be repaired with some kind of wood siding as tarps are beginning to look terrible. Greens Department will take care of this year.

e) Eagle River Fire Department: Fire Chief Jim Randall provided a written update. Report states call volume continues to remain high. Report states 205 calls through the end of July 2026 compared to 113 calls through

the end of July 2025.

f) Eagle River Police Department: Salvinski provided a written report of PD activity for July.

Ginner presented quotes from IT Strategies for PD technology upgrade for transferring from Vilas County IT to IT Strategies. Of the \$33,090 requested, \$16,000 was budgeted for in 2026 with the remainder being funded by making a budget amendment from the 2026 PD payroll budget line item. Vilas County is discontinuing IT support to the Eagle River PD. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Washelesky to approve Migration Hardware quote of \$8,300.13, Migration Costs quote of \$18,513.00, Software Licensing quote of \$1,287.45, and Wiring Upgrades quote of \$4,990.00 for technology upgrade to transfer service from Vilas County IT to IT Strategies. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

g) City Administrator's monthly update on activities of all departments: Ginner presented a written report.

h) Planning Commission:

i) Ordinance 606 – Amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Eagle River Comprehensive Plan and Rezone of Buskager Property: Parcel #221-1058-6011, 1025 Elm Drive, SE-SE, Sect. 33, T40N, R10E, LOT 2 22CS212 CSM 5874 FKA PRT SE SE EXC 540834, from Parks/Recreation to Office/Residential. Schaffer stated the Planning Commission recommends approval of the change. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Dumas to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and adopt Ordinance 606, rezoning 1025 Elm Drive, Tax Parcel #221-1058-6011, from Parks/Recreation to Office/Residential and amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Eagle River Comprehensive Plan to reflect the change. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

i) Discussion of potential dog park locations and development plan: Ginner presented six additional location options for a dog park along with the option behind City Hall as proposed by Washelesky. Brad Adamovich, DPW Foreman, provided a report of anticipated financial and service impacts on DPW regarding snow removal due to the proposed reduction of land use behind city hall. Adamovich also provided a report of implications and considerations for placing dog park behind City Hall. Washelesky visited all locations and supplied Council with a site comparison spreadsheet, rating each of the options.

Option 1: City owned parcel, 1.7 acres at the end of Railroad on Fern St.

Option 2: Push the location behind City Hall to the Northeast corner, 1.08 acres

Option 3: Miller Park on Minnesota Street, re-design of playground equipment location, .75 acres

Option 4: Traskside trade on West Fern, trading the section of highway frontage in front of their business that they currently pay rent to use for 1.14 acres and naming rights of dog park.

Option 5: Indiana St, .84 acres, Aspirus deed restriction would need to be removed.

Option 6: Portion of Riverside Park to be used as a joint effort between Vilas County and Eagle River.

Option 7: Jessica Bortolotti and Denny Geiseman provided a written presentation for 2.75 acres to be used as a combination and Veterans Memorial/dog park on the property owned by Aspirus between Railroad and Bluebird Rd.

Discussion on all options with pros and cons of each location discussed, with agenda item being postponed until September City Council meeting.

j) Street Closing/display of goods/event food trucks/temporary sign/amplification permits:

Motion by Dumas, 2nd by Schaffer to approve Tracy Van Houten of Totally Pawsome event application to offer a Free Rabies Clinic on Saturday, October 10, 2026, 10AM – 1PM with access to the vestibule at the Eagle River Light and Water end of City Hall, allowing parking in area around City Hall, having a licensed veterinarian from NW Animal Hospital administer vaccine. Event sponsored by Incredible Bank and held in conjunction with the Eagle River Police Department. Carried, all.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve the following permit amendments to the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce as presented:

1) AMENDED permit to add food trucks and road closure: Cranberry Fest Arts & Crafts, Farmer's Market, Antique/Vintage Show, October 3, 2026, 6am – 6pm, addition of: Closed - First St from Wall St north to alley for food trucks.

2) AMENDED permit to add food trucks: Labor Day Arts and Crafts Show and Sidewalk Sale, September 6, 202, 6am - 6pm, addition of food trucks on First St.
Carried, all.

k) Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Dumas to approve Liquor license Successor Agent Update to The Craftsman American Tavern, 118 S Main, Appointment of Successor Agent – Susan Justice for term ending 6/30/27.
Carried, all.

l) Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Washelesky to approve Operator's Licenses as listed: REGULAR: Christine Aldridge, Mary Bruskiewicz, Ashley Henke, Anelise Hubbard, Sarah Luchsinger, Guy Mickelson, Nathan Miller, Melissa Oettinger, Robyn Perlewitz, Isaiah Samuelson, Michael Schmidt, Chelsea Sims, Samuel Tucker. Carried, all.

m) Motion by Dumas, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve a Taxi Drivers License to Elizabeth McCarty, VIP Group DBA Eagle River Taxi, Term ending 4/30/27. Carried, all.

n) Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Schaffer to accept the resignation of Kathy Patten as city representative for the Walter E Olson Memorial Library Board, with gratitude for her years of service. Carried, all.

o) Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to adopt Resolution 1077 – Resolution of Appreciation for Jerry Burkett. Carried, all.

p) Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Washelesky to amend the appointment of Jerry Burkett to the Eagle River Union Airport Commission from City Council representative to City appointed member. Carried, all

q) Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Dumas to deny the presented proposed Charter Ordinance adding Sec 2-105 Term Limits- Establishing Term Limits for the offices of Mayor and Alderperson relating to received Petition for Direct Legislation imposing term limits allowing the electors to vote on the proposed charter ordinance with a referendum question on the November 3, 2026, ballot. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

r) Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve payment of the bills for the city and the golf course as recommended by the Finance Committee. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Dumas to adjourn at 7:15PM. Carried, all.

Becky J Bolte - Clerk