September 8, 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 Becky Boxrucker and was recited by all present.

Roll Call: Kim Schaffer, Vic Washelesky and Dan Grosskopf. Becky Boxrucker present. Also in attendance: Robin Ginner, Becky Bolte, Tyler Salvinski, Brad Adamovich, Tony Sable, and Mike Sanborn.

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

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Washelesky to approve the minutes of 8-18-2026 Common Council and 8-19-26 Special Council meetings. Carried, all.

a) *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve the appointment of Becky Boxrucker as Alderperson to District 4 – Ward 5, with a term ending 4/2027. Carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Schaffer, Grosskopf, Washelesky. Nays: None*

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

c) MSA Monthly Updates: John Promer presented a written update including the 2026 Street Projects update and the McKinley utility and street reconstruction. Promer presented that the DNR has updated their grant process for Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Loan Programs. The DNR changed rules/timelines for grant funding, now requiring the intent to apply (ITA) be submitted with biddable plans and specs. The ITA for the 2028 McKinley project is due to DNR by May 1, 2027, and with new rules will have to be submitted with biddable plans and specs.

Motion by Grosskopf, 2nd by Washelesky to approve change order #2 for the Silver Lake Rd project as presented, decreasing total by $48,206.15 and approve Final Pay Application Pitlik and Wick for Silver Lake Road construction project as presented, for a total of $19,002.89. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve change order #1 for the 2026 Street Project, street patching, as presented for $8,900.00. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

d) Eagle River Light & Water:

Sanborn presented a 5 year term contract, 8/18/26 through 12/31/2030, to spread sludge on Richardson property off Hwy 17 North. Discussion. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Washelesky to approve presented 5-year contract, term of 8/18/26 through 12/31/2030, to spread 12,000 gallons of biosolids per DNR approved acre at $.07 per gallon on Richardson property described as the E ½ of the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 40, Range 10 East in the Town of Washington Vilas County WI. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

Sanborn presented the 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report Card with DNR responses. The WWTP Operator in Charge license requirement was mistakenly changed by the DNR from Basic to Advanced designation. WWTP operator already has required Basic certification, and summary should be graded with all A's.

e) Golf Course
Golf Pro Update: Tony Sable provided a written report. Sable reported Superintendent Anderson and crew have course in great shape and that the grounds crew installed the siding on the cart barn, vastly improving the aesthetic. Sable reported total revenue is up as of August 31, 2026, from the same time in 2025 and anticipates reaching the one million dollar gross revenue target again this year. The tentative closing date for the course is October 7, allowing time for winter grounds prep.

f) Eagle River Fire Department: Fire Chief Jim Randall provided a written update. Report states call volume continues to remain high. Chief Randall reported 241 calls through the end of August 2026 and reported the total number of calls for 2025 was 240.

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

h) City Administrator's monthly update on activities of all departments: Ginner presented a written report. Ginner also reported that the McKinley resurfacing project is being delayed to 2028 to allow time for grant funding applications for water and sewer work in conjunction with the project. Washelesky asked if a bike/bed lane was being added to McKinley. Ginner stated not with this project however, she is hopeful a bike/ped lane could be added with funding from Safe Streets for All grant in the future. Mayor requested a bike/ped lane be added to the McKinley bid as an alternative. Chipsealing work needs to be coordinated with our street project, which will not be complete in time to do the chipsealing in 2026. Fahrner recommends the work be complete by the beginning of September, which won't fit into our 2026 street project schedule. The 2026 chipsealing will be delayed until 2027.

i) Planning Commission:
i. Ordinance 607: Schaffer presented the Planning Commission meeting failed motion due to lack of majority vote, to amend to Zoning Code regarding storage units. Planning Commission members Grassl and Forer felt the proposed change regarding storage units was an overcorrection. The Planning Commission failed motion: To recommend City Council approval only on the first proposed amendment to Section 106-473 of the City of Eagle River Zoning Ordinance, removing "Storage buildings not used for habitation – human or animals" from the uses permitted by conditional grant in the Highway Commercial zoning district. Discussion. *Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Schaffer to strike Section 2 and Section 3 and supporting language presented in proposed ordinance and adopt amended version of Ordinance 607 by only removing from zoning code section 106-473: (8) Storage buildings not used for habitation – human or animal", from the uses permitted by conditional grant in the Highway Commercial zoning district. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

ii. Recreational Easement Request: Schaffer presented the Planning Commission recommendation to approve request by River Trail Commission/Great Headwaters Trail Foundation for a Perpetual Recreational Easement, Tax Parcel 221-187. An updated Perpetual Recreational Trail Easement Agreement was provided. Schaffer explained the parcel is the location of an ERLW well site. Schaffer reported a "no" vote from Grassl who wanted to see language in the agreement about possible damage to city infrastructure and an out clause for the city. Discussion. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the Perpetual Recreational Trail Easement Agreement with River Trail Commission for tax parcel 221-187 having city attorney add additional language to the easement to include city protection for possible damage to city infrastructure and adding a city out clause. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

iii. Sno-Eagles Building Request: Recommendation to approve Sno-Eagles request to pursue building a new groomer shed on the city's DPW Shop property at 1020 Bluebird to accommodate their groomers and provide better facilities for their volunteers and club members. Schaffer stated the Planning Commission recommends approval of the concept. Sno-Eagles President presented the new build would be located on the NW corner of the DPW shop property and plans included a public restroom. Mayor Brown confirmed that the final plans would be brought back to the city before proceeding. Discussion. *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and grant Sno-Eagles permission to pursue the process to build a new groomer shed on the NW corner of DPW Shop property, 1020 Bluebird, to accommodate their groomers. Carried on a roll call vote, all.*

j) *Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Boxrucker to adopt Resolution 1081 - Honoring Denny Geiseman Upon His Induction into The Heroes Hall of Fame. Carried, all.*

k) Discussion of potential dog park locations and development plan: Denny Geiseman, President of the Veterans Resource Center provided an update on their land purchase of property located at the corner of Railroad and Airport Rd to be used as a Veteran Memorial Park and proposed partnership with the City for a dog park location. Alternate Dog Park locations were again discussed.

l) *Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Boxrucker to approve regular operators licenses to Anthony Bigonia, Anthony Gaetano, Kaemyn Heritage, Alicia Jellen, Conner Killion, Sherre Maxson, and Sherrill Mayoh. Carried, all.*

m) Direct Sellers Permits:
Christy Myers presented a proposal for consideration for an unattended baked goods cart in the parking lot of Nelsons Ace. Myers has not submitted an application but is looking for Council input on if would be considered before moving forward as city code is silent on unattended sales. Discussion. Council would be ok with this concept and requests Myers submits a direct sellers permit application meeting all requirements to come back for Council approval.

Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve a Direct Sellers Permit – Food Truck to Dublin Sports Bar and Grill LLC, DBA Dublin's Paddy Wagon, one month term, October 2026, Locations as authorized, Jon Racine. Carried, all.

Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve a Direct Sellers Permit – Food Truck to Dan Moncher, DBA Taco Dan Food Truck, one month term, October 2026, Locations as authorized. Carried, all.

n) Committee and Commission Assignments
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Grosskopf to approve appointment of Jon Touchette to fill vacancy on BID Board through November 2026. Carried, all.
Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Schaffer to amend Dan Grosskopf appointment classification to be the City Council Representative to ER Light and Water Commission. Carried, all. Abstain: Grosskopf
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Washelesky to approve appointment of Dan Grosskopf as City Council Representative to Joint Ambulance Commission. Carried, all. Abstain: Grosskopf
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Boxrucker to approve appointment of Dan Grosskopf as City Council Representative to Joint Review Board. Carried, all. Abstain: Grosskopf
Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Boxrucker to approve appointment of Dan Grosskopf as City Council Representative to Eagle River Revitalization Program Board of Directors. Carried, all. Abstain: Grosskopf
Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Schaffer to approve appointment of Dan Grosskopf as City Council Representative to Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission. Carried, all. Abstain: Grosskopf
Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Boxrucker to approve appointment of Dan Grosskopf and Kim Schaffer as City Council Representatives to the Committee on Public Works. Carried, all. Abstain: Grosskopf, Schaffer
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Boxrucker to approve appointment of Dan Grosskopf as City Council Representative to the Committee on Public Welfare. Carried, all. Abstain: Grosskopf
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Boxrucker to approve appointment of Phoebe Spier as the City Representative to the Walter E Olson Library Board. Carried, all.

o) *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. Ayes: Schaffer, Grosskopf, Washelesky. Nays: None Abstain: Boxrucker*

Motion by Grosskopf, 2nd by Washelesky to adjourn to Closed Session according to Wisconsin State Statute: 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: 2027 Golf Pro Contract Negotiation & Succession Plan. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Motion by Grosskopf, 2nd by Washelesky to reconvene in Open Session according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(2) with possible action on closed session agenda items. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

No action on closed session item.

Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by Grosskopf to adjourn at 7:21PM. Carried, all.

Becky J Bolte - Clerk