

City of Pine City

Agenda

EDA

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 @ 8:30 AM

Pine City Public Library Community Room



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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC FORUM

This is an opportunity for citizens to present items to the EDA that are not on the agenda. Each presentation is limited to three (3) minutes and a maximum of fifteen minutes is set aside. If your item needs follow-up from the City, Staff will arrange for that.

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

7. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

EDA



8:30 AM - Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Pine City Public Library Community Room

The EDA met on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 8:30 AM in the Pine City Public Library Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mike Sauser called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mike Sauser, Doug D'Aigle, Josh Lartch, Dan Swanson and Kent Bombard.

City Staff Present: City Administrator Marcy Peterson and Deputy Clerk Melanie Bloomquist

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

No public requested to speak during the public forum.

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lartch made a motion to approve the agenda, Bombard seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Swanson made a motion to table the minutes until the next meeting due to wanting more detail under 7.1 (Discussion of Orvis Property Evaluation for Future Development), Lartch seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

7. EDA FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 1. EDA Fund & Check Register**
- 2. RLF Update**
- 3. SCDP Update**

Lartch provided an update on the financial reports, noting that everything appears typical. He reported that Mia's Café has not submitted their loan payment; however, he has spoken with the owners and expects the payment to be made soon.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1. DISCUSSION OF ORVIS PROPERTY EVALUATION FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Sausser stated that he believes the EDA should invest in making the Orvis property more appealing to potential future buyers. Swanson suggested discussing improvement options with the City Planner. Board members continued discussing the Orvis property, revisiting earlier conversations about potential rezoning and long-term use. With no immediate development interest, the board considered whether preliminary improvements could still be beneficial. Several members suggested that the EDA begin envisioning the overall layout and potential road connections and explore modest, cost-effective steps such as rough grading the site and clearing trees to make the property appear more marketable. Comparisons were made to gradual development approaches used elsewhere. The board discussed gathering preliminary cost estimates from local contractors and possibly issuing an RFP for rough grading. There was general agreement that taking small, visible steps toward site readiness could help position the property as a stronger economic development asset.

Sausser made a motion to post a 14-day RFP for grading work at the Orvis property, Lartch seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

Sausser then asked whether the property would need to be rezoned. Swanson and Bombard stated that rezoning could be completed, if necessary, particularly if a developer decides to purchase the property and the intended use requires it.

8.2. STEARNS 6-MONTH CD MATURING 06-05-2026 (\$100,000.) - JOSH TO PRESENT INTEREST RATE OPTIONS

Lartch provided an update and recommended extending the 6/5/26 CD for an additional year.

Bombard made a motion to roll the CD to Stearns and extend for an additional year, Lartch seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously. D' Aigle abstained due to employment with Stearns Bank.

8.3. LAKESIDE STUDENT HOUSING - FRED STELTER LOAN

Fred Stelter was unable to attend the meeting. The EDA Board requested that this item return to the agenda next month and asked City staff to reach out to him.

8.4. ATSCOTT MFG - LAND PURCHASE UPDATE

Marcy informed the board that the Council approved the sale of the land to Atscott. She noted that Atscott is currently preparing the purchase agreement, with the goal of having it approved at a June Council meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNT STATUS

Marcy reported that this item concerns Mia's Café, which is three months behind on its loan payments, as discussed earlier in the meeting.

The board requested that the loan documents be corrected, as the original documents contain errors.

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS, COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

10.1. EDA VACANT SEAT - DISCUSSION

Bombard stated that the Council has concerns about a potential conflict of interest with having two members employed by Frandsen, particularly when the board is making financial decisions that could benefit Frandsen Bank.

Bombard made a motion for City Staff to reach out to the City Attorney for clarification, D' Aigle seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

If attorney does not believe this is a conflict of interest the board is requesting Mark Iveland to be appointed to the EDA board.

10.2. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Swanson asked whether the EDA should hold a goal-setting work session in the future. It was noted that this could either be added as an agenda item at upcoming meetings or scheduled as a separate work session.

Additional discussion took place regarding the Highway 61 bridge, the boat landing, and Challeen Park.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.