

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., June 1, 2010**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Matos called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Councilor Thomas Kallevig, Present  
Councilor Liz Kuoppala, Present  
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present  
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present  
Mayor Bill Matos, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Assistant Director of Public Works Jerry Rosati; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the minutes of City Council Workshop May 18, 2010 and City Council Meeting May 18, 2010. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the Agenda with removal of J9 “Consider Proposal from LHB Inc., Duluth, MN to Conduct Energy Audit.” Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Commissioner Keith Nelson, Grant Ave./Park Ave. Reconstruction Concerns**

Commissioner Nelson, 6<sup>th</sup> District, provided multiple hand-outs he wanted copied to the City Council. Nelson addressed the council regarding some misinformation regarding the Grant Ave./Park Ave. Reconstruction project. Nelson referred to the CDBG block grant awarded to the City for the project. Nelson states that he and Commissioner Forsman made the Ely and Eveleth projects happen this year and shifted funds to make these projects happen. In 2007, this project was planned for 2010. The project was let on May 10, 2010 with the city’s portion of water and sewer being \$431,000. Nelson stated there was talk about moving the project out because funding was tight, but he

prioritized this project because it needed to get done. He stated the County has been a good partner with this project – extending curb/gutter, sidewalk, and lighting – and they did not have to do this per state aid standards. The County also reduced the up-front funding required by the City so the City would have to secure short-term funding while waiting for CDBG and PFA reimbursements. The funding for this project is different dollars from those used on Highway 16. The City of Eveleth is getting 2 ½ years of Municipal County State Aid funds (that cannot be used on Highway 16). Nelson stated that he fights to accomplish good in the city and that it was not moved back, but was moved forward. He humbly requested that the correct information be disseminated to the citizens of Eveleth.

Councilors Kallevig and Hoag thanked Commissioners Nelson and Forman for everything they did for this project.

## **2. Commission/Board Appointments**

This item was not addressed.

## **3. Presentation of Meritorious Achievement Award to the City of Eveleth from the Minnesota Safety Council – Governor’s Safety Award**

Mayor Matos asked Jerry Rosati to tell the street crew thank you for the good work in keeping the workplace safe.

## **F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Joe Begich, 1001 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Eveleth, spoke opposing the proposed storm water fees.

Tom Coombe, 4213 Mill Trunk Rd., Fayal Township, thanked Director of Public Works Mike Wiskow for his attention to the work that got done by his mother’s house.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – May 1-15, 2010 in the amount of \$88,007.79
2. Approval of Claims – May 2010 in the amount of \$238,481.74
3. Request from Police Chief Lillis to Acquire New Departmental-Issued Handguns
4. Modify Terms of Michael Jacobsen, ERM, Inc. Lease in Alice Location
5. Request to Transfer 2007 Crown Victoria to Public Works and Request to Sell 2004 Crown Victoria
6. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and the Eveleth Fire Department Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.*

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Announce 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2010 Grand Marshal**

Mayor Matos announced the Grand Marshal is Caroline Hanson.

### **2. Second Reading of an Ordinance Establishing a Storm Water Utility and Authorizing the Imposition of Storm Water Charges**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala. Councilor Kuoppala withdrew her motion for the lack of a second to the motion. Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to table this item until next meeting. Ayes – All.*

Monahan-Junek stated that Bill Horoshak called and he stated that the residential fees are too high and the commercial fees are not high enough in comparison to the residential fees. Councilor Hoag stated that we need some public education on what the utility is about. Councilor Kallevig stated the money for storm sewer is currently covered by the general fund. Non-profits (schools, churches) don't currently pay taxes, but they would pay a storm water fee. Kallevig said many other towns have storm water utility fees.

### **3. Consider Adopting a 2010 Operation & Maintenance Budget for the Storm Water Utility**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to table this item until the next meeting. Ayes – All.*

### **4. Consider Adopting Storm Water Utility Rates Effective July 1, 2010**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to table this item until the next meeting. Ayes – All.*

### **5. Consider Authorizing 2010 Discretionary Expenditures**

*Motion by Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to table this item until the next meeting. Ayes – All.*

Councilor Kuoppala stated that if we don't do the storm water utility, it will be difficult to cover the discretionary expenditures.

### **6. Payment Request #1 from C&C Winger, Inc. in the amount of \$48,365.00 for Grant Ave./Jones St. Parking Lot**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Payment Request #1 from C&C Winger, Inc. in the amount of \$48,365.00 for Grant Ave./Jones St. Parking Lot. Ayes – All.*

**7. Request from Kathy Sedgeman for Letter Regarding her Disability**

Councilor Kuoppala stated it is the Personnel Committee's recommendation to provide a letter as requested.

*Motion by Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to send a letter as requested. Ayes – All.*

**8. Consider Proposal from the National Rural Health Resource Center, Duluth, MN for Eveleth Health Services Park Study**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to accept the proposal from the National Rural Health Resource Center, Duluth, MN for Eveleth Health Services Park Study in the amount of \$34,000, and that the Council hopes Iron Range Resources will assist in funding the cost of the study. Ayes – All.*

Councilor Kallevig requested that Councilor Koivunen check to see if there can be a permanent levy for the nursing home.

**9. Consider Proposal from LHB Inc., Duluth, MN to Conduct Energy Audit**

Removed from the agenda.

**10. Development Project 1117 Lincoln Ave. and 216 Monroe St.**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to fund up to \$5,000 each for the 1117 Lincoln Ave. and 216 Monroe St. development projects. Ayes – All.*

**11. Resolution of Support for Eveleth Hospital Corp. Nursing Home**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig approving Resolution No. 2010-16, "Support for Eveleth Hospital Corp. Nursing Home." Ayes – All.*

**12. White Pine Builders - Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate & To Whom It May Concern Letter Regarding Carter Circle is a Public Road**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate & To Whom It May Concern Letter Regarding Carter Circle is a Public Road. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board & Liaison Updates

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer – Eric Fallstrom announced that the Grant Ave./Park Ave. Reconstruction Project preconstruction meeting will be held Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the County Offices in Virginia. He anticipates the project will start within the next week.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

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Bill Matos, Mayor

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk/Administrator

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