

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., July 7, 2009**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Matos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 16, 2009 and Minutes of City Council Workshop held June 16, 2009. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Agenda with removal of following item: “J5. Approval of Storefront Renovation and Community Development Loans to Mike Hogan.” Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Reappoint Kathy Murphy to the Park Commission**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to reappoint Kathy Murphy to the Park Commission for term effective 7/7/2009 to 6/14/2011. Ayes – All.*

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Les Crawford, Bonsai Tea of Eveleth, expressed interest in using the Auditorium parking lot on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for a family orientated Hawaiian luau. Crawford said the group would need the following:

- Access to power inside of the building to run an extension cord to a portable float.

- Use of the parking lot for the afternoon.
- Portable restroom facility for the afternoon or day.
- Sand pile for kids' quarter hunting event.

Councilor Kallevig asked who would be sponsoring the luau. Crawford said the group that is interested in redeveloping the Auditorium was working with the Arrowhead Center for the Arts. However, they found some issues with paperwork and are now exploring the concept of joining together with members of the Lyric Center in Virginia.

Erin Hanafin Berg, Field Representative with Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, addressed the Council regarding renovating and preserving historical places. Berg said she was asked by Crawford, after meeting at a Lyric event, to inform the Council of potential grant opportunities. Berg said she would be happy to meet with the Council in the future to discuss the Auditorium.

Anthony Gielen, 311 Douglas Avenue, requested Council approval for blocking off his alley for a neighborhood get-together on Saturday, July 25, 2009 beginning at 2:00 p.m. It was discussed that last year's event was approved based on the get together being alcohol free. Gielen was instructed to meet with the Chief of Police to further discuss the use of alcohol.

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to allow Anthony Gielen to hold a neighborhood get-together and block off alley on Saturday, July 25, 2009 beginning at 2:00 p.m. contingent upon working out details of alcoholic beverage use with Chief of Police. Ayes – All.*

Gielen said they would begin blocking off the alley around noon. The event will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 or 10:00 p.m.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2009 in the amount of \$95,736.49
2. Approval of Claims – June 2009 in the amount of \$546,812.56
3. Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Eveleth, AEOA, Eveleth Horizons Regarding Neighborhood Revitalization Program
4. Resolution No. 2009-12, “Approving the Decertification of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1 of the City of Eveleth”
5. St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant FY 2009 Agreement Between St. Louis County and City of Eveleth in the Amount of \$121,150 for Reconditioning of 2,000,000 Gallon Ground Storage Reservoir
6. St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant FY 2008 Agreement Between St. Louis County and City of Eveleth in the Amount of \$100,000 for Elevator for City Hall

7. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement B43 2278 in the amount of \$450,000 for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Upgrades
8. Resolution No. 2009-13, “Supporting the Applications for Grant/Park Avenue Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvements and Public Infrastructure to Support the Development of a Hampton Inn and Conference Center for State Capital Appropriation in 2010 Legislative Session”
9. Licenses of City Property in the Alice Location, Volcansek Addition, and Thunderbird Addition for 2009
10. Pay Request from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$105,883.80 for Medical Office Building

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.*

#### **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

#### **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **J. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. Call for Public Hearing for July 21, 2009 for St. Louis County CDBG Applications**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to set Public Hearing for July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for submitting two applications to St. Louis County CDBG for funding for the Grant Avenue and Park Avenue Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project and Eveleth Neighborhood Revitalization Project. Ayes – All.*

##### **2. Call for Public Hearing for July 21, 2009 for Clean Water Revolving Fund – Grant Avenue & Park Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to set Public Hearing for July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. for proposed Facilities Plan and Funding Application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for Grant Avenue and Park Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in 2010. Ayes – All.*

##### **3. City Owned Clinic Lease Terms with Dr. Draper**

Councilor Koivunen and City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek met with Dr. Draper and Mrs. Draper to discuss the lease between the Drapers and the City of Eveleth.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve lease terms as follows for Dr. Draper:*

*Lease Term: 7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010*

*Lease Rate: \$2,000 per month*

*City pays the personal property taxes (capped at \$3,947.00 per year. City will not pay any late penalties).*

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*Lease Rate: \$2,100 per month*

*City pays the personal property taxes (capped at \$3,947.00 per year. City will not pay any late penalties).*

*Ayes – All.*

Dr. Draper will be responsible for routine building maintenance. The City will be responsible for major maintenance and capital improvements. A final lease will be drafted and brought to Council for approval.

**4. Staff Report on Letter from Residents of Southside Eveleth Regarding Intersection at Southside Park**

The Council referred to a letter from Chief of Police Brian Lillis dated July 6, 2009 in which Lillis listed three options for traffic control:

1. Reduce official speed limit to 20 miles per hour;
2. Install speed bumps; or
3. Both reduce the speed limit and install speed bumps.

The estimated cost for temporary speed bumps, to be removed in the winter, and signage is just under \$1,000.00.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to reduce the speed limit to 20 miles per hour and to install two sets of temporary speed bumps. Ayes – All.*

**5. Approval of Storefront Renovation and Community Developments Loans to Mike Hogan**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

**6. Authorize Staff to Submit Grant Application for Grant Avenue and Park Avenue Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for the Northeast Minnesota Environmental Infrastructure Program (Section 569)**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize staff to submit grant application for Grant Avenue and Park Avenue Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for the Northeast Minnesota Environmental Infrastructure Program (Section 569). Ayes – All.*

As requested by Councilor Kuoppala, Director of Public Works Wiskow gave a timeline for Grant and Park Avenue reconstruction. Wiskow explained that there are nine miles of City roads which fall under county state aid funding. Resurfacing of Grant and Park Avenue will be funded by the County. The project was originally scheduled to be resurfaced in 2009; however, due to lack of finances, the County reshuffled some of its priorities. The City was notified that the project would be pushed back until 2010. The City has identified, and will be responsible to pay for, approximately \$860,000 for sanitary and sewer improvements. The improvements will coincide with the County resurfacing schedule.

Councilor Kuoppala suggested a sign be posted asking the public to be patient as the road will be fixed in 2010. Director Wiskow will work to have a sign designed and posted.

**7. Authorize Staff to Submit Grant Application for the Purchase of up to Ten 1-1/2 and 2 Cubic Yard Recycling Dumpsters to the St. Louis County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to authorize staff to submit Grant Application for the Purchase of up to Ten 1-1/2 and 2 Cubic Yard Recycling Dumpsters to the St. Louis County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program. Ayes – All.*

**8. Resolution – Approving the Interest Rate Adjustment by the Economic Development Authority in and for the City of Eveleth, Minnesota of its General Obligation Housing Refunding Revenue Note (Lincoln Place Project) Series 2004, Secured by the Full Faith and Credit of the City of Eveleth, MN**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig adopting Resolution No. 2009-14, “Approving the Interest Rate Adjustment by the Economic Development Authority in and for the City of Eveleth, Minnesota of its General Obligation Housing Refunding Revenue Note (Lincoln Place Project) Series 2004, Secured by the Full Faith and Credit of the City of Eveleth, MN.” Ayes – All.*

**9. Request to Apply for Byrne Justice Assistance Grant**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize Chief of Police to apply for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. Ayes – All.*

Councilor Kuoppala commended city staff for efforts in making grant applications.

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Kuoppala thanked the Fourth of July Committee for running a great event.

Councilor Hoag praised the City's Public Works Department for prompt cleanup of the streets after the events during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Councilor Kuoppala thanked the scouts for planting flowers at Northside Park.

Councilor Koivunen thanked volunteers for watering the flower baskets on Main Street.

Councilor Kuoppala acknowledged the recent City newsletter.

Mayor Matos pointed out the new billboard with the updated City logo.

#### **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow announced the St. Louis County Small Business disposal of hazardous waste on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Additional information is available at City Hall.

Wiskow also gave an update on the East Range Waste Water Summit. The group has divided into two groups. One group will work on waste water and the other group will focus on joint servicing and equipment purchasing and sharing.

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, gave an update on the ground storage reservoir project and the 2008 capital improvement project.

#### **M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Attest:

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Bill Matos, Mayor

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk/Administrator

Approved: July 21, 2009

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