

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., December 15, 2009**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor 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 Bill Matos, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; City Engineer Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering; Miles Jensen, Bonestroo.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of City Council Workshop December 1, 2009
2. Minutes of City Council Meeting December 1, 2009

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the minutes.  
Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the agenda.  
Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Reappoint Connie Sabetti to the Park Commission**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to reappoint Connie Sabetti to the Park Commission for the term 6/15/09 to 6/14/2011. Ayes – All.*

**2. Reappoint Victor Mihelich to the Golf Commission**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to reappoint Victor Mihelich to the Golf Commission for the term 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2012. Ayes – All.*

### **3. Reappoint Camille Newman to the Golf Commission**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to reappoint Camille Newman to the Golf Commission for the term 1/1/2010 to 12/31/2012. Ayes – All.*

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

Visitors in the audience are invited to address the City Council at this time – No action by the City Council. *Limit of 5 minutes per person.*

No one came forward.

### **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll, November 16-30, 2009
2. Amendment to Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement B43 2083
3. Lease Renewal No. 6 to Lease No. 10430 for the State of Minnesota, Department of Human Service, State Operated Services at Eveleth Health Services Park
4. Request to Sell 2004 Polaris Sportsman 700

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the consent agenda. Ayes – All.*

### **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. 2010 Budget & Levy

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek gave a presentation on the proposed 2010 budget and levy.

No one from the audience came forward.

### **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **J. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Resolution Adopting 2010 Budget**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution 2009-32 Adopting 2010 Budget. Ayes – All.*

#### **2. Resolution Adopting 2010 Levy**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution 2009-33 Adopting 2010 Levy. Ayes – All.*

**3. Request to Rescind Motion to Lay Off a Police Officer**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala, to rescind the prior motion to lay off a police officer. Ayes – All.*

**4. Request to Replace Sergeant High After Retirement**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen approving the request to replace Sergeant High after retirement and delaying the hiring of a replacement until at least June 1, 2010. Ayes – Councilor Kallevig, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Hoag, Mayor Matos; Nays – Councilor Kuoppala. Motion carried.*

Councilor Kuoppala stated "I'll just say here as I have in the budget meetings. I think to say now when we are going to hire someone is a little premature when we don't know what the budget issues are, and I think the easiest way to cut positions that make sense to cut are through attrition, so I just don't support this motion." Mayor Matos replied "the second part of that is sometimes attrition is the easiest way to cut expenses and not always the most practical way." Councilor Kallevig responded "We're not giving a date here so it is open-ended. If LGA was cut that bad, we wouldn't have to hire; hopefully we can."

**5. Temporary Hiring Freeze for Full and Part-time Regular Employee Vacancies**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen approving a temporary hiring freeze for full and part-time regular employee vacancies. Ayes – All.*

**6. Resolution Combining Polling Places**

Surveys were included with the November 30, 2009 utility billing. 122 survey responses were received. 117 responded that combining precincts would NOT adversely affect their willingness or ability to vote in future elections; 4 responded that combining precincts would adversely affect their willingness or ability to vote in future elections.

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to adopt Resolution 2009-34 Combining Polling Places. Ayes – All.*

**7. Consider Final Pay Request No. 3 from Odland Protective Coatings Inc. in the Amount of \$24,650.00 for Reconditioning of 2,000,000 Gallon Ground Storage Reservoir**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the Final Pay Request No. 3 from Odland Protective Coatings Inc. in the Amount of \$24,650.00 for Reconditioning of 2,000,000 Gallon Ground Storage Reservoir. Ayes – All.*

**8. Consider Change Order No. 4 for Water Treatment Facility Renovation Project**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Change Order No. 4 for Water Treatment Facility Renovation Project. Ayes – All.*

**9. Consider Final Pay Request No. 22 from Magney Construction Inc. in the Amount of \$20,568.26 for Water Treatment Facility Renovation Project**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the Final Pay Request No. 22 from Magney Construction Inc. in the Amount of \$20,568.26 for Water Treatment Facility Renovation Project. Ayes – All.*

**10. Request from St. Louis County for Highway Easement, CSAH 142, County Project 67044**

Director Wiskow explained that one of the items for the 2010 Grant Ave./Park Ave. reconstruction project included placing a new box culvert in the area across Park Ave. in the area near Fayal Ave. at the intersection north of Northside Park. The City had this item identified in our storm sewer capital improvement plan. It is a priority for the City and will be remedied by the County during reconstruction. In order for the new box culvert to be installed, the County requires an easement from the City on the east side of Park Avenue just north of Park Ave. (approximately 27 feet wide and 125 feet long).

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second Councilor Koivunen to approve the request from St. Louis County for Highway Easement, CSAH 142, County Project 67044. Ayes – All.*

**11. Approve Tobacco Licenses for 2010**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve tobacco licenses for 2010. Ayes – All.*

<b>Business Name and Address</b>	<b>Owner/Officer</b>
<b>Eveleth Bottle Shop</b> 433 Fayal Road Eveleth, MN 55734	Michele B. Begich-Johnson
<b>Jon’s Drug</b> 318 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Jon Marcaccini
Tom T’s, Inc. <b>DBA: Tom T’s Penalty Box</b> 311 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Tom L. Hall
Soph’s Eat It & Beat It <b>DBA: Goodfella’s</b> 501 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	John J. Uhan
KAY KOR Inc. <b>DBA: Snicker’s Lounge</b>	James Bonicatto

<b>Business Name and Address</b>	<b>Owner/Officer</b>
212 Grant Avenue, PO Box 677 Eveleth, MN 55734	
C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. <b>DBA: Eveleth Short Stop</b> 410 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Fred Philip Troutwine

**12. 2010 Liquor License Renewal for Soph’s Eat It & Beat It, Inc., dba Goodfella’s, 501 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, MN**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve 2010 Liquor License Renewal for Soph’s Eat It & Beat It, Inc., dba Goodfella’s, 501 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.*

<b>Establishment</b>	<b>License(s)</b>
Soph’s Eat It & Beat It, Inc. <b>DBA: Goodfella’s</b> 501 Hat Trick Avenue, PO Box 646 Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale

**13. Consider Change Order to Install Vapor Barrier in Medical Office Building**

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek stated she had requested a change order proposal from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for tonight’s meeting but had not received it. She requested the City Council approve the installation of vapor barrier in Medical Office Building for a price not to exceed \$4,000.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the installation of vapor barrier in the medical office building for a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Ayes – Councilor Kuoppala, Councilor Kallevig, Councilor Koivunen, Mayor Matos; Abstain – Councilor Hoag due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.*

**14. Donations Request from the C.A.R.E. Commission**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the donations request from the C.A.R.E. Commission in the amount of \$500. Ayes – All.*

A letter will be sent to Fayal Township, City of Gilbert, and the School District encouraging them to also donate.

**15. Request from Polymet Mining for Letter of Support**

Councilor Kuoppala stated her concerns that there is a review process in place and that unless we are suddenly experts, we can’t say that this type of sulfide mining isn’t harmful to people drinking the water nearby. Mayor Matos suggested the Council give Polymet a

letter of support based on environmental review approval. Councilor Kallevig stated that Polymet has met all the EIS requirements.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Council Kallevig to write a letter of support for the Polymet Mining project if the EIS is approved. Ayes – All.*

**16. Staff Follow-up Report on Letter from Residents Regarding Parking on Upper Blocks of Hayes Street**

Chief Lillis provided a written update in the council packet. Chief Lillis and Public Works Director Wiskow recommend allowing public parking on the west side of Fayal Avenue across from the Franklin School from Hayes Street north to the alley between Hayes and Garfield Streets, on all school days.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppola to approve the recommendation from Chief Lillis and Public Works Director Wiskow to allow public parking on the west side of Fayal Avenue across from the Franklin School from Hayes Street north to the alley between Hayes and Garfield Streets, on all school days. Ayes – All.*

**17. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Cable Franchise to Mediacom Minnesota LLC**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing Cable Franchise to Mediacom Minnesota LLC. Ayes – All.*

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to publish a summary of the ordinance as written in the proposed ordinance. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board & Liaison Updates - None

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief – Thanked the City Council for their on-going support of the Police Department and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Public Works Director – Thanked the City Council for their on-going support and advised the public that with the Christmas holiday, garbage pickup will continue as normal and business cardboard will be picked up on December 23 and December 31 instead of December 25 and January 1. Director Wiskow stated that the lighting on the sliding hill was nearly complete and thanked Minnesota Power for their donation of 2 lights and poles and M&M Electric for their donation of materials and services. Director Wiskow invited those who may be having a problem finding a Christmas gift to consider purchasing a gift certificate or golf pass for the Eveleth Golf Course (at City Hall).

City Engineer – Stated that he and Director Wiskow meet today with St. Louis County regarding the 2010 Grant Ave./Park Ave. Reconstruction Project. The focus of the discussion was on the work the private utility companies will have on the project. He also reminded the public of the public meeting scheduled for December 17, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at City Hall being hosted by St. Louis County on the 2010 Grant Ave./Park Ave. Reconstruction Project.

Clerk-Administrator – Thanked Eveleth Fire & Ambulance personnel and all the volunteers who participated in the recent food drive. Food and donations will feed 400 people this holiday season. Pictures of the food drive will be posted on the City Hall bulletin board.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:

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Bill Matos, Mayor

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk/Administrator

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