

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., April 21, 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, Absent  
Mayor Bill Matos, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop held April 7, 2009 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held April 7, 2009. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Agenda with following changes:*

*(Remove)*

- G2. Resolution Adopting City of Eveleth Water Supply Plan*
- J4. Request from Eveleth Fire Relief Association for Yearly Pension Increase*
- J5. Consider Awarding Bid for Ground Storage Reservoir Reconditioning*
- J9. Approve Lease Terms for Lease of City Owned Clinic Building to Dr. Draper*

*(Add)*

- J13. Accept Quotation for By-Pass for Booster Station*

*Ayes – All.*

## **E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Miles Jensen, Consulting Engineer, Bonestroo – Update on Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project**

Miles Jensen gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant. Jensen said the contractor has a few punch list items to complete.

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek said the City received a \$125,000 sales tax rebate which will be added to the project fund to keep down the outstanding debt. This will also help to keep the water rates down.

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

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – March 16-31, 2009 in the amount of \$111,623.80
2. Resolution Adopting City of Eveleth Water Supply Plan (Removed from Agenda)
3. Pay Request No. 20 from Magney Construction in the amount of \$45,603.33 for Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project
4. Pay Request No. 21 from Magney Construction in the amount of \$28,479.99 Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Letter from Eveleth Masonic Lodge #239 Requesting Designated Loading and Unloading Area**

Kerry Roen, Secretary for the Eveleth Masonic Lodge #239, addressed the Council with the Lodge's request to designate a loading area in front of their building. They have been experiencing problems with parking for loading and unloading during their pasty sales. The Lodge is also in negotiations for a lease agreement for daily food preparation for the local charter school. Accessibility for delivery trucks is of concern.

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Chief of Police to put a sign up designating the space located by the front door of the Eveleth Masonic Lodge on Pierce Street as a loading and unloading zone. Ayes – All.*

**2. Request to Sell Forfeited Vehicles - 1993 Nissan, 1995 Ford Thunderbird, 1995 Polaris Scrambler**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to authorize Police Department to sell the following forfeited vehicles using Oberfoell Auctioneers of Buhl, MN:*

- 1. 1993 Nissan 2D car, VIN: JNIMS36P7PW303207*
- 2. 1995 Ford Thunderbird, VIN: 1FALP62W6SH135491*
- 3. 1995 Polaris Scrambler ATV, VIN: 2570761*

*Ayes – All.*

**3. Police Chief's Blight Report on Economy Ready Mix**

Police Chief Lillis read a written report and gave a photo presentation of the blight issues on the Economy Ready Mix location.

Mayor Matos said he has a problem with all of the pollution and soil saturation from uncovered oil which has been left on the property. Attorney Brunfelt said the City is the owner of the property and likely would be liable to clean up any leftover contamination. Brunfelt said the City has recourse under the Court Order if Mike Jacobsen does not clean up the property properly, but questioned the likelihood of actually obtaining any money from Jacobsen. Brunfelt recommended someone from the City meet with Jacobsen to find out his plan for cleaning up the massive project. Councilor Kuoppala said she believed the date given in the extension would serve as a midpoint check with Jacobsen.

Brunfelt advised that staff should follow up with Jacobsen and that Jacobsen should present staff with details of how he will be cleaning up the site to include remediation of contamination issues.

**4. Request from Eveleth Fire Relief Association for Yearly Pension Increase**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

**5. Consider Awarding Bid for Ground Storage Reservoir Reconditioning**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

**6. Consider Awarding Bid for Booster Station Improvements**

The following bids for the Ground Storage Reservoir and Booster Station Improvement Project were opened at the Eveleth City Hall on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.:

Contractor	Total Base Bid
Hibbing Excavating	\$ 75,470
Magney Construction, Inc.	\$ 84,800
Bougalis Construction, Inc.	\$ 89,145
Gridor Construction, Inc.	\$103,886

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to award bid for Ground Storage Reservoir and Booster Station Improvements Project to Hibbing Excavating in an amount of \$75,470. Ayes – All.*

**7. Authorize Staff to Submit Request(s) for Placement on the Public Facilities Authority Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to authorize staff to submit requests for placement on the Public Facilities Authority Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund. Ayes – All.*

**8. Authorize Staff to Submit Request(s) for Placement on the Public Facilities Authority Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water Revolving Fund**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize staff to submit requests for placement on the Public Facilities Authority Intended Use Plan for the Clean Water Revolving Fund. Ayes – All.*

**9. Approve Lease Terms for Lease of City Owned Clinic Building to Dr. Draper**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

**10. Request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for Reduced Camping Rates at Veterans Park**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for 40 percent reduced camping rates on June 21-27, 2009 at Veterans Park. Ayes – All.*

The volunteer care-a-vanners will be constructing a new home on the corner of West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Eveleth.

**11. Request from Mesabi Family YMCA to use Soccer Nets for Spring 2009 Season**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve request from Mesabi Family YMCA to use soccer nets from Northside Park from April 25, to May 30, 2009 and that the City replace the soccer nets with hockey nets during the interim. Ayes – All.*

**12. Request from 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee to Put Fundraising Inserts in Utility Bills**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve request from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee to insert fundraising flyers in the City's utility bills. Ayes – All.*

**13. Accept Quotation for By-Pass for Booster Station**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen accepting quotation from Northwestern Power Equipment Company, Inc., Duluth, MN for by-pass for booster station. Ayes – All.*

Director Wiskow said that \$7,519.00 has been budgeted for this item.

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Kuoppala thanked the four members of the Eveleth Ambulance (John Rauzi, Matt Hoffman, Steve Shykes, Greg Chad) for helping when the Red River was overflowing near the Fargo/Moorehead area.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**M. ADJOURN**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Attest:

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Bill Matos, Mayor

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk/Administrator

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