

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., December 1, 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, Absent
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.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of City Council Workshop November 17, 2009
2. Minutes of City Council Meeting November 17, 2009

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

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kuoppala, second by Kallevig to approve the agenda with the deletion of Soph's Eat It & Beat It, Inc., dba Goodfellas from J7. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None

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.*

Carl Burt, Trail Hawks Snowmobile Club President, stated they have 4.5 miles of trail to finish and they want to complete it this season. The work they wish to complete is to connect the two sections of trail on the east side of Hwy. 53 (near the CN overpass); thereby having a complete trail segment from Duluth to Eveleth-Virginia. The Club has approached

the cities of Eveleth, Gilbert, Virginia, and the Town of Fayal, asking for financial assistance to complete the trail, specifically the area at the CN overpass. When the trail is complete, it will be a DNR grant-in-aid trail. The trail will open up areas from the south to this area thereby benefiting the Quad Cities. The project bid costs to complete the trail is from \$75,000 to \$95,000.

The Club receives DNR funding for grooming the trail. The Club has tried to secure other grants, but they have not been successful and it is taking too long. Burt has contacted Commissioners Nelson and Forsman who are looking into providing a loan against the DNR grant-in-aids funds for grooming as a last resort to secure the funds to complete the trail.

Councilor Kuoppala asked if there is any way people can legally cross the highway (53)? Burt responded that the bridge crossing has been there since 1906 and is a homestead crossing so CN cannot destroy it. Additionally, CN will not grant a third-party license to the Club for the bridge crossing and will not allow the Club to work directly with the home owner the bridge is access for.

Burt stated the Club may be able to perform some of the work to save money. The Club is requesting \$40,000 to \$50,000 in financial assistance to complete the trail. 5,000 snowmobiles will run the trail this winter even with the trail marked as an unfinished trail on trail maps. .

City staff will write a letter of support for the trail to the IRRR Board Members and will call Congressman Oberstar's office to inquire about potential funding sources.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll, November 1-15, 2009
2. Approval of Claims, November 2009
3. Bylaws of the Eveleth Paid-On-Call Firefighters Relief Association
4. Request from City Clerk-Administrator to Carry Over Unused Vacation

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes - All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consider the Eveleth Comprehensive Plan Update

Andy Hubley, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, summarized the process to update the comprehensive plan. Hubley explained that a committee of citizens was formed to assist in updating the comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission approved the plan with two suggested changes. Hubley summarized the Planning Commission's suggestions that were provided to the City Council in a memorandum dated November 6, 2009. Hubley also stated that the zoning code needs to be updated to ensure it is not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan. Hubley added that the public has had opportunities to provide their input throughout the entire process.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. The Mayor asked for public input. No one from the public came forward.

Councilor Kuoppala asked Hubley how do we make the Comprehensive Plan successful and it not sit on the shelf? Hubley responded that the Comprehensive Plan has extensive recommendations/checklists in the plan and that you must keep track of what is completed, what is no longer desired, etc. He also stated communities that have been successful keep and make the Comprehensive Plan a priority. In addition, Cities with dedicated Planning Staff help with implementing the Comprehensive Plan.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Adopting the Eveleth Comprehensive Plan

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Resolution 2009-30 Adopting the Eveleth Comprehensive Plan with the changes suggested by Andy Hubley. Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Accepting Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing – Grant Avenue and Park Avenue Reconstruction

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Resolution 2009-31 Accepting Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing – Grant Avenue and Park Avenue Reconstruction. Ayes – All.

3. Grant Avenue/Park Avenue CSAH (County State Aid Highway) Project Informational Meeting

Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow announced there will be a public informational meeting on December 17, 2009, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at City Hall to inform the public about the Grant Avenue/Park Avenue Reconstruction Project and to encourage public comment and questions. Maps, drawings, and other project documents developed for the proposal will be available for inspection at the meeting. During the meeting, the public will be able to discuss the project in an informal manner with officials from St. Louis County and other agencies.

4. Parks Commission Request for Funds for Veterans Park on Ely Lake Marketing and for Northside Park Sheds

The Park Commission is requesting funds to establish a new web site for Eveleth Veterans Park on Ely Lake. They are requesting \$2,000 from the Hotel/Motel Admin Fund to pay for development of the new web site.

The Park Commission is also requesting \$2,200 from the 2009 Community Beautification budget to replace the siding on the sheds at Northside Park.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the requests from the Park Commission for \$2,000 for web site development for Eveleth Veterans Park on Ely Lake to be paid from the Hotel/Motel Admin Fund, and \$2,200 to replace the siding on the sheds at Northside Park to be paid from the 2009 Community Beautification budget. Ayes – all.

5. Request to Transfer Funds from Public Utilities (Fund 507) to Sewer Treatment Plants (Fund 602)

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize the one-time transfer of funds from Public Utilities (Fund 507) to Sewer Treatment Plant (Fund 602). Ayes – All.

6. Request from 2010 Census for Space at City Hall

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the request from 2010 Census for Space at City Hall. Ayes – All.

7. Approve Liquor Licenses for 2010

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the 2010 liquor license renewals for 2010 with the deletion of Soph’s Eat It & Beat It, Inc., dba Goodfellas. Ayes – All.

Establishment	License(s)
214 Grant Inc. DBA: Red Garter Lounge 214 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Eveleth Pour House Inc. DBA: Hoagie’s Bar 301 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
KAY KOR Inc. DBA: Snicker’s Lounge 212 Grant Avenue, PO Box 677 Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Margie’s Roosevelt Inc. DBA: Margie’s Roosevelt 202-204 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Sleeve’s Sportsmans Bar Inc. DBA: Sleeve’s Sportsmans Bar 208-210 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Tom T’s Inc. DBA: Tom T’s Penalty Box 311 Grant Avenue	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale

Establishment	License(s)
Eveleth, MN 55734	
Trembath, Ione E. DBA: Tuna's Bar 507 ½ Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Mick & Marie Inc DBA: Rustic Rock Chop House 301 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Curl Mesabi Inc. DBA: Curl Mesabi 901 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Ebnet Enterprises Inc. DBA: Harold's Bar 223-225 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Eveleth Elks Bldg Corp. DBA: Eveleth Elks Club 415 ½ Jones Street, Box 686 Eveleth, MN 55734	Club On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Marge's Drive-In Liquor Inc. DBA: Marge's Liquor Store 102-08 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale
Michele Begich-Johnson DBA: Eveleth Bottle Shop 433 Fayal Road Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale

8. Renewal Application for Optional Liquor 2 AM for Kay Kor Inc, dba Snicker's Lounge, 212 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the Renewal Application for Optional Liquor 2 AM for Kay Kor Inc, dba Snicker's Lounge, 212 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes - All.

9. Letters from Eveleth Horizons Regarding PUCK Days, March 12-14, 2010

Beth Peterson, 202 N. Auburn, Horizons Volunteer, clarified that Horizons would also like to park snowmobiles along Monroe on both sides of the street (Big Stick to alley). The Police Chief is in support of the request.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Horizons requests regarding PUCK Days, March 12-14, 2010. Ayes – All.

10. Letter from Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Regarding Annual PUCK Days Sliding Hill

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, support by Councilor Kuoppala to approve request from Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Regarding Annual Puck Days Sliding Hill. Ayes – All.

11. Closed Session – Contract Negotiations

The Mayor announced that the City Council and Staff will go into contract negotiations after Administrative Presentations.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board & Liaison Updates

Councilor Kuoppala reminded the public that the State's updated forecast is due December 2, 2009 and it is expected the Governor will unallot Local Government Aid. She encouraged the public to call the Governor.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief - None
Public Works Director - None
City Engineer - None
Clerk-Administrator - None

The City Council and Staff went into a Closed Session for Contract Negotiations at 7:55 pm.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Matos, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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