

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., May 4, 2010**  
**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 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; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; City Engineer Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop held April 20, 2010 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held April 20, 2010. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Appointments to Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to reappoint Sheldon Krall to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for the term 5/4/2010 to 1/31/2013. Ayes – All.*

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to appoint William Pratt Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for the term 5/4/2010 to 1/31/2011. Ayes – All.*

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kuoppala to appoint Elizabeth Holcomb to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for the term 5/4/2010 to 1/31/2011. Ayes – All.*

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

Joe Begich, 1101 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, regarding rumors that the Eveleth-Fitzgerald nursing home may be closing and that he is not kept informed of applications made by the City to Iron Range Resources.

Bob Vlaisavljevich, 506 South Court, regarding the rumors that the Eveleth-Fitzgerald nursing home may be closing and the business friendliness atmosphere within the City.

#### **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – April 1-15, 2010 in the amount of \$90,087.09
2. Approval of Claims – April 2010 in the amount of \$424,227.05
3. Request from Police Chief Lillis for Out-of-Town Training

*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. Second Reading of an Ordinance Revising Chapter 2, Section 2.15, Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 7 to the City Code, Employee Criminal History Background Investigations**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 50, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, Revising Chapter 2, Section 2.15, Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 7 to the City Code, Employee Criminal History Background Investigations. Ayes – All.*

- 2. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Sections 5.41 and 5.44, of the City Code, Entitled Sunday Sales and Hours and Days of Liquor Sales**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 51, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, Amending Chapter 5, Sections 5.41 and 5.44, of the City Code, Entitled Sunday Sales and Hours and Days of Liquor Sales. Ayes – All.*

### **3. St. Louis County Proposed Sale of State Tax Forfeited Lands**

Two Eveleth properties are listed on the St. Louis County Proposed Sale of State Tax Forfeited Lands. City Clerk-Administrator Monahan-Junek had already received and distributed to the City Council a letter from Dan & Louise Rodriguez, 208 N. Fayal Ave., stating their desire to acquire 210 N. Fayal Ave.

Councilor Kuoppala asked if the neighbors to the property located in West Eveleth (Lot 5, Block 1, State Addition to Eveleth) has been asked if they would like to acquire this property. Monahan-Junek stated she had not contacted them, but will do so.

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala , second by Councilor Koivunen, to move forward with acquiring the lots from St. Louis County if City staff receives a commitment in writing from the neighbors that they will pay the City for its actual out-of-pocket costs in acquiring said lots. Ayes – All.*

### **4. Resignation Letter from Kathy Sedgeman, Accounting Clerk**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala, to accept with regret Kathy Sedgeman's letter of resignation and to send her a letter of thanks wishing her good luck in the future. Ayes – All.*

### **5. Authorize Hiring Accounting Clerk**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig authorizing the City Clerk-Administrator to post for the position of Accounting Clerk (part-time; .75) internally, and externally if needed. Ayes – All.*

### **6. Resignation from Rich Baratta from the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag, to accept the resignation from Rich Baratta from the Eveleth-Virginia Airport authority and to send him a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes - All.*

### **7. Letter from 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Requesting Donation**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig, to approve the donation request from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and to letter of thanks to the committee for their understanding of the City's budget situation. Ayes – All.*

## **K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board & Liaison Updates

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow announced that Veterans Park on Ely Lake is open for the season. The Park has 11 seasonal campers and 42 total campsites. Refuse collection will continue from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. this week and next week from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Yard waste must be placed in the alleys on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for pickup. Director Wiskow also thanked the Lions Club for picking up trash on Hat Trick Avenue.

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, announced the bid opening for the Grant Ave./Park Ave. Reconstruction Project is May 10 in Duluth. The City Council will be approving the city funded portions of the project on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attest:

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Bill Matos, Mayor

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk/Administrator

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