

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., January 4, 2011
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Beth Peterson, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Absent
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlaisavljevich, 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; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – December 1-15, 2010 in the amount of \$87,829.86**
- 2. Approval of Claims – December, 2010 in the amount of \$733,011.94**
- 3. Approval of Claims – January, 2011 in the amount of \$9,840.13**
- 4. Approval for Two Public Works Personnel to Attend Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference, St. Cloud, MN, March 1-3, 2011**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Consent Agenda Items G1, G2, G3 and G4. Ayes – All.

5. Lawful Gambling Application for Eveleth PTA at Resurrection Church, 301 Adams Ave., Eveleth, MN

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Consent Agenda Item No. G5. Ayes – Hadrava, Koivunen, Vlasisavljevich. Abstained – Peterson (due to perceived conflict of interest).

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Designating Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as City Engineer for 2011

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to designate Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as the City Engineer for 2011. Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Accepting Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing for 2011 Capital Improvement Projects

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2011-01, “Resolution Accepting Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing for 2011 Capital Improvement Projects.” Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow gave an overview of the proposed street reconstruction for the 500, 600, and 700 blocks of North Court and the 1500 and 1600 blocks of West 5th Street. Those residents living in the affected area will be notified of the hearing. The public is welcome to provide feedback at the Public Hearing on January 18, 2011.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich encouraged the public to attend.

3. Range Print Shop Loan Extension

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to support the Eveleth Economic Development Authority’s recommendation to approve a loan extension to Range Print Shop in the amount of \$6,577.12 at an interest rate of 4.0% for a term of two (2) years with a late fee of \$15.00 or 5% of the payment amount to be assessed if the payment is not received more than five days after the scheduled due date. Ayes – All.

4. Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to support Resolution No. 2011-02, “Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties. Ayes – All.”

5. Designate Depositories

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to designate Wells Fargo, Eveleth, MN and The Miners National Bank of Eveleth, MN as depositories for the City of Eveleth for the year 2011. Ayes – All.

6. Designate Official Newspaper

Mayor Vlaisavljevich recommended the City support the local Eveleth Scene newspaper.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to designate the Eveleth Scene as the City’s Official Newspaper. Ayes – All.

7. Appoint Acting Mayor

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to appoint Councilor Koivunen as the acting Mayor. Ayes – All.

8. Council Board & Liaison Appointments

Mayor Vlaisavljevich recommended this item be tabled until each Council Member could look at the meeting times.

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek spoke for Councilor Hoag, in his absence, indicating he would like to continue serving on the Public Safety Committee.

Councilor Koivunen said he would like to continue with those committees and commissions he is currently assigned to.

Councilor Hadrava agreed to serve as the alternate for Koivunen on the Airport Authority. Hadrava would also be willing to serve as the alternate on the Eveleth Health Services Park Board for Koivunen.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to table item J8, “Council Board & Liaison Appointments” until the next Council Meeting. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen welcomed the new Council Members.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said that no idea is a bad idea. He welcomes input from all, including City staff.

Councilor Peterson reminded the public of open commission/board positions.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Chief Lillis welcomed the new Council Members.

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow welcomed the new Council. Wiskow also reminded the public that Christmas tree pickup will begin on January 10th. He thanked those residents who have “adopted fire hydrants” for the winter and maintain snow removal from those areas.

Clerk/Administrator: Monahan-Junek welcomed the new Council and said she hopes for a productive year.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich opened the meeting for closing comments by the Council.

Councilor Koivunen thanked the City crew and all City employees, “from the front office to the street,” for their work.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the public does not realize how much work is done with such a small staff; including the Police Department.

Councilor Peterson said she looked forward to working with the new Council.

Councilor Hadrava thanked all of those voting in the last election (November 2, 2010).

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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