

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., March 3, 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 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; Deputy Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Director of Public Works Mike Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop held February 17, 2009 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 17, 2009. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Carl Burt, Trailhawks Snowmobile Club, Regarding Easement Request for Proposed Trail Across City Property at Golf Course Gravel Pit**

Carl Burt and Tom Cossalter, Trailhawks Snowmobile Club, presented a request for the Council to approve a landowner permit. The Trailhawks snowmobile trail runs along the Golf Course. The permit would allow a public right-of-way on the Golf Course. The

permit would be continuous with the option to terminate upon a prior six month written notification.

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Landowner Permit with the Eveleth Trailhawks Snowmobile Club for Trail Easement Across City Property at the Golf Course Gravel Pit. Ayes – All.*

## **2. 2009 Eveleth PUCK Days**

Beth Peterson, Eveleth Horizons volunteer, outlined a list of planned activities for the 2009 Eveleth PUCK Days (Patrick/Urho Community Kinship) to be held March 13-14. Events are as follows:

- Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Family Sliding
- Antique, Vintage and Unique Snowmobile Show and Parade
- Bonsai Tea Events
- “Reading to the Dogs” at the Eveleth Library
- Chili Cook-off at Hoagies Bar
- Arch Allies Journey Tribute Band at Goodfella’s Bar and Grill
- United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum Admission Special
- Eveleth No-Check Hockey Tournament at Hippodrome

Arrowhead Transit will have a free shuttle bus for those traveling from one event to another.

Peterson said the group was able to obtain liability insurance for the event.

## **3. Hippodrome Ice Time**

Zach Young, Fayal resident, expressed his concern about ice time for the hockey program. Young questioned whether the City would be willing to sell some ice time until the ice plant closes for the season. He said he was told by Joint Recreational Director Craig Homola that the City’s lease contract discontinues ice time after March 4<sup>th</sup>. Director of Public Works Wiskow said the evening activities will cease March 6<sup>th</sup> in order for the City crew to perform Spring clean up. The Hippodrome will have ice longer this year due to the upcoming VFW Bantams Hockey Tournament and the Kernz & Kompany Tournament. Director Wiskow will meet with Young to discuss the possibility of Hippodrome use.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – February 1-15, 2009 in the amount of \$83,773.31
2. Approval of Claims – February 2009 in the amount of \$606,575.74
3. Pay Request from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$119,510.00 for Medical Office Building
4. Agreement Between The City of Eveleth and Base Unit, AFSCME Local 484 for 2009

5. Request to send assistant water/wastewater operator to Minnesota Department of Health conference in Rochester, MN, March 11-13, 2009

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Consent Agenda. Ayes – Kallevig, Hoag, Matos. Nay – Kuoppala. Motion carried.*

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Professional Services Proposal from Architectural Resources, Inc. for Site Development at 319/323 Grant Avenue**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the Professional Services Proposal from Architectural Resources, Inc. for site development at 319/323 Grant Avenue contingent upon removal of Article 8 regarding arbitration. Ayes – All.*

Councilor Kallevig said City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt advised removal of Article 8 as it would order the City to use arbitration rather than going to court for dispute resolution.

### **2. Minnesota Association of Small Cities Request for Eveleth to Join**

Councilor Kallevig considered the Minnesota Association of Small Cities to be a worthwhile organization, but said it is hard to spend the money at this time given the City is already represented by RAMs.

No action was taken on this matter.

### **3. Set 2009 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting for April 8, 2009, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to set the 2009 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting for April 8, 2009 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Eveleth City Hall. Ayes – All.*

### **4. Pay Request No. 1 from Nelson-Collie Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$13,266.75 for Hippodrome Ice Plant Control Panel**

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Nelson-Collie Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$13,266.75 for the Hippodrome Ice Plant Control Panel. Ayes – All.*

**5. Request to Conduct a No Check Hockey Tournament at the Hippodrome on March 13-15, 2009**

Jeff Torrel addressed the Council with a request to rent the Hippodrome for \$1,000.00 on March 13, 14, and 15, 2009 to hold a no-check hockey tournament. In order to participate in the tournament, a player would need to be at least 21 years of age. The tournament will hold two divisions: 1) Anyone 21 years-old and older; and 2) Anyone over 40 years of age. Currently, they have a total of 12 teams interested in playing. The tournament will coincide with PUCK Days. Jeff Torrell and Frank Klabecek will be running the tournament.

*Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to rent the Hippodrome to Jeff Torrel and Frank Klabecek to hold a No-Check Hockey Tournament on March 13, 14, and 15, 2009 for the amount of \$1,000.00. Ayes – All.*

**6. Consider Authorizing Police Chief to Enter into Contract with Velosum Inc. for Parking Ticket Processing**

As of May 2009, the District Court will no longer be processing parking tickets for the City of Eveleth. Chief of Police Lillis presented a proposal from Velosum Inc. Velosum Inc. is a company specializing in tracking parking tickets from the time a ticket is written until it is paid. Chief Lillis said their services will be a tremendous time saver for the Department.

*Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to authorize Chief of Police to enter into a contract with Velosum Inc. for processing of the City's parking tickets using the option of paying \$290.00 per month for a 24 month period. Ayes – All.*

In addition to the \$290.00 charge per month, Velosum Inc. charges \$1.85 per ticket.

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Kuoppala gave an update on the Eveleth Merchants efforts in collecting donations for the downtown flower baskets. In the past, the City has budgeted \$5,000 for 72 baskets. The Eveleth Merchants have received donations for 68 baskets thus far.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director Wiskow reminded the public of the necessity to recycle in order to keep refuse rates down. Wiskow said the City has seen a decrease in recycling. Councilor Kuoppala pointed out that the recycling bins have been full at times. Wiskow disclosed that

per the contract St. Louis County has 48 hours to take care of the recycling bins after being notified by the City.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Matos, Mayor

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk/Administrator

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