

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., May 18, 2010
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Matos called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Thomas Kallevig, Present
Councilor Liz Kuoppala, 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 Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the following minutes:

1. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held April 26, 2010;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Grievance Hearing of AFSCME/Class Action Grievance Step III held May 4, 2010;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held May 4, 2010;*
4. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 4, 2010; and*
5. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held May 10, 2010.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Agenda with addition J13. "Waiver of Subdivision Regulations relating to the Towers Project, Welton's Morningside Annex." Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Adam Meier, Chair, Joint Cable Commission

Adam Meier, Chair of the Eveleth-Fayal Joint Cable Commission, addressed the Council regarding the Commission's proposed spending for the next fiscal year. Meier outlined some of the expenditures to include \$7,200 for the station manager's annual salary; \$100.00 for miscellaneous items (i.e. postage, etc.); \$15,000 for purchase of equipment. He clarified that the \$15,000 for equipment would be a one time purchase which would include editing software, a computer, a studio camera and tripod. He referred to the clause in the Joint Powers Agreement which specifies distribution of the equipment should the Commission disband in the future.

Mayor Matos, interim Joint Cable Commission Member, stated that the Joint Cable Commission will not be able to operate if they do not receive money for the equipment.

Councilor Kuoppala questioned if the role of the station manager would include taping Council Meetings, providing content for the station, and recruiting content for the station. Kuoppala requested the station manager provide the Council with a memorandum stating his vision for the station over the next year. Kuoppala also inquired about the necessity for a \$4,000 camera.

City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt said a letter has been sent to Gilbert's City Attorney requesting Gilbert uphold the Joint Powers Agreement and pay for its portion of the 2009 budget.

Meir encouraged the public to send content for Channel 12 to the station manager.

Councilor Kallevig questioned the amount the City receives for the franchise fee with Mediacom. Monahan-Junek estimated the amount to be about \$8,000 per quarter.

2. Commission/Board Appointments

This item was not addressed.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Larry Bol, 201 17th Avenue West Eveleth, addressed the Council requesting an extension for removing items from his property. Bol said he is scheduled to appear in Court tomorrow regarding a blight citation. City Attorney Brunfelt advised the Council not to grant the extension. Brunfelt said that Prosecuting Attorney Mike Kearney is fair in dealing with these types of cases and the Court will advise Mr. Bol of how to proceed.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – April 16-30, 2010 in the amount of \$111,694.83
2. City Land License Renewals
3. Request to Purchase Copying Machine for Police Department

4. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement B43 2352 in the amount of \$350,000 for the Renovation of the Old Dialysis Area in the Eveleth Health Service Facility for 5 Assisted Living Units
5. St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Agreement for FY 2010, Grant Ave. & Park Ave. Reconstruction Project

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing a Storm Water Utility and Authorizing the Imposition of Storm Water Charges

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing a Storm Water Utility and Authorizing the Imposition of Storm Water Charges. Ayes – All.

2. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Granting Minnesota Energy Resources, a Subsidiary of Integrys Energy Group, a Delaware Corporation, its Successors and Assigns, a Natural Gas Franchise and the Authority to Construct, Operate, Maintain, and Extend a Natural Gas Distribution Plant and System, and Granting the Right to Use the Streets, Alleys, and Other Public Places within the Present or Future Corporate Limits of the City of Eveleth, Minnesota

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Councilor Kuoppala requested that City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek research the possibility of attaching a franchise fee.

3. Authorize Hiring Police Officer

Chief of Police Lillis submitted a letter to the Council requesting authorization to hire a police officer to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Sergeant Richard High on February 28, 2010.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to deny request for authorization to hire a police officer due to budget constraints. Ayes – All.

4. Consider Hiring Accounting Clerk

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize hiring Kris Maki as the part-time Accounting Clerk. Ayes – All.

5. Request to Modify City Hall Hours

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek requested the City Hall office hours be changed to accommodate reduction in staff time due to the Accounting Clerk position scaling back from full-time to part-time status.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to modify office hours at City Hall as follows:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 4 days a week
7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 1 day a week

Ayes – All.

6. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to White Pine Builders, Inc. & Related Documents

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to White Pine Builders, Inc. & Related Documents. Ayes – All.

7. Payment Request #12 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$2,760.00 for Medical Office Building

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Payment Request #12 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$2,760.00 for the Medical Office Building. Ayes – All.

8. Request for Additional Funds for Neighborhood Revitalization Mini-Grant Program

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve request for Additional Funds up to \$10,000 for Neighborhood Revitalization Mini-Grant Program. Ayes – All.

Qualified residents living in the Olde Town Eveleth area are encouraged to apply for a mini-grant. The grant would reimburse for home improvements in an amount up to \$500.00.

9. Request from 4th of July Committee for Insert in City's newsletter

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to grant 4th of July Committee to insert request for contributions to the 4th of July celebration into the City's Newsletter. Ayes – All.

10. Donations Request from Iron Range Youth in Action

City Attorney Brunfelt advised that the request does not meet the public purpose requirements.

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to deny request from the Iron Range Youth in Action based on recommendation from the City Attorney. Ayes – All.

11. Consider sending letter of thanks to the Eveleth Women's Golf Club for their work and donations for remodeling the women's restroom and locker room at the Eveleth Golf Clubhouse

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to send a letter of thanks to the Eveleth Women's Golf Club for their work and donations for remodeling the women's restroom and locker room at the Eveleth Golf Clubhouse. Ayes – All.

12. Request from Kathy Sedgeman for letter regarding her disability

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to refer request from Kathy Sedgeman for letter regarding her disability to the personnel committee. Ayes – All.

13. Waiver of Subdivision Regulations relating to the Towers Project, Welton's Morningside Annex

City Code requires that any subdivisions of real estate into two or more parcels within the City of Eveleth require compliance with the subdivision zoning ordinance either by a "minor subdivision" or a plating process. The City of Eveleth is the owner of real property of approximately 5.83 acres known as Welton's Morningside Annex. The City of Eveleth has agreed to terminate the development agreement with White Pine Builders, Inc. for this development, and the City will retain ownership of the remaining property and has control over future subdivision of that property. Immediate compliance with the City of Eveleth's Subdivision Zoning Ordinance is not necessary to provide for the

orderly development of the property and the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to waive the subdivision regulations relating to the Towers Project, Welton's Morningside Annex. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Kuoppala said she was excited to learn about the Museum Pass Project. Residents can check out free passes at the library to specific museums such as the Split Rock Light House, Judy Garland Museum, etc. The passes are offered through any of the Arrowhead Libraries.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director Mike Wiskow said that Spring Alley Cleanup is done for the season. The City Garage will accept yard waste until snowfall. St. Louis County Environmental Services will be offering a hazardous waste drop off on August 18th for small businesses. Handouts regarding the drop off are available at City Hall.

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, gave an update on the Grant/Park Avenue street reconstruction project. The project was awarded at \$350,000 less than the projected amount.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Matos, Mayor

Approved: June 1, 2010
Published: June 9, 2010

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator