

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., April 7, 2009
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Liz Kuoppala, Absent
Councilor Thomas Kallevig, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Absent
Mayor Bill Matos, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow, Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve following Minutes:

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held March 17, 2009;*
 - 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 17, 2009;*
 - 3. Minutes of City Council Workshop held March 26, 2009; and*
 - 4. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held March 26, 2009*
- Ayes – All.*

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Agenda with addition of “E4. Reappointment of Tom Schmucker to the Library Board.” Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Eveleth Merchant Association Donation for Main Street Flowers

Vickie Tuscan presented a check to the City in the amount of \$2,945.36 for main street flower baskets for 2009.

2. Appointment to EFG Joint Recreation Board

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Jeff Torrel to the Joint Recreation Board for term effective 4/7/2009 to 7/19/2011. Ayes – All.

3. Appointment to Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Greg Salmi to the Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board for term effective 4/7/2009 to 2/28/2010. Ayes – All.

4. Reappointment of Tom Schmucker to the Library Board

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to reappoint Tom Schmucker to the Library Board for term effective 4/7/2009 to 2/21/2011. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Cal Cossalter, Eveleth resident, asked the Council what they hoped to gain from continuing the extension on Mr. Jacobsen's property (as granted at the March 26, 2009 Special Council Meeting). Cossalter said that according to the Minutes of 2006, Jacobsen was delinquent on his contract and the Council tried to evict him. In March of 2007, Jacobsen was granted an extension. While under the extension, Jacobsen filed suit against the City. In 2008, the Court ruled in favor of the City and a date was given for Jacobsen to remove his property. Cossalter asked, "What is the extension going to do for you or him?"

Councilor Kallevig said that every business owner at the Alice Location will have the opportunity to present a development plan to the Council with the potential of buying their property. Kallevig said that Jacobsen will also have the opportunity to present his development plan to the City. Kallevig said he does not want to drive any business out of town, and that Jacobsen will have an opportunity to present his plan to the Council along with the other businesses.

Mayor Matos voiced his disapproval of the extension and reminded the Council of the litigation expenses involved with the Jacobsen case.

Councilor Koivunen said he felt the people who have been leasing property (at the Alice Location) for many years should have the right to purchase the land. Koivunen said that the Council is looking into the possibility of selling the property. He said this all takes time and does not mean that Jacobsen will be entitled to purchase the land.

Matos said that the Jacobsen business is not a viable business as it has not run for two and a half years.

Cossalter said the eviction process was started when Jacobsen became delinquent on his lease payment in 2006. Cossalter asked if Jacobsen was supposed to be tearing down properties and getting rid of his buildings during the most recent extension period.

Attorney Brunfelt clarified that Jacobsen only has access to the land for removing his property until the end of August, 2009.

Cossalter, as the Hockey Hall of Fame Museum President, gave an update on the Hall. The Hall has added some interactive games which have been popular with visitors. The gift shop is open and doing well. Cossalter said the Hall received approximately \$15,000 from an annual tournament held in Blaine, MN which references the Hockey Hall of Fame. The new owner of the Minnesota Wild visited the Hall. Cossalter said possible funding may be available. John Gilbert, a sports writer out of Duluth and the Twin Cities will be holding a book signing event for his books on Herb Brooks at the Hall this summer. The Wilderness at Fortune Bay will be sponsoring a golf tournament on August 8 and 9. The Hockey Hall of Fame Face Off will be held by the University of Wisconsin in February of next year. They are hoping to break the record of 70,000 people at a college game and have guaranteed the Hall \$100,000.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – March 1-15, 2009 in the amount of \$86,322.93
2. Approval of Claims – March 2009 in the amount of \$428,459.09
3. Pay Request from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$55,100 for Medical Office Building
4. Request for City Assessor to Attend Continuing Education, May 20-21, 2009, St. Cloud, MN
5. Approve Board and Commission Application Process
6. Approve Proposed Map of Neighborhood Revitalization Area
7. Invoice from Bonestroo in the amount of \$13,220.80 for Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project and Ground Storage Reservoir and Booster Station Improvements
8. Resolution Accepting Donation from Eveleth Merchant Association for Main Street Flower Baskets (Resolution No. 2009-05, “ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FOR MAIN STREET FLOWERS”)
9. Resolution Accepting Donations for Light Up the City (Resolution No. 2009-06, “ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FOR LIGHT UP THE CITY”)
10. Resolution supporting the University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Economic Development’s Northeast Minnesota Small Business Development Center (Resolution No. 2009-07, “SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT’S NORTHEAST MINNESOTA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER”)

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. 319-323 Grant Ave. Redevelopment Project

A. Approve Change Orders for 319-323 Grant Ave. Demolition

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Change Orders for 319-323 Grant Avenue Demolition. Ayes – All.

B. Approve 319-323 Grant Ave. Parking Lot Plan

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve parking lot plan for 319-323 Grant Avenue. Ayes – All.

C. Call for Bids for 319-323 Grant Ave. Parking Lot

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize calling for bids for 319-323 Grant Avenue Parking Lot. Ayes – All.

D. Accept Proposal from Architectural Resources for 319-323 Grant Ave. Construction Observation

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept proposal from Architectural Resources for 319-323 Grant Avenue Construction Observation. Ayes – All.

E. Call a Special City Council Meeting for April 28, 2009, 3:30 pm to Consider Awarding Bid for 319-323 Grant Ave. Parking Lot

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to call a Special City Council Meeting for April 28, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. to consider awarding bid for 319-323 Grant Avenue Parking Lot. Ayes – All.

2. Recap of Council Action taken at March 26, 2009 Special City Council Meeting

This item was removed from the Agenda.

3. City of Eveleth Appointment to Northern St. Louis County PARTNERS Board

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to appointment Councilor Liz Kuoppala to serve as the City of Eveleth's representative to the Northern St. Louis County PARTNERS Board. Ayes – All.

4. Declaration – April 29, 2009 as “Care Partners Day”

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to declare April 29, 2009 as "Care Partners Day." Ayes – All.

5. Accept Resignation of Robert Kivela from Eveleth-Gilbert Joint Trail Board Authority

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept resignation of Robert Kivela from Eveleth-Gilbert Joint Trail Board Authority and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Kivela for his years of service. Ayes – All.

6. Pension Increase for Eveleth Police and Fire Relief Association

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen, to increase the pension for Eveleth Police and Fire Relief Association amount by \$100.00 per month, effective May 1, 2009. Ayes – All.

7. Renewal Application for Optional Liquor 2AM for Ione E. Trembath, Tuna's Bar, 507 ½ Grant Ave.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Renewal Application for Optional Liquor 2 AM License for Ione E. Trembath, Tuna's Bar, 507 ½ Grant Avenue. Ayes – All.

8. 2009/2010 Budget Meetings Follow-up

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to reduce the police department workforce by one position, effective January 1, 2010. Ayes – All.

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen authorizing the Police Chief submit an application to the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) to reinstate a police officer position, effective January 1, 2010. Ayes – All.

9. Consider Accepting Quotation for the Purchase of a 2009 ½ ton, 4x4 Pickup

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept quotation from Lundgren Motors for a 2009 ½ ton, 4 x 4 pickup with the trade-in allowance for a net cost of \$19,968.01. Ayes – All.

10. Consider Accepting Quotation for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept the quotation from Westco Environmental in the amount of \$5,174.00 for sanitary sewer cleaning and televising contingent upon submittal of Certificate of Insurance. Ayes – All.

11. Authorize staff to submit FY2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Pre-Application

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen, to submit a CDBG Grant application for FY2010 in the amount of \$500,000 for water and sanitary sewer work on Grant Avenue. Ayes – All.

12. Request from Eveleth Gilbert Athletic Club to use the Hippodrome for 2009 City Rummage Sale

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from the Eveleth Gilbert Athletic Club to use the Hippodrome for 2009 City Rummage Sale. Ayes – All.

13. Request from East Range Academy to host its first annual 5K in Progress Park

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from East Range Academy to host 5K in Progress Park on May 16, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Ayes – All.

14. Airport Funding for 2009

No action taken on this item.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Matos, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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