

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., March 1, 2011
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Beth Peterson, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Agenda and Minutes of City Council Workshop held February 15, 2011 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 15, 2011. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Appointment to the Eveleth Economic Development Authority

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to appoint George Walters to the Eveleth Economic Development Authority for the term 3/1/2011 to 5/2/2013. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – February 1-15, 2011 in the amount of \$90,510.66

2. Approval of Claims – February 2011 in the amount of \$410,172.36

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Consent Agenda Items G1 and G2. Ayes – All.

3. Approval for City Assessor to Attend 2011 Land Use Planning Workshop-So You Want (or Need) to Rewrite Your Zoning Ordinance, Little Falls, MN, April 12, 2011

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Consent Agenda Item G3. Ayes – All.

4. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement B43-2926 Time Extension for Grant Agreement B43-2427 for the Mitigation of Subsidence Caused by the Aad Underground Mine Project

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Consent Agenda Item G4. Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to Sell Forfeited Vehicles

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Chief of Police to sell the following forfeited vehicles through Oberfoell Auction website, Do-Bid:

Vehicle #1: 2001 Oldsmobile Intrigue, VIN: 1GEWH52HO1F134668

Vehicle #2: 1995 Chevrolet Blazer, VIN: 1GNCT18W8S2132263

Ayes – All.

2. Request to Purchase Squad Car

On February 20th, one of the Eveleth Police Officers was responding to an emergency call and was struck by a vehicle which was northbound on Highway 53. Although neither driver was injured, the squad car was totaled. The City's insurance will cover an amount which exceeds the amount the City would have gotten in fair market value for the squad car. The following proposals were received for a new 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor:

Lundgren Motors of Eveleth	\$21,927.48
Elk River Ford of Elk River, MN	\$21,758.64

Chief Lillis recommended the City accept the proposal from Lundgren Motors. Although their bid is \$168.84 more than Elk River Ford, the City would incur expenses picking up the vehicle from Elk River.

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize accepting proposal from Lundgren Motors of Eveleth for a new 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Ayes – All.

3. Consider approving response to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s January 14, 2011 letter regarding August 18, 2010 Stipulation Agreement

Councilor Koivunen and Director of Public Works Wiskow met on February 18, 2011 with Jaramie Logelin of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to discuss the MPCA’s response to the City’s requested timeframe to complete items from the August 18, 2010 Stipulation Agreement. Mr. Logelin was of the opinion that the MPCA would agree to allow the City a two to three year extension. The City had originally proposed a 10 year time frame to complete the following work:

- A. Complete foundation and roof drain inspections and require compliance with City Ordinance in the downtown area within two years (Fayal Road to Hayes Street between Douglas and Adams Avenues); and
- B. Complete televising and pipe condition rating of an additional 20 percent of the sanitary sewer mains within the next two years and complete televising and pipe condition rating of all remaining sanitary sewer mains prior to expiration of the next MPCA wastewater permit on October 31, 2016.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Stipulation Agreement. Ayes – All.

4. Consider approving Spring 2011 refuse collection/yard waste pickup schedule

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to approve the Spring 2011 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste Pickup Schedule. Ayes – All.

The City will accept items for disposal at the City Garage from April 18 to May 13, 2011. Yard waste will be picked up on May 9, 2011.

5. Consider opposing HF135 and SF64 legislation that would remove City authority to restrict drilling of private wells within City limits

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to oppose proposed HF135 and SPF64 legislation which would remove City authority to restrict drilling of private wells within City limits. Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow will draft a letter in opposition of the proposed legislation.

6. Professional Services Proposal from EideBailly

The proposal for professional services with EideBailly at the Eveleth Health Services Park has been revised to remove some provisions as suggested by City Attorney Brunfelt. Attorney Brunfelt indicated the changes are acceptable.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the revised Professional Services Proposal from EideBailly. Ayes – All.

7. Authorize Hiring of Firefighters

The fire department has 20 employees and would like increase to 25 due to the potential of five senior firefighters retiring.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize hiring up to five firefighters. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Peterson reported on the Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Board Meeting she recently attended. Peterson said they will be needing assistance from the Public Works Department for laying rock later this year.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich reported on a meeting held at the IRRB regarding the relocation of Highway 53. Vlaisavljevich said the meeting was a “full house” and another meeting will be planned at a different location so more people will be able to attend.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow reminded residents of the Public Informational Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eveleth City Hall. The meeting is regarding proposed Capital Improvement Projects for 2011.

Councilor Koivunen congratulated the Eveleth Gilbert Area Girls Hockey Team for their accomplishment of going to the State Hockey Tournament.

Councilor Peterson announced the upcoming free movie night at Franklin Elementary.

Councilor Koivunen reported that the pool tournament and Bobber Stop Fishing Contest went well. Koivunen publicized the Annual No-Check Tournament which will be held this weekend at the Hippodrome. He said that between 400 to 500 spectators attended last year.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich encouraged the Council to bring capital improvement ideas to the next Council Workshop Meeting.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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