

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., May 19, 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 Liz Kuoppala, Present
Councilor Thomas Kallevig, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Mayor Bill Matos, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Brian Lillis.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop held May 5, 2009 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 5, 2009 with changes as follows to the Workshop Minutes.

Original Workshop Minutes:

“CSI is convinced the adjacent building, owned by Jon Marcaccini, will not stand up when 319 is demolished.”

Changed to:

“CSI is concerned that without changes the adjacent building, owned by Jon Marcaccini, will not stand up when 319 is demolished.”

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Matos said the Change Order for the 319-323 Grant Avenue Project has not been completed. If the Change Order is done before the next Council meeting, the Council will hold a Special Meeting to consider approval.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Agenda with removal of following item:

Jl. 319-323 Grant Ave. Project

- a. Consider change order for demolition.*
- b. Consider Awarding Bid for 319-323 Grant Ave. Parking Lot Project*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. VFW Presentation of American flags to the City for Grant Avenue

Tom Gilpin and Frank Rosati presented a flag to the Council which is emblematic of the 48 flags purchased by the VFW for Main Street. Rosati said the donations were made possible by sales at the Hippodrome canteen. Rosati thanked the Council on behalf of the VFW for allowing them to use the canteen.

Mayor Matos thanked the VFW for the donation of flags and other work done in the City.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – April 16-31, 2009 in the amount of \$123,930.29
2. Request for Councilmember Liz Kuoppala to Attend Greenbydesign Program, June 10/11, 2009, The Depot, Minneapolis, MN
3. Resolution No. 2009-09, “Accepting American Flag Donation”

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Consent Agenda Items G1 and G3. Ayes – All.

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Consent Agenda Item G2. “Request for Councilmember Liz Kuoppala to Attend Greenbydesign Program, June 10/11, 2009, The Depot, Minneapolis, MN.” Ayes – All.

Councilor Kuoppala clarified that the City would only be paying for mileage costs as Greater Minnesota Housing has provided scholarship funds for the other expenses related to her attendance.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. 319-323 Grant Ave. Project

- a. Consider change order for demolition.**
- b. Consider Awarding Bid for 319-323 Grant Ave. Parking Lot Project**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

2. Alice Location/Industrial Park Committee Report

Attorney Brunfelt said City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek has been in contact with individual leaseholders for the Alice Location. A meeting will be rescheduled, with the leaseholders and Industrial Park Committee, for early June to discuss the potential of the City selling the property to the leaseholders under mutually agreeable terms.

3. Letter from Eveleth Fire Relief Association Requesting Meeting with City Council

The Eveleth Paid On-Call Fire Department Relief Association has requested a meeting with the City Council to discuss matters related to their pension fund. The Relief Association will be invited to the next Council Workshop Meeting.

4. Eveleth Elks Parade Route during Minnesota State Elks Convention, June 26, 2009

The Council reviewed the proposed parade route established by the Eveleth Elks. Chief Lillis said he had discussed the route with Director of Public Works Wiskow and they did not foresee any problems with the route. The Elks may consider using Pierce Street rather than Fayal Road. Chief Lillis said either way could be accommodated by the City. Estimated duration of the parade would be one half hour.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to authorize City staff to consult with the Eveleth Elks Club to assist in establishing the parade route on June 26, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. for the Minnesota State Elks Convention. Ayes – All.

Councilor Kuoppala requested that the downtown business owners be made aware of the parade.

5. Request for Vehicle Abandonment Declaration

Motion By Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to declare vehicle (1994 Honda CBR-600F2 motorcycle, VIN: JH2PC2505RM3) as abandoned and authorize Chief of Police to auction vehicle using Oberfoell Auctioneers of Buhl, MN. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Kuoppala referred to the proposal of substantial LGA cuts and encouraged citizens to contact Governor Tim Pawlenty.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Chief Lillis reminded residents that the alley cleanup will be wrapping up. Lillis said the Police Department will be assessing blight issues and encouraged citizens to voluntarily comply.

Lillis also referred to animal violations which have come to the attention of the Police Department. Lillis said people are allowing their animals to run at large which is creating a safety issue.

Mayor Matos: On behalf of the 4th of July Committee, Mayor Matos recognized Ruth Carlson as the 2009 Grand Marshal.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Matos, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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