

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., April 6, 2010
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 Thomas Kallevig, Present
Councilor Liz Kuoppala, 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 Mike Patchin; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop held March 16, 2010 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 16, 2010. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Agenda with removal of “J14. Consider Approving Resolution Authorizing Proposal Submission for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.” Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Appointments to Iron Range Tourism Bureau Board of Directors

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek said the Iron Range Tourism Bureau Board of Directors meets monthly to discuss creative marketing tools to increase tourism on the Range. Councilor Kuoppala suggested Monahan-Junek be appointed temporarily until a representative from Eveleth could be found.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to appoint City Clerk/Administrator to the Iron Range Tourism Bureau Board of Directors. Ayes – All.

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. and last approximately one to two hours. Councilor Kuoppala said that anyone passionate about the City would be a good candidate for this volunteer position.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – March 1-15, 2010 in the amount of \$88,694.22
2. Approval of Claims – March 2010 in the amount of \$308,837.70
3. Approve Mayor/City Council and Clerk/Administrator to Attend League of Minnesota Cities 2010 Annual Conference & Marketplace, June 23-25, 2010, St. Cloud, MN
4. Request from Safety Committee to Purchase Eye Wash Stations
5. Renewal Application for Optional Liquor 2 AM for Ione E. Trembath, Tuna's Bar, 507-1/2 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN
6. Amended Joint Powers Agreement Relating to the Establishment of a Joint Cable Television Access Board
7. Lawful Gambling Application from Eveleth Youth Hockey Association, Inc. at Eveleth Elks Club, Eveleth, MN to hold Raffle on November 26, 2010
8. Approve One City Employee to attend the 2010 Minnesota Safety & Health Conference and Governor's Safety Awards Luncheon to Accept the Minnesota Safety Council Meritorious Achievement Award in Occupational Safety

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Change Order #8 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for Medical Office Building

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Change Order Number 8 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for the Eveleth Health Services Medical Office Building in the amount of \$12,782.00. Ayes – All.

2. Change Order #9 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for Medical Office Building

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Change Order Number 9 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for the Eveleth Health Services Medical Office Building in the amount of \$2,760.00. Ayes – All.

3. Pay Request #11 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$12,782.00 for Medical Office Building

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request Number 11 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for the Eveleth Health Services Medical Office Building in the amount of \$12,782.00. Ayes – All.

4. Proposal from Hometown Electric for Medical Office Building

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to accept proposal from Hometown Electric for the Eveleth Health Services Medical Office Building in the amount of \$6,175.00. Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Amending the Terms of the City's General Obligation Revenue Bond, Series 2008C

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen adopting Resolution No. 2010-14, "Resolution Amending the Terms of the City's General Obligation Revenue Bond, Series 2008C." Ayes – Kallevig, Kuoppala, Koivunen, Matos. Abstained – Hoag due to conflict of interest.

6. Letter from 4th of July Committee Regarding Extending Bar Closing Times for Sunday, July 4, 2010

Eveleth City Code requires bar owners to close at midnight on Sundays. The 4th of July Committee has requested an extension until 1:00 a.m. as the 4th of July falls on a Sunday this year. In order for the Council to grant their request, the ordinance needs to be changed to reflect a new closing time.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance change allowing for bars to stay open until 1:00 a.m. when the 4th of July or any other festival approved by the City falls on a Sunday. Ayes – Kallevig, Kuoppala, Hoag, Matos. Abstained – Koivunen due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

7. Letter from Youth For Christ USA Requesting to use Eveleth Auditorium, August 7th, 2010, 5:00 pm for BBQ Rib Fundraiser

The City received a request from Youth for Christ USA to use the Eveleth Auditorium on August 7, 2010 for a BBQ Rib Fundraiser. Safety concerns were discussed in relation to using the City Auditorium. Councilor Kuoppala questioned whether the Hippodrome could be used. Monahan-Junek said the group was also interested in the Veterans Park.

Mayor Matos advised that City staff could work with the Youth for Christ group to set up an alternative location for their event.

8. Letter from Eveleth Gilbert Athletic Club requesting use of the Hippodrome during the 2010 City Rummage Sale

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to allow the Eveleth Gilbert Athletic Club to use the Hippodrome for the 2010 City Wide Rummage Sale on May 7-8, 2010. Ayes – All.

9. Request from St. Louis and Lake Counties Rail Authority for Recreational Trail Easement

Bob Manzoline and Mike Larson from the St. Louis and Lake Counties Rail Authority addressed the Council with a request for a trail easement for construction of the Mesabi Trail. The easement is next to Veterans Lake Park.

Councilor Kuoppala asked Manzoline about the possibility of closing the entrance ramp onto Highway 53 due to safety concerns. Police Chief Lillis agreed that the area would be safer if the entrance ramp was closed, but questioned the likelihood of MnDOT actually shutting down the ramp. Manzoline indicated that Commissioner Keith Nelson had taken over the concept of trying to develop a tunnel under the highway.

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve request from St. Louis and Lake Counties Rail Authority for Recreational Trail Easement. Ayes – All.

10. Consider Approving Eagle Scout Project at the Eveleth Cemetery

Ben Damberg outlined his proposed Troop 111 Eagle Scout Project of raising footstones at the Eveleth Cemetery. Damberg requested use of some City materials such as shovels, tables for water and wheelbarrows. The work would take place on May 8th and 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Damberg estimated 20 to 30 volunteers would be involved with the project.

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Ben Damberg's Eagle Scout Project of raising footstones at the Eveleth Cemetery and allowing use of City tools as needed. Ayes – All.

11. Consider Authorizing Staff to Purchase a Plaque

Director of Public Works Wiskow advised of Ben Damberg's request to memorialize the project with a plaque "In Remembrance of Joe Stewart." Stewart was Damberg's former scout leader. The plaque would also recognize the various volunteers for their service.

Wiskow offered two options, 1) a granite plaque for about \$700.00; or 2) a bronze plaque for about twice the cost. Wiskow said their efforts in raising the footstones should last for many years.

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve purchase of a granite plaque for placement in the Eveleth Cemetery. Ayes – All.

12. Authorize Staff to Submit a Request for Placement on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund, Project Priority List

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to authorize staff to submit a request for placement on the drinking water revolving fund. Ayes – All.

Drinking Water Revolving Fund Priorities: Replacement of water mains, valves, fire hydrants, and service stubs in the amount of \$99,100.

13. Authorize Staff to submit a Request for Placement on the Clean Water Revolving Fund, Project Priority List

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize staff to submit a request for placement on the Clean Water Revolving Fund. Ayes – All.

Clean Water Revolving Fund Priorities: Replacement of sanitary sewer mains, service stubs, storm sewer mains, manholes and catch basins in the amount of \$407,956.

14. Consider Approving Resolution Authorizing Proposal Submission for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

This item was removed from the Agenda.

15. Consider Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Purchase or Request Quotations for the Replacement of Pickup Truck #4

Pickup Truck #4 was totaled as the result of a vehicle accident. The City received a check from the insurance adjuster for the amount of \$7,835.07.

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag authorizing the Director of Public Works to Purchase a replacement pickup truck for City vehicle Pickup Truck #4 in the amount of \$7,835.07. Ayes – All.

16. Consider Approving Revised Cemetery Rates and Establish Effective Date for Rate Revisions

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2010-15, “Resolution Approving Cemetery Rate Change.” Ayes – All.

The following Cemetery rates will be effective May 1, 2010:

Grave Lot Fees

Resident: Single Grave Lot	\$ 200.00
Non-Resident: Single Grave Lot	\$ 450.00
Resident: Two Grave Lot	\$ 400.00
Non-Resident: Two Grave Lot	\$ 800.00
Resident: Four Grave Lot	\$ 800.00
Non-Resident: Four Grave Lot	\$1,600.00
Resident: Single Infant Grave	\$ 75.00
Non-Resident: Single Infant Grave	\$ 150.00

Burial Fees

Resident: Cost of Burial	\$ 300.00
Non-Resident: Cost of Burial	\$ 600.00
Resident: Cost of Infant Burial	\$ 100.00
Non-Resident: Cost of Infant Burial	\$ 200.00
Resident: Burial of Ashes	\$ 150.00
Non-Resident: Burial of Ashes	\$ 250.00
Disinterment (Casket or Vault)	\$1,000.00*
Disinterment (Ashes)	\$ 200.00

*Plus any applicable burial cost if relocated within the cemetery.

Additional Fees

Frozen Ground Burial (12/15 to 4/15)	\$ 150.00
Frozen Ground Ashes (12/15 to 4/15)	\$ 100.00
Saturday Burial (Additional Charge)	\$ 250.00
Charge after 3:30 pm	\$ 50.00
Concrete Base for Headstone	\$ 100.00
Install Marker (Footstone)	\$ 40.00
Install Military Marker (Footstone)	\$ 50.00

17. Promotion of Patrol Officer to Sergeant

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to promote Patrol Officer Brian Ness to Sergeant effective May 1, 2010. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Kuoppala thanked the City Public Works Department for snow plowing around Fayal Pond on behalf of citizens who appreciated having a place to walk this winter.

Kuoppala also reminded everyone to complete and return the census information. She said it is important for Eveleth in receiving grants and State political representation.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Chief Lillis reminded the public to make good use of the trash drop off scheduled at the City Garage as blight enforcement will be kicking off. Lillis reminded residents that calendar parking is in effect until May 1st to allow for street sweeping. He also advised that cats and dogs need to be licensed. Councilor Kuoppala requested a reminder be put in the City's newsletter regarding animal licensing.

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow reiterated that the City will be accepting refuse at the garage beginning April 19th. The City has already started receiving yard waste due to the early spring.

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, stated the upcoming Grant and Park Avenue Street overlay project bid opening is set for May 10th. The County anticipates starting the project the end of May or first week of June. The contractor will either have downtown completed prior to July 2nd or will wait to begin the downtown area until after July 4th.

M. ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Matos, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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