

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., January 5, 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 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; City Attorney Mike Patchin; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; City Engineer Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the agenda with the deletion of J14. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Appointments to the Joint Cable Television Access Board

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to appoint Mayor Matos to the Joint Cable Television Access Board for the term January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Ayes – All.

2. Certificate of Award Presentation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Chief Lillis presented officers Lt. LeRoy Hilde, Sgt. Richard High, Officer Brian Ness, and Officer Jesse Linde with awards from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their participation in providing local intelligence information and participation in making the arrest of the suspect in a residence in Eveleth.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – December 1-15, 2009
2. Approval of Claims – December, 2009
3. Approval of Claims – January, 2010
4. Representation Agreement between City of Eveleth and Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney & Brunfelt, Ltd.
5. Approval for Two Public Works Personnel to Attend Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference, St. Cloud, MN, March 2-4, 2010
6. Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties
7. Request to Purchase Three M-100 Vote Counters
8. Lease for Lawful Gambling Activity from Chicagami at Hoagies, 301 Grant Ave., Eveleth, MN
9. EMT Training Request

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the consent agenda. Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Improvement Hearing on 2010 Capital Improvement Projects - Grant Avenue & Park Avenue Reconstruction

Mayor Matos opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Director Wiskow gave an overview of the planned project. The plan is to complete the blue section (of the project as shown on the map) by July 4, 2010 and to start the orange/brown section mid to late May 2010 and have completion by November 1, 2010.

The following people spoke:

Tony Jeffries, 920 Grant Avenue
Jenny Jackson, 601 Grant Avenue
Tammy Ninnemann, 808 Grant Avenue
Rich Baratta, 1019 Grant Avenue

Mayor Matos closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

2. Modifying the Number of Commissioners of the Eveleth Economic Development Authority

Mayor Matos opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

No one came forward.

Mayor Matos closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Ordering Improvement After Public Hearing – Grant Avenue & Park Avenue Reconstruction

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2010-02 Ordering Improvement After Public Hearing. Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Modifying the Number of Commissioners of the Eveleth Economic Development Authority

Motion by councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to adopt Resolution No. 2010-03 Modifying the Number of Commissioners of the Eveleth Economic Development Authority. Ayes – All.

3. City Council Appointments to the Eveleth EDA

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Councilor Kallevig and Councilor Kuoppala to the Eveleth EDA for the term 1/5/2010 – December 31, 2010. Ayes – All.

A letter will be sent to Tom Bartovich and Robert Kivela thanking them for their service on the EDA Board.

4. Designate Depositories

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to designate Wells Fargo, Eveleth, MN and The Miners National Bank of Eveleth, MN as depositories for the City of Eveleth for 2010. Ayes – All.

5. Designate Official Newspaper

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to designate the Eveleth Scene, Eveleth, MN as the City's official newspaper for 2010. Ayes – All.

6. *Appoint Acting Mayor*

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to appoint Councilor Koivunen as acting Mayor for 2010. Ayes - All.

7. *Council Board & Liaison Appointments*

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to not modify the Council Board & Liaison Appointments for 2010. Ayes – All.

8. *Designate Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as City Engineer for 2010*

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to appoint Benchmark Engineering Inc. as City Engineer for 2010. Ayes – All.

9. *Consider Accepting Proposal from Old Time Oil & Auto dated December 14, 2009, for gasoline and diesel fuel purchases in 2010.*

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to accept the proposal from Old Time Oil & Auto dated December 14, 2009 for gasoline and diesel fuel purchases in 2010. Ayes – All.

10. *Consider Sanitary Sewer Rate Proposal for Fayal Township*

Director Wiskow stated that Fayal Township has requested a rate from the City of Eveleth to handle their sanitary sewer. Fayal Township would install the facilities to move the sanitary sewer and it would be treated at our plant. The rates mirror the rates established for the City of Eveleth, plus a monthly service fee.

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen, to approve Sanitary Sewer Rate Proposal for Fayal Township. Ayes – All.

11. *Second Reading of an Ordinance Granting a Cable Franchise to Mediacom Minnesota LLC and Repealing Ordinance No. 207 of the City Code of the City of Eveleth*

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 48, 2nd Series Granting a Cable Franchise to Mediacom Minnesota LLC and Repealing Ordinance No. 207 of the City Code of the City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

12. *Resolution Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land by Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority*

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Resolution No. 2010-04 Request for Free Conveyance of State Tax Forfeited Land by Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority. Ayes – All.

13. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Granting to Minnesota Power, its Successors and Assigns, a Franchise to Construct and Maintain an Electric Distribution and/or Transmission System Within the City of Eveleth, Minnesota

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Granting to Minnesota Power, its Successors and Assigns, a Franchise to Construct and Maintain an Electric Distribution and/or Transmission System Within the City of Eveleth, Minnesota. Ayes – All.

14. Change Order #5 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. for Medical Office Building

Removed from agenda.

15. Change Order #3 from Construction Services, Inc. for 319-323 Grant Avenue Demolition

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Change Order #3 from Construction Services, Inc. for 319-323 Grant Avenue Demolition. Ayes – All.

16. 6th Annual Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Bonspiel Donation Request

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve a \$150 donation to the 6th Annual Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Bonspiel. Ayes – All.

17. Letter from Bicycling Around Minnesota

Director Wiskow summarized the memorandum provided in the City Council packet. Bicycling Around Minnesota is requesting to use Northside Park for camping and the Hippodrome for taking showers during their 2010 Bicycling Around Minnesota event. Charge any staff time to hotel-motel administration.

Motion Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the request from Bicycling Around Minnesota and that any City staff time be charged to the Hotel-Motel Admin fund. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board & Liaison Updates

Councilor Kallevig announced there will be a special meeting on January 7, 2010 at 2 p.m. to review the progress of the Medical Office Building.

Councilor Kuoppala announced that Vickie Tuscan's term on VEEDA Board has expired and requested a letter of thanks be sent to her. She also welcomed Scott Haas as a new VEEDA Board member.

Councilor Hoag thanked Minnesota Power and M&M Electric for their donations to make the lighting of the sliding hill possible. He also requested a story and photos be submitted to the Eveleth Scene.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Reminded animal owners to get their pets licensed for 2010. He also announced that WDIO did a feature earlier in the day on the FBI award.

Public Works Director – Reminded residents that Christmas tree pickup will commence January 11 and to place their tree adjacent to the alley or street. He also thanked residents who have adopted a fire hydrant.

City Engineer – Rod Flannigan expressed his gratitude for being reappointed as City Engineer.

Clerk-Administrator – None

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Matos, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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