

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., January 2, 2013
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Beth Peterson, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Pete Makowski, Eveleth Fire Chief, thanked the Eveleth Fire Department and Eveleth Police Department for their outstanding efforts during the fire at Sleeves Bar. Makowski also commended the Eveleth Public Works Department for helping with barricades and the water supply.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said it is nice to see cooperation and it gives everyone a sense of security.

Councilor Lillis thanked Makowski for recognizing those departments as it often goes unnoticed.

Makowski offered continue support to Councilor Koivunen on the recent damage to his bar.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – December 1-15, 2012 in the amount of \$97,377.16
2. Approval of Claims – December 2012 in the amount of \$347,739.09
3. Approval of Claims – January 2013 in the amount of \$178,534.11

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Assign Council Seating and Voting Order

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to assign Council Seating and Voting Order as follows: Peterson, Koivunen, Lillis, Hadrava, Vlasisavljevich. Ayes – All.

2. Designate Depositories

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to designate Wells Fargo Bank, Eveleth, Minnesota and The Miners National Bank of Eveleth as depositories for the City of Eveleth for the year 2013. Ayes – All.

3. Designate Official Newspaper

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to designate the Eveleth Scene, Eveleth, Minnesota as the City of Eveleth's Official Newspaper for the year 2013. Ayes – All.

4. Appoint Acting Mayor

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Peterson to appoint Councilor Joseph Koivunen as Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor Vlasisavljevich. Ayes – All.

5. Council Board & Liaison Appointments

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve the Council Board & Liaison Appointments for 2013. Ayes – All.

Board, Commission, Committee	Council Appointment
Board of Adjustment & Planning Commission	Councilor Peterson
Donations Committee	Councilor Lillis & Councilor Koivunen
Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority	Councilor Hadrava (Councilor Koivunen, alternate)
Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority Zoning Board	Councilor Hadrava
*Economic Development Authority	Councilor Peterson & Councilor Lillis
Fire Commission	Councilor Lillis
Golf Course Commission	Councilor Koivunen
*Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board	Councilor Hadrava
Joint Recreation Board	Council Members Rotate Schedule
Library Board	Councilor Peterson
Police Commission	Mayor Vlasisavljevich
*Quad Cities Joint Recreation Authority Board	Councilor Koivunen
Buildings and Grounds	Councilor Peterson & Councilor Koivunen
Streets and Alleys	Councilor Koivunen & Councilor Hadrava
Public Utilities	Councilor Lillis & Councilor Peterson
Personnel Sub-Committee	Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Peterson
Public Safety	Councilor Lillis & Councilor Koivunen
*VEEDA Board	Mayor Vlasisavljevich
*Parks Commission	Councilor Hadrava
Eveleth Health Services Park/Hospital Board	Councilor Koivunen (Councilor Peterson, alternate)
Joint Cable Commission	Mayor Vlasisavljevich
Marketing Committee	Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Hadrava
*HRA	Councilor Peterson

* Councilors are voting members

6. Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2013-01, “Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties.” Ayes – All.

7. Designate Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as City Engineer for 2013

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to designate Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as the City Engineer for the year 2013. Ayes – All.

8. Resolution Calling for Hearing on Proposed Assessment for 2012 Street Improvements

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2013-02, “Resolution Calling for Hearing on Proposed Assessment for 2012 Street Improvements.” Ayes – All.

The hearing will be held during the February 5, 2013 Council Meeting.

9. Resolution Requesting Legislative Assistance for a Semaphore at Highway 53 and Hat Trick Avenue

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2013-03, “Resolution Requesting Legislative Assistance for a Semaphore at Highway 53 and Hat Trick Avenue. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen thanked everyone for assisting him during the fire at his bar. He said it is tough to go through.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich welcomed Councilor Lillis. Lillis thanked everyone and said he looks forward to working with the City Council.

Councilor Hadrava showed the audience a t-shirt he was wearing which represented the Eveleth Hippodrome. The t-shirts will be sold as a fundraiser for the Youth Hockey efforts in buying a new scoreboard at the Hippodrome.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich commented that the Eveleth Hippodrome is the heartbeat of the City. Director Wiskow said that out of town hockey teams have made special trips to the Hippodrome just to look at the historical pictures and arena.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen welcomed Councilor Lillis to the Council. Koivunen observed the cooperation with law enforcement and fire departments of surrounding cities during the fire at his brother’s bar. He also thanked Barb White, Bonsai Tea, for supplying coffee to the workers.

Koivunen said he is the tournament director for the Boy's Hockey Tournament to be held at the Hippodrome on January 11-13, 2013. He encouraged the public to attend.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich noted that the police and ambulance work as a team. He said they know that the residents in the community come first.

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow informed the public that Christmas tree pick up will take place on January 14th. Residents can place their trees in the alley or street by their house. Christmas trees can also be dropped off at the City Garage.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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