

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., January 5, 2016**  
**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**

Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present  
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present  
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent  
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present  
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Jerry Rosati; Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the agenda. Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – December 1-15, 2015 in the amount of \$100,022.67
2. Approval of Claims – December 2015 in the amount of \$777,343.34
3. Request for eight EMT's to attend 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Arrowhead EMS Conference & Expo, Duluth, MN, January 21-24, 2016

4. Request for three Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference, St. Cloud, March 1-3, 2016
5. Request for Police Chief to attend 2016 MN Chiefs of Police Association Executive Training, St. Cloud, MN, April 17-20, 2016
6. 2016 Land Licenses in Alice Location

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.*

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. 2016 Capital Improvements Projects**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the Public Hearing for the 2016 Capital Improvement Projects to order at 7:02 p.m. Public Works Director Rosati specified the following areas:

- Street Bituminous Overlay: 1100 Block of Adams Avenue
- Street Bituminous Overlay: 1000 Block of Shackleton Street & North half of 1100 block of Lincoln Avenue
- Street Bituminous Overlay: 400 Block of Monroe Street

The City hopes to extend the life of the above streets by 10 to 15 years with the bituminous overlay.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for 2016 Capital Improvement Projects**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2016-01, “Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans for 2016 Capital Improvement Projects.” Ayes – All.*

### **2. Appoint Acting Mayor**

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

**3. Designate Official Newspaper**

The City received one quotation from Hometown Focus for publishing City Council proceedings, legal, and classified display advertising.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to appoint Hometown Focus as the City's official newspaper for the year 2016. Ayes – All.*

**4. Designate Depositories**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to designate Wells Fargo, Eveleth, Minnesota and The Miners National Bank of Eveleth, Minnesota as depositories for the City of Eveleth for the year 2016. Ayes – All.*

**5. Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02, "Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties." Ayes – All.*

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will serve as the Responsible Authority.

**6. Designate Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as City Engineer for 2016**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to designate Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as the City Engineer for the year 2016. Ayes – All.*

**7. Consider a pledge to the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities for the Legal and Regulatory Program**

Public Works Director Rosati explained the legal battle the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities is moving forward with since the EPA has accepted the ruling for the MPCA to regulate riverine standards. Councilor Lillis said the recommendations are based off wrong information, and it would be in the City's best interest to fight the sanctions. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the MPCA is spending funds to fix a problem that does not exist.

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize the City's pledge of \$1.00 per wastewater billing hookup in the amount of \$1,509.00 to the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities for the Legal Regulatory Program to assist with the Federal lawsuit against the EPA's approval of the MPCA's riverine standards. Ayes – All.*

**8. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit (Margie Koivunen)**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2016-03, Resolution 2016-04, and Resolution 2016-05, “Resolution(s) Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit.” Ayes – All.*

Margie Koivunen, Bob Pazzelli and Dan Peterlin each donated \$200.00 towards the K-9 Unit.

Chief of Police Koivunen said the dog should be arriving by plane Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Officer High will be picking up the dog from the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport. Koivunen thought the dog may be eligible for drug patrol within a month and will be fully trained by May.

**9. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit (Bob Pazzelli)**

Approved above.

**10. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit (Dan Peterlin)**

Approved above.

**11. Pay Request No. 3 from Radotich, Inc. in the amount of \$6,758.78 for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: Mechanical Construction**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Pay Request No. 3 from Radotich, Inc. in the amount of \$6,758.78 for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation (Mechanical Construction). Ayes – All.*

**12. Pay Request No. 4/Final from Radotich, Inc. in the amount of \$2,432.47 for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: Mechanical Construction**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Final Pay Request No. 4 from Radotich, Inc. in the amount of \$2,432.47 for the Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation (Mechanical Construction). Ayes – All.*

Councilor Koivunen asked if something could be written into future contracts for work at the Auditorium. Koivunen said that some contractors are too busy or do not care about getting projects complete on time. The original date for completion was October 14, 2015. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the next phase of the Auditorium could include liquidated damages as part of the contract. However, the bid amount may go up for a small contract.

**13. Pay Request No. 2 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$14,753.50 for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: General Construction**

Removed from agenda.

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Hoag said the HRA has replaced many of the furnaces in the housing units at Clay Court.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the City has some ideas for the Industrial Park Drive area. He noted the new tenants (MnDOT and Kiewit) at the former Fingerhut building have been injecting money into local businesses and have purchased some big ticket items.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director – Director Rosati said the City will be picking up Christmas trees on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk Administrator

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