

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., January 15, 2013
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

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

Also present: City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow;
Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Peterson noted a change to Page 6 of the December 18, 2012 City Council Minutes. Peterson said her recollection is that Councilor Hoag voted “No” to the following motion (the minutes indicated Councilor Hoag Voted “Yes”):

“Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Mayor Vlasisavljevich that if the liquor license is approved, Applicant Kiki Schomberg must present City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek and Chief of Police Koivunen with a business plan and construction schedule by January 15, 2013 and that this item be added to the January 15, 2013 City Council Agenda or the liquor license will be revoked.”

(After further review, the original December 18, 2012 Minutes will remain the same with Councilor Hoag voting “Yes” to the above motion.)

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following minutes with change to Page 6 of the City Council Minutes dated December 18, 2012:

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held December 18, 2012;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 18, 2012;*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Workshop held January 2, 2013; and*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 2, 2013*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Peterson to approve the Agenda with the following additions:

- J5. Accept Retirement of Utility Crew Leader*
- J6. Accept Retirement of Wastewater Operator*
- J7. Authorize Posting of Utility Crew Leader Position*
- J8. Authorize Hiring of Wastewater Operator*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mike Erjavec, Fayal Town Board, expressed Fayal's interest in sending sewage to Eveleth's plant if it is economically feasible. Erjavec said they would like to meet to establish a rate.

Director Wiskow said the City is close in the process. He suggested that engineers from Fayal and Eveleth meet to determine where Fayal could hook up with Eveleth's sewer line.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said that Fayal would like to determine the rates prior to incurring any engineer expenses. Vlasisavljevich said that once Fayal reviews the rate, Eveleth would be willing to meet with the Fayal Board for further discussion.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – December 16-31, 2012 in the amount of \$112,658.35**
- 2. Approval for City Council and City Clerk/Administrator to attend Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative Action Day, February 6, 2013, St. Paul, MN**
- 3. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement PO ID 3000001703 (Aqua Power Expansion)**
- 4. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement PO ID 3000001704 (2013 CIP – Jones Street)**
- 5. Iron Range Resources Amendment to Grant Agreement PO ID 3000000277 (Grant Extension for EHSP Assisted Living Project)**
- 6. Travel Request for Ambulance Service EMT's to attend Annual EMS Conference in Duluth, MN, January 20-22, 2012**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Discretionary Capital Budget

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Discretionary Capital Budget. Ayes – All.

2. Authorize Benchmark Engineering to proceed with plans for the removal of abandoned steam Pipe under Jones Street (2013 CIP)

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Benchmark Engineering to proceed with plans for removal of abandoned steam Pipe under Jones Street (2013 CIP) using Option Number 3 to include:

Remove steam mains and services within construction limits. Remove all steam piping, insulation, and brick and mortar structures. Bulkhead all steam mains (4) and services (26) with concrete at construction limits. Remove all 28 brick and mortar structures. New sanitary sewer main would remain at most desired location centerline of Jones Street.

Ayes – All.

The estimated cost for this option is \$82,000.

3. Council Member Board Appoint to Iron Range Youth In Action

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Councilor Beth Peterson to the Iron Range Youth In Action Board. Ayes – All.

4. Donations Request from Iron Range Youth in Action

Attorney Brunfelt said this request would not meet public purpose. No further action was taken.

5. Accept Retirement of Public Works Utility Crew Leader

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to accept retirement of Public Works Utility Crew Leader, Jack Haugen, effective March 29, 2013 and to send a letter of thanks upon his retirement. Ayes – All.

6. Accept Retirement of Wastewater Operator

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to accept retirement of Wastewater Operator, William McKenzie, effective February 27, 2013 and to send a letter of thanks upon his retirement. Ayes – All.

7. Authorize Posting of Utility Crew Leader Position

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize posting for the vacant Public Works Utility Crew Leader position internally until no qualified applicants apply for the open position and then authorize advertising externally for the vacant position. Ayes – All.

8. Authorize Hiring of Wastewater Operator

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve hiring Paul C. Moe for the vacant Wastewater Operator position contingent upon a satisfactory criminal background check, pre-employment physical and drug screening. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow informed the public that City Hall Offices and the Public Works Department will be closed on Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The Hippodrome, Wastewater Plant, and Refuse departments will be staffed.

Councilor Peterson said she is pleased and honored to represent the City of Eveleth at the SHOT Show in Las Vegas, Nevada as an invitee from the IRRRB.

Peterson also brought two donation requests from Range Mental Health: 1) Project Warmth (bringing blankets to those in need in the community); and 2) Dustin Damm Memorial Fund (for those experiencing mental health crises).

Director Wiskow said there are 65 years of combined service between Jack Haugen and William McKenzie. Wiskow had jokingly threatened each of them that when this day arrived, he would write a letter of recommendation for the Council to reject their retirement notice. Wiskow said he has worked with them each for the past 13 years, and wished Jack and Bill the best of luck in the future.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisvljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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