

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., January 21, 2014
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, Absent
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; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held January 7, 2014; and Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 7, 2014. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Agenda with removal of “J11. Donations Request from Iron Range Youth in Action.” Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the following appointments: (Ayes – All)

1. Consider Appointment of Tony Jeffries to the Iron Range Tourism Board for the term 1/21/2014 to 12/31/2015;
2. Consider Appointment of Wade Peterson to the Joint Recreation Board for the term 1/21/2014 to 12/31/2015;
3. Consider Reappointment of Angela Aaseng to the Park Commission for the term 1/31/2014 to 1/31/2016;

4. Consider Reappointment of Michael Maroste to the Joint Recreation Board for the term 1/21/2014 to 12/31/2016; and
5. Consider Reappointment of Susan Gilpin to the Park Commission for the term 1/31/2014 to 1/31/2016

Councilor Lillis thanked the appointees for serving on the various boards and commissions.

6. Bruce Paulson of Stantec Consulting to present plans for Eveleth City Auditorium Renovation Phase II project

Bruce Paulson, Stantec Consulting, explained the plans and bidding timeline for the Eveleth City Auditorium Renovation Phase II project. There will be a showing of the building for interested bidders on February 4th. Bids will be received on February 13th, with the anticipation of a recommendation by Stantec for the Council on February 18th.

7. Ryan Capelle of Stantec Consulting to present options for activated carbon chemical feed equipment at the water treatment plant to control taste and odor problems

Ryan Capelle, Stantec Consulting, said they have been made aware of the taste and odor problem with the City's water. Capelle said the cause is likely from decay of vegetation and algae. One option is to feed carbon activated material in to the surface water. The organics would adhere to the substance and then be filtered out of the water. Stantec has recommended the City run a trial this coming spring and summer, and get input from the public. If this option is working, they City could move towards a permanent set up. Capelle said that the taste and odor issues are aesthetic and do not pose a health risk.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Payroll – December 16-31, 2013 in the amount of \$114,612.13**
2. **Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583, to be held at the Resurrection Church, 301 Adams Avenue, Eveleth, MN, April 13, 2014 to November 23, 2014**
3. **Application for Exempt Permit, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, to be held June 13, 2014 at Sue's Penalty Box, 311 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN**
4. **Revised Amended Joint Powers Agreement Relating to the Establishment of a Joint Cable Television Access Board**
5. **Pay Equity Compliance Report**
6. **Travel Request for Ambulance Service EMT's to attend Annual EMS Conference in Duluth, MN, January 22-26, 2014**

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

Councilor Lillis asked about the changes to the Joint Cable Television Access Board Joint Powers Agreement. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained that the changes pertain to the fiscal year.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider calling for bids for Eveleth City Auditorium Renovation Phase II project

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Stantec to call for bids for the Eveleth City Auditorium Renovation Phase II Project. Ayes – All.

2. Consider authorizing City Staff and Consulting Engineers to proceed with activated carbon chemical feed equipment at the water treatment plant to control taste and odor problems

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize City staff and consulting engineers to proceed with activated carbon chemical feed equipment at the water treatment plant to control taste and odor problems. Ayes – All.

3. Resolution Accepting Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing for 2014 Street and Alley Improvement Project

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2014-02, “Resolution Accepting Feasibility Report and Calling for Public Hearing for 2014 Street and Alley Improvement Project.” Ayes – All.

The public hearing will be February 4, 2014 at the next council meeting

Councilor Lillis encouraged residents living in the affected areas to attend the next meeting if they have questions or concerns.

4. Consider approving Change Order No. 2 for Northside Park Skating Shack Construction

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Change Order No. 2 for Northside Park Skating Shack Construction. Ayes – All.

There is a \$1,000 decrease in the project. The original plan was to furnish wood windows for the shack. 3D Concrete & Construction, contractor, provided vinyl insert windows which did not cost as much as the original proposal.

5. Consider approving Pay Request No. 3 (final) for Northside Park Skating Shack Construction contingent upon contractor submitting IC134 forms

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 3 (final) for Northside Park Skating Shack Construction in the amount of \$4,977.05 contingent upon contractor submitting IC134 forms. Ayes – All.

Councilor Hadrava announced the Northside Skating Shack dedication to be held February 16, 2014 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

6. Consider accepting quotation for soil borings in potential development areas

The City received two quotations for soil borings of City owned property off of Highway 53 as follows:

Braun Intertec	\$4,230.00 (Site A & B)
Twin Ports Testing	\$5,516.00 (Site A & B)

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept quotation from Braun Intertec in the amount of \$4,230.00 for soil boring at City owned sites “A” and “B” on the east side of Highway 54 in the southeast corner. Ayes – All.

7. Designate Official Newspaper

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to designate Hometown Focus as the City’s official newspaper for 2014. Ayes – All.

8. Approve hiring of EMT’s

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve hiring the following EMT’s: Derek Peterlin, Lana Brown, Denise Williams. Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Accepting Donation for Library Front Steps Carpeting

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2014-03, “Resolution Accepting Donation for Library Front Steps Carpeting.” Ayes – All.

The Eveleth Elks Lodge 1161 donated \$981.88 for carpeting the front steps of the Eveleth Public Library.

10. Request from Paul Tuskan to carry over personal time from 2013 to 2014

Public Works Director Wiskow did not foresee any problems with allowing Mr. Tuskan to carry over 18 hours of personal time.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize City employee, Paul Tuskan, to carry over 18 hours of personal time from 2013 to be used in 2014. Ayes – All.

11. Donations Request from Iron Range Youth in Action

This item was removed from the agenda.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Hadrava attended Hockey Day in Elk River along with Mark Forte. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek also attended. The decision for who will host Hockey Day 2015 will be made in the next couple of months. Hadrava encouraged Eveleth residents to keep writing letters of support. He said it will be a very busy time if the City is nominated to host the event.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to set up a meeting for anyone interested in discussing rental properties. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek and Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries will work to schedule a meeting.

Councilor Lillis appealed to the public asking anyone interested in serving on the Fire Commission to contact the Mayor or City Hall. The commission has one vacant position.

Councilor Hadrava asked for help with the vacant position on the Airport Commission.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reminded the public to attend the Polymet meeting in Hoyt Lakes tomorrow night.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director –Director Wiskow asked for patience as the City tries to clear snow.

City Attorney – Attorney Brunfelt said if residents are not able to make the forum for Polymet they can go on the DNR website and submit comments.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he believes we can be responsible about mining and still preserve the natural beauty of the area.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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