

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., February 2, 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, Present
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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following minutes:

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held January 19, 2016; and*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 19, 2016.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Reappointment of Kathy Murphy to the Park Commission

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to reappoint Kathy Murphy to the Park Commission for the term 2/2/2016 to 1/31/2018. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – January 1-15, 2016 in the amount of \$99,503.14
2. Approval of Claims – January 2016 in the amount of \$622,025.04
3. IRRRB Development Infrastructure Grant Agreement PO ID#3000002724 (Grant Amendment – Assisted Living project to Auditorium)
4. Request for City Administrator and City Council to attend Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative Action Day, St. Paul, MN, March 16, 2016
5. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus at Resurrection Church, 301 Adams Ave., Eveleth, March 13 & November 20, 2016
6. Joint Powers Agreement for Group Employee Benefits and Other Financial and Risk Management Services between the City of Eveleth and the Northeast Service Cooperative

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Safety Committee's recommendation to hire EMT's

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to hire the following EMT's contingent upon passing a physical examination: Melanie Sue Peterson, Jennifer Christine Hull, Hannah Elisabeth Watts, Kyler Thomas Swalby. Ayes – All.

2. Eveleth-Virginia Airport Grant 3-27-0028-011-2013 Closeout

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Grant 3-27-0028-011-2013 Closeout. Ayes – All.

3. Consider authorizing Benchmark Engineering to prepare plans, specifications and engineering field work for the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Project (main replacement in the 700 & 800 blocks of Pierce Street)

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Benchmark Engineering to prepare plans, specifications and engineering field work for the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Project (main replacement in the 700 & 800 blocks of Pierce Street). Ayes – All.

The estimated project cost is \$140,369. Director Rosati received notice that the CDBG will be recommending a grant for Eveleth in the amount of \$50,000 towards this project.

4. Resolution Approving Plans and Advertising for Bids (2016 Street Improvements Project)

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2016-06, “Resolution Approving Plans and Advertising for Bids (2016 Street Improvements Project). Ayes – All.

The following streets are included in the 2016 Street Improvements Project:

- Street Bituminous Overlay: 1100 block of Adams Avenue;
- Street Bituminous Overlay: 1000 block of Shackleton Street & North ½ of 1100 block of Lincoln Avenue; and
- Street Bituminous Overlay: 400 block of Monroe Street.

5. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Public Works Stimulus Grant Program

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2016-07, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Public Works Stimulus Grant Program. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Hadrava said the City is considering combining the Senior High and Hippodrome voting precincts. The new polling place would be at the City Auditorium. Hadrava asked for public input.

Councilor Koivunen said there have been a number of mishaps with voters falling at the Hippodrome. He also referred to the long walking distance for voters at the Senior High School. He said the Auditorium would have more room.

Councilor Lillis said he believed it would be more efficient and safe for voters at the Auditorium.

Councilor Hoag advocated for also keeping the polling place for West Eveleth at the Leonidas Community Center.

Councilor Koivunen said, “We are putting it out there for you voters.”

The Council encouraged residents to express their opinion on combining precincts and changing the polling place to the City Auditorium Building.

Councilor Koivunen said the 29th Annual Pool Tournament will be held in Eveleth next weekend.

Councilor Lillis said the Public Safety Committee plans to conduct future interviews for the Fire Department.

Councilor Hadrava announced Hockey Day Minnesota to be held in Duluth this coming weekend. The Eveleth-Gilbert Golden Bears Boys Hockey Team will be playing against Duluth Denfeld. The community has raised money for the team.

Hadrava referred to a letter from Jeff Torrell for the no-check hockey tournament to be held March 4-6, 2016. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will post this item on the next Council agenda for consideration.

Alan Kangas, 702 Cleveland Street, was the winner of two free tickets to the February 20, 2016 Minnesota Wild Hockey Game.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen said the Hockey Day Minnesota game starts at 10 a.m. with gates opening at 8 a.m. The Eveleth Elks Club will host a feed for the boys’ hockey team on Friday night.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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