

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., February 16, 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: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer; Director of Public Works Jerry Rosati; Assistant Public Works Director Scott Smith; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Agenda. Ayes- All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Reappointment of Angela Aaseng to the Park Commission

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to reappoint Angie Aaseng to the Park Commission for the term 2/16/2016 to 1/31/2018. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – January 16-31, 2016 in the amount of \$123,080.95
2. Request to approve year-end transfer
3. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Franklin Bears PTA, April 10, 2016 at Range Recreation Civic Center
4. EMT and Lead EMT position descriptions

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Purchase agreement for purchase of real property (Sly 625 ft. of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Lying Ely of Hwy #53, Section 29, Township 58, Range 17; PIN 040-0205-00108)**

Mayor Vlaisavljevich specified that the location of the property is by the Fingerhut building and the Eveleth Vo-Tech. The City is interested in purchasing the property to gain control for future development. Councilor Koivunen said that with the purchase of this property, the City will own over 20 acres of land off the highway corridor.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the purchase agreement for the purchase of real property (Sly 625 ft. of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Lying Ely of Hwy #53, Section 29, Township 58, Range 17; PIN 040-0205-00108). Ayes – All.

- 2. Proposal from NTS to conduct Phase I Environmental Site Assessment on real property (Sly 625 ft. of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Lying Ely of Hwy #53, Section 29, Township 58, Range 17; PIN 040-0205-00108)**

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to accept proposal from NTS to conduct Phase I Environmental Site Assessment on real property (Sly 625 ft. of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Lying Ely of Hwy #53, Section 29, Township 58, Range 17; PIN 040-0205-00108). Ayes – All.

3. Office Lease Between City of Eveleth and Kiewit Infrastructure Co. for 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Office Lease Between City of Eveleth and Kiewit Infrastructure Co. for 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

Councilor Koivunen commented that the lease is working in favor of the City, and that the workers are spending money in Eveleth. Mayor Vlaisavljevich commented that this is economic development. The City bought the building, and the tenants are injecting their money in the Eveleth and area communities.

4. Lease Agreement with J&T Sales for 206 McKinley Avenue, Eveleth, MN

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Lease Agreement with J&T Sales for 206 McKinley Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – Hoag, Lillis, Hadrava, Vlaisavljevich; Abstain – Koivunen (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

Councilor Koivunen said his wife, Tammy, loves the location, and business has been good. Many elderly folks stop at thrift store after visiting the clinic which is across the street from the shop (former Senior Citizens Building).

5. Documents to Effectuate Transfer of \$940,000 City of Eveleth, Minnesota, Multifamily Housing Revenue Note (Manor House and Woodland Homes Project), Subordinate Series 2006C

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve documents to effectuate transfer of \$940,000 City of Eveleth, Minnesota, Multifamily Housing Revenue Note (Manor House and Woodland Homes Project), Subordinate Series 2006C. Ayes – All.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich described the process for which the City of Eveleth has been acting as a fiscal agent for the City of Grand Rapids. Consultant Dave Salene recommended this opportunity to the City. Eveleth receives about \$10,000 per year for issuer fees.

6. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds From the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2016-08, "Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds From the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program." Ayes – All.

Discussion took place on the property located at 609 Garfield Street, Eveleth. City Attorney Thayer revealed a \$100,000 judgement against the property. The City could take down the structure, but would not be able to convey the property to the neighbors

unless the judgement is forgiven. Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked Attorney Thayer to proceed with the property.

7. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit (Boundary Waters Drug Task Force)

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2010-09, "Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit (Boundary Waters Drug Task Force). Ayes – All.

The Boundary Waters Drug Task Force donated \$5,000 towards Eveleth's new K-9 unit.

8. Public Safety Committee's recommendation to hire EMT

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve recommendation of the Public Safety Committee to hire Ashley Ludtke as an EMT contingent on passing a physical examination. Ayes – All.

9. Request from Jeff Torrel & Frank Klabecheck to rent the Hippodrome, March 4-6, 2016 for 8th annual senior no-check hockey tournament

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve request from Jeff Torrel & Frank Klabecheck to rent the Hippodrome, March 4-6, 2016 for 8th annual senior no-check hockey tournament. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Hadrava said the OHV trail board is moving ahead with some ideas to connect the trail.

Councilor Koivunen complimented the Public Works Department on snow removal.

Councilor Lillis indicated that he, along with Councilor Koivunen, conducted interviews of firefighter candidates. They hope to have a recommendation for hiring at a future meeting. Lillis said there is a nationwide difficulty for recruiting fire department volunteers.

Councilor Hadrava reported on the successful pool tournament. He said there were about 200 people in town for the event.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the City will be moving forward with combining precincts (Hippodrome and Senior High School), and will hold voting at the Auditorium Building. West Eveleth residents will continue to vote at the Leonidas Community Center. Vlasisavljevich said there is interest to hold concerts at the Auditorium.

Councilors Koivunen and Hoag have heard of interest to hold a wedding at the site. Councilor Hoag suggested the City advertise to let the public know that the building is ready for occupancy. He suggested roping off the stairs to keep people out of restricted areas.

Councilor Hadrava suggested talking with the Park Commission to explore showing movies in the Auditorium.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich also commended the street crew, and all City departments. He said that all of the departments work as a team.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer - Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering, reported that he specifications for the sewer project are over 80 percent complete. They will be in a position to get early bids for the project.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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