

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., February 18, 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, Present  
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; Chief of Police Tim Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held February 5, 2014; and Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 5, 2014. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – January 16-31, 2014 in the amount of \$118,428.98

2. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement PO ID 3000002766 (Mineland Reclamation: United Taconite Spruce Stockpile and Truck Shop Embankment Project)

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Public Hearing for Clean Water Revolving Fund Facility Plan (Garfield Street sanitary sewer replacement)**

Mayor Vlaisavljevich convened the Public Hearing for Clean Water Revolving Fund Facility Plan (Garfield Street sanitary sewer replacement). Director Wiskow explained the reconstruction project and the loan options.

Mayor adjourned the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution Adopting Facility Plan for Garfield Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements**

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2014-05, “Resolution Adopting Facility Plan for Garfield Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements.” Ayes – All.*

2. **Approve Assistant Fire Chief and Fireground Captain appointments**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following appointment to the Eveleth Fire Department:*

*Mike Lenich, Assistant Fire Chief  
Guy Spurlin, Fireground Captain*

*Ayes – All.*

3. **Resolution Consenting to an Economic Development Loan from the Eveleth Economic Development Authority to Curt Drobnick**

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2014-06, “Resolution Consenting to an Economic Development Loan from the Eveleth Economic Development Authority to Curt Drobnick.” Ayes – All.*

Curt Drobnick will be purchasing and redeveloping the Fayal Car Wash located at 432 Fayal Road in Eveleth.

**4. Request for Council Support for Homes for All 2014 Legislative Agenda**

Val Strukel, Northeast Regional Organizer for Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, has requested Council support for the Homes for All 2014 Legislative Agenda.

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to support the Homes for All 2014 Legislative Agenda. Ayes – All.*

**5. Letter from Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority requesting short-term loan of \$75,000**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize a short-term loan to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority in the amount of \$75,000. Ayes – All.*

**6. Authorize Director of Public Works to call for quotations for the purchase of one (1) ½ ton 4x4 pickup and one (1) ¾ ton 4x4 pickup**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Director of Public Works to call for quotations for the purchase of one (1) ½ ton 4x4 pickup and one (1) ¾ ton 4x4 pickup. Ayes – All.*

**7. Agreement for Installation of Solar PV Energy System at United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Agreement for Installation of Solar PV Energy System at the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum. Ayes – All.*

**8. Consider setting special City Council meeting to consider bids for Eveleth Auditorium Phase II project**

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve setting a Special City Council Meeting for Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. to consider bids for the Eveleth Auditorium Phase II project. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow announced a running water advisory for all water customers in Eveleth and Leonidas. Residents are to run a faucet 24 hours a day until further

notice. The advisory may continue into April. Due to the extreme cold, a number of water lines have frozen. Wiskow said that at least three of the affected owners have lived in their homes for over 40 years without a frozen water line. Eveleth Public Utilities will be adjusting water bills. Wiskow advised customers to expect long water outages in the event of a water main break. The frost is down six feet, and it will take a long time to hammer down to make the repairs.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek offered the use of City Hall and the Eveleth Fire Hall for residents without water to fill containers if needed.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reminded the public to use caution when driving as the snow banks are getting high and visibility is limited.

Councilor Peterson commended the Eveleth HRA. Previously the HRA was rated by HUD as subpar with a 73 out of 100 percent. The HRA recently received a 96 out of 100 percent.

Councilor Lillis congratulated HRA Director Gigi Grahek on doing a good job. Lillis wished Grahek the best of luck as she will be moving on to another job.

Councilor Hadrava expressed gratitude to the City crew for snow removal. Hadrava praised the Police Department for working with all of the additional people in town during the pool tournament.

City Clerk Administrator announced the City's website for the Hockey Day 2015 proposal [www.evelethhockeyday.com](http://www.evelethhockeyday.com). The winner of Hockey Day 2015 has not yet been announced.

## **M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk Administrator

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