

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., February 21, 2012
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlaisavljevich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Beth Peterson, Absent
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Present
Mayor Robert Vlaisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mike Patchin; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Minutes of AFSCME Grievance Hearing held January 17, 2012; Minutes of City Council Workshop held February 6, 2012; and Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 6, 2012. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Appointment of Albin Peterlin to the Joint Cable Television Access Board
2. Ambulance Service Officer Appointments

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Albin Peterlin to the Joint Cable Television Access Board for the term 12/31/2011 to 12/31/2014 and to approve the following Ambulance Service Officer Appointments:

<i>Nita Larson, Assistance Ambulance Director</i>	<i>2/1/2012 to 1/31/2014</i>
<i>Chuck Larson, Safety & Compliance Officer</i>	<i>2/1/2012 to 1/31/2014</i>
<i>Tammy Klomps, Secretary</i>	<i>2/1/2012 to 1/31/2014</i>

Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – January 16-31, 2012 in the amount of \$109,756.95
2. Request for Assistant Water/Wastewater Operator to attend Minnesota Department of Health Southeast Water Operators School
3. Grant Contract with the State of Minnesota for installation of an automatic door opener at the Hippodrome
4. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo from Frank A. Mancini Council #2583 K of C at Resurrection Church, 301 Adams Ave., Eveleth

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Second Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning Certain property Within the City Limits of Eveleth**

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 58, 2ND SERIES, “An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property within the City Limits of Eveleth.” Ayes – All.

The rezoning will affect the former Corner Spur in Neville addition on Fayal Road.

- 2. Second Reading of an Ordinance Repealing Section 5.8 of City Code and 2nd Series Ordinances 29, 31, and 32 (regulating nudity and obscenity at licensed liquor establishments)**

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 59, 2ND SERIES, “An Ordinance Repealing Section 5.8 of City Code and 2nd Series Ordinances 29, 31, and 32 (regulating nudity and obscenity at licensed liquor establishments).” Ayes – All.

3. Letter from Assessors of Minnesota Cities and Townships

City Assessor Robert Kivela referred to a letter from “Local Assessor’s in St. Louis County.” The letter suggested the County wants to have full control of the assessment process. The County would eliminate local assessors (within municipalities or townships). Kivela said there was an incident of someone not assessing correctly. The County has been using this incident as an example. Kivela said it is unfortunate as it does not reflect on those assessors who do a good job. He would be willing to mentor a replacement for his position (when he retires) if the City wishes to continue with a local assessor.

Councilor Hadrava asked if the City would have a choice whether to keep the local assessor or go with the County. Kivela said the board has the authority to change how the assessing is done.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich he would like to voice the City’s opinion by letter indicating Eveleth’s desire to retain its right to assess locally.

4. Letter from Police Chief and Recommendation from Police Commission Appointing Police Chief to replace Chief Lillis upon his retirement

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to appoint Timothy H. Koivunen as the new Eveleth Chief of Police effective May 1, 2012 and as Chief of Police in training effective April 16, 2012 with the following compensation and benefit package:

- 1. All entitlements covered in the USWA Local 6860-05 (The City of Eveleth Supervisory/Confidential Unit) 2012 collective bargaining agreement;*
- 2. Starting salary at Step 3 of the above agreement for the duration of the one-year probationary period, and then Step 4 of the above agreement upon successfully completing the probationary period;*
- 3. Starting vacation at the 9 year accrual rate of 6.67 hours per pay period (Article VI, Section A), and then advancement per the time schedule listed in the agreement;*
- 4. Starting longevity at the 5 year rate of \$45.00 per month (Article XIII), and then advancement per the time schedule listed in the agreement.*

Ayes – Hoag, Hadrava, Vlasisavljevich; Abstain – Koivunen due to conflict of interest.

5. Letter of support for the concept of creating an Assistant Police Chief position from Eveleth Police Commission

This item was removed from the Agenda.

6. Request from Police Chief to dispose of surplus firearms

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from Chief of Police to sell 25 firearms (10 handguns, 9 shotguns, 6 rifles) to the Virginia Surplus in the amount of \$2,165.00. Ayes – All.

7. Request from Police Chief to receive grant funded equipment

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to accept equipment offered through the Northeast Law Enforcement Administrator’s Council by the Community Oriented Police Services Office. Ayes – All.

The following equipment was funded by the grant:

- Ten Motorola 800 MHz portable radios with encryption and accessories (value total: \$27,577.80);
- One set Morovision night vision binoculars (value total \$3,829.99);
- One Pelican remote lighting system (value total: \$1,013.99)

8. Consider approving agreement for Veterans Park Campground Manager

Bob and Kenne Cherro have been the campground managers at the Veterans Lake Park for the past six years. The proposed extension is a two year agreement.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Veterans Park Campground Manager Agreement with Bob and Kenne Cherro for 2012 and 2013. Ayes – All.

9. Consider approving Veterans Park rates for 2012

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Veterans Park rates for 2012. Ayes – All.

The following rates were approved for 2012:

Building Rental	Rate
Pavilion – Residents	\$100.00
Pavilion – Non Residents	\$125.00
Kitchen & Dining Room – Residents	\$100.00
Kitchen & Dining Room – Non Residents	\$125.00
Local Schools	No Charge
Other Schools	\$50.00

10. Lot request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity

Councilor Hadrava questioned whether there would be another lot more suitable for building a home. He was informed that Habitat for Humanity chose the lot from several options.

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve donation of lot located on the corner of Kimberly and Fayal Road (Parcel No. 040-0050-00010) to North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity contingent upon proper execution of a development agreement. Ayes – All.

11. Consider approving final payment to MacQueen Equipment for furnishing and installing one (1) side load refuse packer

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve final payment in the amount of \$110,415.00 to MacQueen Equipment for furnishing and installing one (1) side load refuse packer. Ayes – All.

12. Consider recommendation from the Golf Commission for donation to Mesabi Family YMCA

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve donation to the Mesabi Family YMCA for a round of golf for two people. Ayes – All.

13. Resolution Approving the Purchase of Property by the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority to Meet Buffer Zone Requirements

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2012-07, “Resolution Approving the Purchase of Property by the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority to Meet Buffer Zone Requirements.” Ayes – All.

14. Authorize request for Project Priority Points List to the Clean Water Revolving Fund and Drinking Water Revolving Fund for the Jones Street sanitary sewer and water replacement project

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Director of Public Works to submit requests for placement on the Project Priority Points List to the Clean Water Revolving Fund and Drinking Water Revolving Fund for the Jones Street sanitary sewer and water replacement project. Ayes – All.

15. Resolution Adopting Jones Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Facility Plan

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2012-08, “Resolution Adopting Jones Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Facility Plan.” Ayes – All.

16. Donations Request from Franklin B.E.A.R.S. PTA

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to donate \$100.00 to the Franklin B.E.A.R.S. PTA. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich recently walked through the City's Auditorium building. He said that Councilor Hoag has expressed interest in getting residents together who are interested in renovating the building.

Councilor Hadrava welcomed Tim Koivunen as the replacement for Chief Lillis.

Lillis said Tim Koivunen is an outstanding individual who has earned his way to this position. A formal swearing in of the new Chief of Police will take place at the second Council Meeting in April. Lillis thanked the Council for their support over the years and said that public safety has been a priority.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom said that Benchmark is working on the plans and specifications for the 2012 Capital Improvement Project. They hope to have the plans ready for approval at the second meeting in March.

An audience member (identified as Doug Tomassoni) began to speak loudly. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said that he must come to the microphone and identify himself.

Doug Tomassoni said he has an issue since last April. Tomassoni said he gets "2,000 to 5,000" pounds of snow coming down on his sidewalk on his property from someone who does not care about him, his family, or his loved ones. He asked, "If someone gets hurt, who do I file a lawsuit against? You? You? Or him? According to the constitution anyone who hurts or tries to hurt your relatives or your family . . . you've got a right to bear arms."

Councilor Hadrava explained that Tomassoni was concerned about the neighbor's metal roof. The roof is about four feet from Tomassoni's property and as the snow melts it falls suddenly to the ground.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked Tomassoni if he has talked to the neighbor. Tomassoni said that he has talked to City Assessor Robert Kivela, Chief Lillis and several Council Members.

City Attorney Mike Patchin explained that the issue is not a City matter, but a civil matter which should be taken up with the District Court. Upon exiting the room, Tomassoni said he will take a shovel to the neighbor's head if someone gets hurt.

Bill Aho complimented the Mayor for interest in the Auditorium.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisvljevich, Mayor

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Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator