

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., March 3, 2015
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, Absent
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 Mike Patchin; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Assistant Director of Public Works Jerry Rosati; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held February 17, 2015; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 17, 2015.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the agenda with the following changes:

(Removed)

G2. Approval of Claims – February 2015

(Added)

J9. Resolution in Support of the Public Process to Designate Waters Subject to the MPCA Water Wild Rice Quality Standard

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Appointment to Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint James Rudy to the Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board for the term 3/3/15 to 2/28/2018. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – February 1-15, 2015 in the amount of \$96,280.81
2. Approval of Claims – February 2015 (**This item was removed from the Agenda**)
3. Request for three Fire Department Officers to attend FDIC (Firefighters Training Conference & Exhibition), Indianapolis, IN, April 20-25, 2015
4. Request for Officer Linde to attend the St. Paul Police Department Professional Development Institute Street Survival course, St. Paul, MN, May 13-14, 2015
5. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Franklin B.E.A.R.S. PTA, to be held at Range Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, MN
6. Recommendation for Fire Chief Pay

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Consent Agenda items G1, 3, 4, 5, 6. Ayes – All.

Consent Agenda Item G2. Approval of Claims, was removed from the agenda.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request from Duluth Superior Film Festival to use City Auditorium, June 7, 2015

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve request from Duluth Superior Film Festival to use the City Auditorium, June 7, 2015. Ayes – All.

The Duluth Superior Film Festival will be hosting a “Reunion Screening” for the film, *North Country*. In the winter of 2005, the film crew for *North Country* used the City Auditorium as a shooting location. The Duluth Superior Film Festival would like to show the film which will be open to the public.

2. Cast Votes on RAMS Ballot

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following votes for the RAMS ballot:

*President Charles Baribeau
Directors Walt Hautala, Herb Sellars, Brad Hadrava, Paul Kess, Bob Berrini*

Ayes –All.

3. Appoint Alternate Council Representation for RAMS

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to appoint Councilor Brian Hoag as the alternate for the first RAMS meeting, and all other Eveleth Council Members as alternates for RAMS meetings thereafter. Ayes – All.

4. Consider accepting quotation from Stantec, Inc. and calling for quotations for the renovation of two existing restrooms on the first floor of the City Auditorium

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept quotation from Stantec, Inc. and authorize calling for quotations for the renovation of two existing restrooms on the first floor of the Eveleth City Auditorium, and to add an alternate for a sink, counter and outlets on the first floor. Ayes – All.

Stantec estimates construction cost at around \$65,000. The Council concurred that updating the existing restrooms will allow the building to be utilized.

City Clerk Administrator said the sink and counter would create a space for crockpots, coffee pots, etc. to be used during events or meetings.

5. Consider approving Spring 2015 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste pickup schedule

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Spring 205 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste pickup schedule. Ayes – All.

The City will accept trash and rubbish for disposal at the City Garage from April 20 to May 15, 2015. Yard waste pickup is scheduled for May 11, 2015.

6. Facilities Use Agreement with Roller Underground for rental of City Auditorium

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Facilities Use Agreement with Roller Underground for rental of the City Auditorium. Ayes – All.

7. Request to purchase power washer with discretionary budget dollars

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the purchase of a Karcher Model #HDS 3.5/20 pressure washer from Auto Value at a cost of \$4,496.25. Ayes – All.

8. Recommendation from Police Commission of top candidate for Deputy Chief position

Police Chief Koivunen updated the Council on the hiring process for the Deputy Chief position. The Police Commission recommended Jesse Linde be appointed to the position of Deputy Chief of Police.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Officer Jesse Linde to the Deputy Chief of Police position effective March 11, 2015. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis congratulated Officer Linde, and commended the other officers for applying.

9. Resolution in Support of the Public Process to Designate Waters Subject to the MPCA Water Wild Rice Quality Standard

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2015-07, “Resolution in Support of the Public Process to Designate Waters Subject to the MPCA Water Wild Rice Quality Standard.” Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Hadrava welcomed James Rudy to the Joint Trail Board. Hadrava thanked Public Works Director Wiskow for borrowing some City equipment to help with a problem at the school last Friday.

Councilor Koivunen commended the City crew for moving the snow. He said the City Hall staff and Police Department are also doing a good job.

Councilor Lillis announced the Eveleth Fire and Police Commission informational meeting for the public to be held Tuesday, March 17th at the Hockey Hall of Fame from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Discussion will take place on the disbanding of the commissions and creation of a joint Public Safety Committee. Lillis said this is a historic decision, and it is important to get public input. Lillis welcomed anyone with an opinion on the matter to attend.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said anyone with public safety committee expertise would be appreciated.

Vlasisavljevich mentioned what he considered a housekeeping issue in town. He encouraged residents to be considerate of their neighbors when parking in the alleys and streets. If residents are planning to have vehicles parked for an extended period of time, he asked them to call City Hall or the Police Department. Some vehicles are blocking entrances making it difficult to load and unload.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen recently attended some training on identity theft. Information for the public is available on the City’s website, and the Eveleth Police Department’s Facebook page.

Public Works Director – Assistant Public Works Director Jerry Rosati said the ice plant has been officially shut off at the Hippodrome for the end of season.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek announced that Habitat for Humanity is looking to partner with a family in Eveleth. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Habitat for Humanity.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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