

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., March 5, 2013
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Beth Peterson, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Absent
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek,; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson, to approve Agenda with the removal of J.3. and to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop held February 5, 2013; Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 5, 2013; Minutes of City Council Workshop held February 19, 2013; Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 19, 2013; and Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 26, 2013. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

At the end of the meeting, resident Mark Miller asked if the city auditorium could be used for the city-wide garage sale. Director Wiskow replied that the auditorium is currently under renovation and not yet ready for public use. City Staff will let the Laurentian Chamber know that the public parking lot next to the city auditorium is available for the garage sale and the City could provide a couple of satellite toilets. Miller also asked when the City will be getting an assessor as he still has concerns about the fence at Grant Auto. The Mayor replied that the County is completing this year's assessment. Monahan-Junek replied that the fence

issue is a zoning issue. (Monahan-Junek followed up with Miller after the meeting adjourned.)

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – February 1-15, 2013 in the amount of \$93,070.93
2. Approval of Claims – February 2013 in the amount of \$386,569.92

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Approving Agreement with St. Louis County for Jones Street Reconstruction in 2013

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agreement with St. Louis County for Jones Street Reconstruction in 2013. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis went on record to say he is adamantly opposed to the construction of a 4-way stop at the intersection at Jones and Auburn. Lillis also voiced his concerns that the City may not be getting delineated crosswalks in the vicinity of the school. Lillis said he is in favor of the agreement as long as the cross walks are defined and the 4-way stop is not created.

2. Consider Approving Lighting System Agreement with St. Louis County for Grant Avenue and Jones Street

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the lighting system agreement with St. Louis County for Grant Avenue and Jones Street. Ayes – All.

3. Consider Filling Vacancy for Parks & Recreational Facilities Maintenance Worker Position

Removed from agenda.

4. Approval of Purchase Agreement to Purchase Real Property

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the purchase agreement and authorize signatures for the purchase of commercial property from Nikki Carlson in the amount of \$63,275.10 and a contingency amount of \$3,000.00 for unexpected related costs. Ayes – All.

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

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the donations request from Franklin B.E.A.R.S. PTA in the amount of \$200.00. Aye – All.

6. Council Support for Homes for All 2013 Legislative Agenda

Councilor Peterson recently met with Representative Jason Metsa, Gigi Grahek (Eveleth EDA) and a representative from the Coalition of Homeless to discuss housing in Eveleth and Eveleth's Olde Town Revitalization project. The Homes for All 2013 Legislative Agenda will advise legislators of the need for increased funding for revitalization of low income housing areas.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to support the Homes for All 2013 Legislative Agenda. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich stated that in previous meetings, MnDOT promised Eveleth funding for the Highway 53 frontage roads. A subsequent letter states that they will conduct planning and estimate for improvements, but not provide the funding. The Mayor will meet with Duane Hill, MnDOT, to discuss.

Councilor Hadrava stated his frustrations with MnDOT (we start with "Hill" and continue up the hill). Hadrava said the City continues to work on a bid for Hockey Day Minnesota.

Councilor Peterson stated that the City negotiated in good faith with MnDOT to be a research site for the Intersection Conflict Warning System pilot project. MnDOT promised to help the City with planning and funding for extending the Highway 53 frontage roads. We have been informed that Virginia will get signal lights as part of the Highway 53 re-route.

Councilor Lillis congratulated Officer Linde on starting his D.A.R.E. training.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Director Wiskow stated that the City crews have been out, starting at 4:00 a.m., to clear snow. Wiskow thanked all the residents who have adopted a fire hydrant.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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