

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., March 6, 2012
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Adam Lacari; Assistant Director of Public Works Jerry Rosati; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Agenda; the Minutes of City Council Workshop held February 6, 2012; and Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 6, 2012 with revisions. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Roger Nelson of the Minnesota DNR to address controlling buckthorn on City property

Roger Nelson, Minnesota DNR, addressed the rapid growing buckthorn problem. Nelson mapped out a section near the Super 8 Motel, in Progress Park, and on City owned property where buckthorn is emerging. The State is funding a grant, at 100 percent, which would allow for removal and spraying of the species. Nelson said the potential cost is estimated at around \$10,000.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – January 16-31, 2012 in the amount of \$109,756.92**
- 2. Approval of Claims – February 2012 in the amount of \$340,921.84**

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Consent Agenda Items G1 and G2. Ayes – All.

- 3. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo from Franklin B.E.A.R.S. PTA at Range Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Ave., Eveleth**

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approved Consent Agenda Item G3. Ayes – Hadrava, Hoag, Vlasisavljevich. Abstained – Peterson due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Consider accepting engineering proposal for 2012 roof/foundation drain inspection program**

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept engineering proposal from Benchmark Engineering for 2012 roof/foundation drain inspection program. Ayes – All.

The drain inspection schedule follows the implementation plan approve by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

- 2. Take action requiring compliance with Eveleth City Code Section 3.30, subd. 5A, and Resolution No. 3452, in the area between Grant and Douglas Avenues, from Monroe Street to Hayes Street, and between Grant and Lincoln Avenues, from Fayal Road to Monroe Street**

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorizing the City to take action to require compliance with the Eveleth City Code Section 3.30, subd. 5A, and Resolution No. 3452, in the area between Grant and Douglas Avenues from Monroe Street to Hayes Street, and between Grant and Lincoln Avenues, from Fayal Road to Monroe Street. Ayes – All.

Resolution No. 3452 imposes fines of \$100 per month on property owners who do not make necessary changes within the allotted time.

3. Reschedule March 20, 2012 City Council meeting

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the IRRB is hosting a listening session on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to move the regular scheduled City Council Meeting from Tuesday, March 20, 2012 to Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes – All.

4. Puck Days Update

Councilor Peterson serves on the Eveleth PUCK Days committee. Peterson announced several of the events that will take place March 16-17, 2012 to include:

March 16th

- Hoagie's Annual Chili Cook-off

March 17th

- Warming Shack – Eveleth Heritage Committee
- (Coffee an' with historic information on snowmobiles)
- Antique Vintage and Unique Snowmobile Show/Parade
- Reading to the Dogs at the Eveleth Library
- Open Stage at Bonsai Tea
- Live Music throughout Town
- Sidewalk Sales
- Gift Baskets galore at the East Range DAC (Friday and Saturday)

Councilor Peterson requested the City block off additional streets due to the sidewalk sales. The PUCK Committee had originally requested the use of Grant Street from Fayal to Jones.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize the City to also block off Jackson Street to Hayes Street on Saturday, March 17, 2012 for Eveleth PUCK Days. Aye s- All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Hoag said anyone interested in the City's Auditorium building can contact City Hall and leave a message. Hoag and Mayor Vlasisavljevich continue to look into options for reutilizing the building.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich referred to a letter many residents have received regarding warranty work on their water lines. Vlasisavljevich warned the public to investigate the legitimacy of the company before making a financial commitment.

Councilor Hadrava encouraged Eveleth citizens to go the Minnesota Wild website and vote for Eveleth for the “Capital of the State of Hockey.” Eveleth has made it into the next round and the voting will start March 12th.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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