

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., March 15, 2016
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, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held February 23, 2016;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Workshop held March 1, 2016; and*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 1, 2016.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – February 16-29, 2016 in the amount of \$120,448.45
2. Approval of Claims – February 2016 in the amount of \$765,228.38
3. Joint Powers/Mutual Aid Agreement Boundary Waters Drug and Violent Crime Task Force

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Facilities Use Agreement Between City of Eveleth and Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Eveleth and the Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome. Ayes – All.

Public Works Director said there is space under the tunnels for the Roller Underground to store their equipment. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said it is nice to see the Hippodrome being used during the off season.

2. Eveleth Golf Course Clubhouse Agreement with John Rinne for the years 2017-2019

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Eveleth Golf Course Clubhouse Agreement with John Rinne for the years 2017-2019. Ayes – All.

3. Consider awarding bids for 2016 Street Improvement Project

The following bids were received on March 3, 2016:

Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.	\$68,575.00
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	Did not include the responsible bidder's forms

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept bid for 2016 Street Improvement Project from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. for the 2016 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$68,575.00. Ayes – All.

The following streets will be improved with bituminous overlay:

- 1100 block of Adams Avenue
- 1000 block of Shackleton Street & North ½ of 1100 block of Lincoln Avenue
- 400 block of Monroe Street

4. Lease Agreement with 2 Rivers Auctions LLC for 206 McKinley Avenue, Eveleth, MN

Councilor Koivunen reported that Bart Kyte has paid the outstanding utility bill. He indicated there is a \$30 discrepancy with the lease payment that Kyte will have to work out when City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek returns.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Lease Agreement with 2 Rivers Auction LLC for 206 McKinley Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2016-12, “Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit.” Ayes – All.

Minnesota Power Foundation contributed \$3,000 towards Eveleth’s K-9.

Chief Koivunen said the City has received a little over \$24,000 in donations towards the dog.

6. Consider approving the construction plans and authorizing Benchmark to call for bids for the 2016 sanitary sewer improvement projects

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Benchmark to call for the 2016 sanitary sewer improvements projects. Ayes – All.

The scope of work includes: sanitary sewer replacement on Pierce Street between McKinley and Fayal Avenues. The bid will also include an add alternate to reconstruct the sanitary sewer adjacent to Fayal Road near Van Buren Avenue to the Fayal Pond area.

7. Consider approving Spring 2016 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste pickup schedule

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Spring 2016 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste pickup schedule. Ayes – All.

Councilor Koivunen commented that he thinks this program is one of the best things in town. He questioned whether or not we should be paying for a full-time employee to work at the station. Director Rosati said that the public works employees check IDs to prevent illegal dumping. They also help to unload vehicles if needed. Mayor Vlaisavljevich said that employees have used the bobcat to move heavy items from vehicles.

Councilor Hadrava said there is no need to have a lot of blight with this program in place. Residents can also rent a dump truck for \$25 to fill with refuse.

8. Consider authorizing the Director of Public Works to call for quotations for 2016 Curb & Sidewalk Replacement

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Director of Public Works to call for quotations for 2016 Curb & Sidewalk Replacement. Ayes – All.

The City budgeted \$30,000, and plans to receive a grant from the County for St. Louis County CSAH routes in the amount of \$10,000.

9. Consider Grant Contract between State of Minnesota, Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Unit, and City of Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept the Grant Contract between State of Minnesota, Department of Labor and Industry, Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Unit, and the City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

The grant (in the amount of \$2,479.00) comes with a matching requirement, and will be used to purchase tri-pod and remote lighting equipment. The City will pay the remaining \$2,479.00 to purchase the system.

10. Consider authorizing Public Works Director to purchase Tri-Pod and Remote Lighting System

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Public Works Director to purchase Tri-Pod and Remote Lighting System in the amount of \$4,958.00. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen announced an opening on the Eveleth Gold Course Commission. Anyone interested in serving should contact Stephanie at City Hall.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he had a conversation with Tony Tammaro, Fayal Township Board, regarding the Fire Department. They are also looking at any other potential joint projects which may be funded by grant money.

Councilor Hadrava commented that the Park Commission will be in “full bloom” after the predicted snow storm tomorrow. He congratulated the Eveleth-Gilbert swim team for sending seven swimmers to state with five alternates.

Leroy Tolbert, 314 Douglas Avenue, was the winner of two Minnesota Wild Hockey tickets for the April 9th game.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded the public that calendar parking is in effect and will be enforced 24 hours a day. He asked residents to be diligent with parking as the City must have vehicles moved for snow removal and street sweeping.

Chief Koivunen said that with the snow melting, couches, freezers and refrigerators have been discovered in yards throughout town. He asked the public to remove these items before they are cited for blight.

City Engineer - Rod Flannigan announced the low bituminous prices. He said it may be a good time to consider additional paving projects.

M. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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