

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., March 18, 2014
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

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

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Agenda with addition of J5. Letter from Eveleth Merchants Regarding Proposed Tri-School Merge. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – February 16-28, 2014 in the amount of \$120,447.69

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Accepting Bid for Big Stick Plaza and Library Landscaping

Bids for the “Big Stick” Plaza & Library Landscaping were received on March 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Add Alternate 1 Library Landscaping	Add Alternate 2 Tree Removal
Mesabi Bituminous, Inc.	\$42,800.00	\$8,100.00	\$1,000.00
Lenci Enterprises, Inc.	\$61,100.00	\$8,600.00	\$ 800.00

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept bid for “Big Stick” Plaza & Library Landscaping from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. in the base bid amount of \$42,800.00; along with Add Alternate 1 for Library Landscaping in the amount of \$8,100.00; and Add Alternate 2 for Tree Removal in the amount of \$1,000.00.
Ayes – All.*

2. Requests from Police Chief to sell Forfeited Vehicles

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Police Chief to sell the following forfeited vehicles using Oberfoell, Auctioneers/Do-Bid.com, the usual and customary competitive bid process:

*Vehicle #1: 1992 Chevrolet S-10, VIN: 1GCCT1429N8211046
Vehicle #2: 1997 Ford Explorer, VIN: 1FMDU35P4VZB98688*

Ayes – All.

3. Consider Approving Bids for Auditorium Phase II

Original bids were received on February 20, 2014 for the Auditorium Phase II reconstruction project:

Contractor	Base Bid
Lenci Enterprises, Inc. Virginia, MN	\$630,000.00
Max Gray Construction, Inc. Hibbing, MN	\$671,100.00
KBB, LLC International Falls, MN	\$712,237.00

All of the bids were over the Taconite Tax Relief Grant in the amount of \$420,297.46. Per Council direction, Stantec Consulting Services discussed removing some of the items with lower bidder, Lenci Enterprises, Inc. The following revised costs were submitted from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. to the Council on March 11, 2014:

Item	Option #1 Estimated Cost	Option #2 Estimated Cost	Option #3 Estimated Cost	Option #4 Estimated Cost
Architectural Design Fees (Balance due)	\$8,930.78	\$8,930.78	\$8,930.78	\$8,930.78
Estimate Architectural Construction Fees	\$27,410.00	\$27,410.00	\$27,410.00	\$27,410.00
Lenci Enterprise Bid (Full Bid Amount)	\$630,000.00			
Lenci Enterprise Bid (Include Items 1, 2, & 4)		\$581,850.00		
Lenci Enterprise Bid (Include Items 1, 2, 3, & 4)			\$573,876.00	
Lenci Enterprise Bid (Include Items 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)				\$553,196.00
TOTALS	\$666,340.78	\$618,190.78	\$610,216.78	\$589,536.78

Item 1: Delete Lower Level Ventilation
(Savings \$43,025)

Item 2: Delete Combustion air ducts and vent air ducts for two future boilers
(Savings \$4,800)

Item 3: HVAC control changes (from programmable digital control to basic electric control)
(Savings \$7,974)

Item 4: Delete air handling unit AHU-1 filter status
(Savings \$325)

Item 5: Change Type A lights (12 custom pendant lights in auditorium) to painted acrylic bowls
(Savings \$20,680)

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept bid option Number 2 (include items 1, 2 & 4) from Lenci Enterprises for the Auditorium Phase II Renovation Project in the amount of \$581,850.00. Ayes – All.

The restrooms will be addressed at a later date.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich hopes the Auditorium will solve the need for a community center.

4. Consider authorizing the Director of Public Works to call for quotation for 2014 Curb & Sidewalk Replacement

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Director of Public Works to call for quotations for 2014 curb & sidewalk replacement. Ayes – All.

The city has budgeted \$20,000 for 2014. Director Wiskow will also ask the contractors to consider honoring these prices for repair work due to winter excavation damage.

5. Letter from Eveleth Merchants Regarding Proposed Tri-School Merge

Mayor Vlasisavljevich referred to a letter from the Eveleth Merchants opposed to the proposed tri-school consolidation (Virginia, Mt. Iron, Eveleth). Vlasisavljevich asked if a feasibility study has been done. He said, “We are talking about throwing around 100 million dollars.”

Councilor Koivunen said the process is moving too fast.

Councilor Peterson also believes the process is moving too fast. She would like to hear from the Eveleth-Gilbert School Board.

Councilor Hadrava invited the school board to meet with the City Council. Hadrava said he has heard opposition from people not wanting to lose the school.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to hold a public meeting, and invite the Eveleth Merchants.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize City Administrator to send a letter on behalf of the City Council to local legislators and the

Eveleth-Gilbert School Board asking them to slow down the process of the proposed tri-school consolidation and request that a feasibility study be done. Ayes – All.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will work on setting a date for the public meeting.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow said there has been a slight lull in water breaks. Wiskow does expect the water situation to worsen as the frost comes out of the ground. He reminded the public to keep running water even if we get a few warm days as it takes a long time for the frost to be completely removed.

Director Wiskow asked the Council to consider the spring refuse schedule from April 21 to May 16, 2014. A copy of the schedule will be inserted with the utility bills.

City Engineer – Eric Fallstrom hopes to have a request to call for bids for the 2014 improvement projects at the April 1st City Council Meeting. Fallstrom reported that the probes for the land off of Highway 53 will have to wait until spring. Contractors were unable to get the depth this winter.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk

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