

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., April 1, 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, Absent
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; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 11, 2014;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held March 18, 2014; and*
3. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 18, 2014.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Agenda with the following addition: J6. City Council View on Proposed Tri-School Co-Location. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the following appointments.

1. *Appointment of Mike Newman to the Golf Commission for the term 4/1/2014 to 12/31/2015; and*
2. *Reappointment of Camille Newman to the Golf Commission for the term 4/1/2014 to 12/31/2017.*

Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Roger Kochevar, 703 Auburn Avenue, Eveleth, asked the City Council, “Did you get any indication from this move from anyone on the process?” Mayor Vlasisavljevich informed Mr. Kochevar that the City Council was informed through the newspaper, just like everyone else.

Tom Kallevig, former Eveleth Council Member, said the proposed joint school location reminds him of the school board’s idea about 10 years ago to bring troubled kids to the Eveleth School District and mainstream them with Eveleth-Gilbert School. Kallevig said he has talked to at least a dozen people, and has not heard any support for tri-school location. He said the Eveleth school campus is in the best shape (out of the three), and it is part of a proud history both academically and athletically. Kallevig said a larger school would give less opportunity to area students. Instead of three girls basketball teams there would be one. Instead of three plays there would be one. Kallevig said the City Council of Virginia is not supporting the proposal.

Tucker Nelson, 915 ½ Adams Avenue, Eveleth asked about the street and alley improvements. He asked about the City’s reconstruction plan for Central Court. Nelson asked about restoration to the City Auditorium. He said he would like to be involved. Nelson asked why information about the Auditorium is not on the City website (The City website is in the process of being updated to reflect the phases of restoration to the Auditorium.). Councilor Peterson reminded Nelson that the auditorium meetings are open to the public. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the plan is to get the building usable.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – March 1-15, 2014 in the amount of \$98,767.62
2. Approval of Claims – March 2014 in the amount of \$595,786.19

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Ambulance Safety & Compliance Officer Appointment

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to appoint Dan Peterlin to the position of Safety & Compliance Officer effective April 2, 2014. Ayes – All.

2. Consider authorizing Benchmark Engineering to call for bids for the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Improvements project (400 & 700 blocks of Hayes Street)

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2014-10, “Resolution Approving Plans and Advertising for Bids for the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Projects (400 & 700 blocks of Hayes Street).” Ayes – All.

3. Consider authorizing Benchmark Engineering to call for bids for the 2014 Street & Alley Improvement project

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2014-11, “Resolution Approving Plans and Advertising for Bids for 2014 Street & Alley Improvement Project.” Ayes – All.

4. Consider accepting quotation for furnishing Fertilizers, Fungicides, and Insecticides for the Golf Course for 2014

The only quotation received for furnishing fertilizers for the Golf Course was from MTI Distributing.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to accept quotation from MTI Distributing, Brooklyn Center, MN in the amount of \$8,598.70 for furnishing fertilizers, fungicides, and insecticides for the Eveleth Golf Course for 2014. Ayes – All.

5. Consider authorizing the Director of Public Works to purchase Road Salt for the 2014-15 season from the Cooperative Purchasing Venture (state bid) program.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Director of Public Works to purchase road salt for the 2014-2015 season from the Cooperative Purchasing Venture (state bid) program. Ayes – All.

In Director Wiskow’s memorandum to the Council, he expressed concern with calling for quotes as the product may not be available.

6. City Council View on Proposed Tri-School Co-Location

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he believes there may be many other alternatives than the proposed joint school. Councilor Peterson believes the economic impact needs to be looked at, and said things are moving too quickly.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he agrees with the City of Virginia, and that the City of Eveleth should compose a letter in opposition to the proposed joint tri-school. Councilor Hadrava said he cannot support the proposal in its present form.

Councilor Lillis said, "The cart is before the horse." Lillis said there is not near enough information, and finds it remarkable that a study years before ranked Eveleth the number two location for a tri-school facility. He is all for talking about cooperative efforts, but cannot support the current plan.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he would like to put the brakes on until everyone comes to their senses.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava opposing the tri-school consolidation proposed plan in its current form. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow informed the Council that he received an email from Stantec, engineer working on the City Auditorium. The Council concurred that the quickest way to begin working on the restrooms would be for the general contractor, awarded the bid for Phase II of the City Auditorium renovation, to look at the restrooms.

Director Wiskow cautioned the public, that even if there are some warm days in the 50s and 60s, do not stop running your water. The frost is down about eight feet and has not started to thaw. The advisory could run until the end of April or longer. Wiskow said the City just developed a leak in the 200 block of Garfield Street. Residents in that area will be without water for a portion of the day tomorrow.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek reminded the public that if their water is out, they can come to City Hall or the Fire Hall to use the facilities. She also gave an update on the utility bills. Residents will be billed for their usage in February to compensate for the running water advisory. Anyone with questions on their March bill should contact the utility clerk at City Hall.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich announced a public meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 29, 2014 at the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum. The public meeting will allow residents to share their view on the proposed joint school.

Councilor Hadrava announced a Park Commission Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Eveleth City Hall tomorrow night to discuss the warming shack at RRCC Sliding Hill.

Councilor Hadrava remarked to Bill Aho, in the audience, that some visitors at the Super 8 Hotel had a broken down suburban. The front desk was very helpful with assisting the visitors. Aho acknowledged his “precious” employees for their efforts.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk

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