

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Beth Peterson, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent
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; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Minutes of City Council Workshop held April 16, 2013; and Minutes of City Council Meeting held April 16, 2013. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Peterson to approve the Agenda with the removal of item “J2. Consider Accepting Quotation from 3D Concrete and Construction for Construction of New Northside Park Skating Shack.” Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – April 1-15, 2013 in the amount of \$91,113.02
2. Approval of Payroll – April 16-30, 2013 in the amount of \$113,244.97
3. Approval of Claims – April 2013 in the amount of \$416,007.34

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. Approve Bid for County Project Jones Street (CSAH 147) Reconstruction Project, City Portion – Water, Sanitary Sewer, removal of Abandoned Steam Pipe and Asbestos Insulation Abatement**

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve bid for County Project Jones Street (CSAH 147) Reconstruction Project, City Portion – Water, Sanitary Sewer, removal of Abandoned Steam Pipe and Asbestos Insulation Abatement. Ayes – All.

Councilor Peterson pointed out that the bid from Ulland Brothers has to be reconsidered due to a technicality. The bid has been awarded to Hibbing Excavating by the County.

- 2. Consider Accepting Quotation from 3D Concrete and Construction for Construction of New Northside Park Skating Shack**

This item was removed from the Agenda.

- 3. Consider Accepting Quotation for the Purchase of Twenty (20) 300-Gallon Refuse Dumpsters**

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to accept quotation from Snyder Industries in the amount of \$4,960.00 for purchase of twenty (20) 300 gallon refuse dumpsters. Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow described the new lid style of the dumpsters. The City provides one 300 gallon dumpster per every five homes.

- 4. Consider Accepting Quotation for the Purchase of a 72” Commercial Front Mower**

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Peterson to accept quotation from Five Seasons Sports Center in the amount of \$20,255.00 for the purchase of a 72" commercial front mower. Ayes – All.

5. Consider Accepting Quotation for 2013 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement

Quotations for the 2013 curb and sidewalk were due on May 2, 2013. The City received only one quotation from 3D Concrete & Construction.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to accept quotation from 3D Concrete & Construction, Virginia, Minnesota for the 2013 Curb and Sidewalk replacement as follows:

<i>Placement of Curb (Design B612)</i>	<i>\$19.25/ft</i>
<i>Placement of Curb (Design B618)</i>	<i>\$22.00/ft</i>
<i>Placement of Curb (Design B624)</i>	<i>\$24.00/ft</i>
<i>Placement of Sidewalk</i>	<i>\$4.49/sq ft</i>
<i>Placement of Pavement</i>	<i>\$6.99/sq ft</i>
<i>Placement of monolithic curb</i>	<i>\$12.00/ft</i>

Ayes – All.

The Public Works Department will prioritize the areas for curb and sidewalk replacement.

6. Request from Eveleth-Gilbert Youth Hockey Association requesting to rent Hippodrome ice from July 22 to August 9, 2013 & September 23 to October 14, 2013 and their purchase of new scoreboards

The Eveleth-Gilbert Youth Hockey Association requested ice rental at the Hippodrome from July 22 to August 9, 2013 and September 23 to October 14, 2013. The Youth Hockey Association raised funds to purchase new scoreboards, at a cost up to \$25,000, for the Hippodrome. They will donate the boards to the City, and have asked the City to install the boards.

Director Wiskow said the City will do its best to accommodate Youth Hockey. He said the scoreboards will be activated by a wireless radio system.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the request from the Eveleth-Gilbert Youth Hockey Association to rent the Hippodrome ice from July 22 to August 9, 2013 and September 23 to October 14, 2013; and to install and accept donation of scoreboards for the Hippodrome. Ayes – All.

7. Recognize John Mayasich as New Inductee into the Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to recognize John Mayasich as the new inductee into the Minnesota State High School League of Fame. Ayes – All.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich congratulated John Mayasich. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Mayasich.

8. Change Order #1 from TL Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$13,039.61 for Wellstone Center Facility Improvements

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve change order #1 from TL Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$13,039.61 for Wellstone Center Facility Improvements. Ayes – All.

9. Pay Request #2 from TL Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$21,533.56 for Wellstone Center Facility Improvements

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request #2 from TL Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$21,533.56 for Wellstone Center Facility Improvements. Ayes – All.

10. Request for Liquor License Refund from Joe Koivunen, Sleeve's Sportsman's Bar

Joe Koivunen's bar was completely damaged in a December 2012 fire.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Peterson to approve request for full year liquor license refund to Joe Koivunen, Sleeve's Sportsman's Bar. Ayes – All.

11. Resolution to Release Fayal Township from Damages Resulting from the Vacation of South Airport Drive

Linda Keith and Garrison Hale addressed the Council on behalf of the Eveleth-Gilbert Airport. Linda Keith, Airport Bookkeeper/Secretary, submitted a letter to the Eveleth City Council dated April 9, 2013 which states:

“Late in 2012, the Eveleth Virginia Airport Authority Board purchased a five acre parcel adjacent to South Airport Drive in the Town of Fayal. With the purchase of this five acre parcel, the Cities of Eveleth and Virginia now own all the property surrounded and accessed by South Airport Drive. The Federal Aviation Administration and the Minnesota Department of Transportation have made the purchase of this five acre parcel and the vacation of South Airport Drive priority for the Airport Authority Board. In order to comply with Federal Runway Protection Zones and Minnesota Safety Zones it is not acceptable to have an active road through these properties.

Previously a request was sent to the Town of Fayal to vacate the road at which time Fayal responded by requesting that the Airport Authority Board obtain from all property owners adjacent to South Airport Drive a written statement releasing the Town of Fayal from any

and all claims for damages as a result of the vacation of South Airport Drive. I have attached a map outlining South Airport Drive and all adjacent properties are marked in the large red area. Each of the parcels included in that marked area are owned by the Cities of Eveleth and Virginia on behalf of the Eveleth Airport Authority.

In order to vacate the road and get the Airport back into compliance with runway protection and safety zone standards, we need to comply with Fayal Township's request and have the attached resolution adopted by the City Council."

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2013-10, "Resolution to Release Fayal Township from Damages Resulting from the Vacation of South Airport Drive." Ayes – All.

12. Resolution Establishing and Fixing Salaries for the Economic Development Authority Board of Commissioners Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.095, Subd. 4

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2013-11, "Resolution Establishing and Fixing Salaries for the Economic Development Authority Board of Commissioners Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 469.095, Subd.4." Ayes – All.

13. Donations Request from 4th of July Committee & Announce Grand Marshal

Mayor Vlaisavljevich announced the 2013 Grand Marshal as Louie Parlanti.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve donation in the amount of \$2,500 to the 4th of July Committee. Ayes – All.

The street dance will be held Wednesday, July 3rd from 8:00 to 12:30 p.m. The street lights will be shut off around 10:15 p.m. on July 3rd until the fireworks are finished.

The parade will start at the Franklin School at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 4th.

14. Retirement Notice from Deb Vito, Library Technician

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to accept retirement of Deb Vito, Library Technician, effective July 1, 2013. Ayes – All.

Deb Vito has been employed at the Eveleth Library for the past 25 years. The City will send Ms. Vito a letter of thanks for her service.

15. Request to hire Library Technician

Marybeth Kafut, Eveleth Library Director, requested the Council allow for posting of the library technician position.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize internal and external posting of the library technician position. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tony Jeffries, Eveleth Planning and Zoning, advised that he is available for any support needed. Jeffries said they have been updating and continue to work on revising the zoning ordinance.

Councilor Peterson announced Mental Health Awareness Month.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said the City would like to move forward with the Auditorium project. Vlaisavljevich said there has been great interest, and he hopes the Auditorium will be usable by this fall. He would like to see a community center in Eveleth once again.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen said there has been some vandalism on Hat Trick Avenue and at the skate park. The cities of Gilbert and Virginia have also experienced graffiti. Koivunen urged the public to call 911 if they see anything suspicious.

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow said that due to the late spring, the bins will be kept an additional two weeks at the City Garage. Yard waste will be picked up on Monday, May 20th. The Eveleth Veterans Lake Park opened for the season on May 1st. The Eveleth Golf Course will be opening tomorrow for the season.

City Engineer – Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, said there may be a preconstruction meeting next week for the Jones Street Project. Fallstrom also reminded the public that I & I information was sent out to some residents. Fallstrom said they have only had about 30 to 40 percent compliance. Those residents receiving the information should contact Benchmark Engineering as they must meet the compliance requirement.

Councilor Peterson said she was contacted by a resident. The resident was wondering why she received a letter from Benchmark while her neighbors did not. Director Wiskow indicated some residents in the area had already been inspected.

Mark Miller, Eveleth resident, presented to the Council regarding the taxi cab and unlicensed car dealer on Grant Avenue. Miller said he talked to Planning and Zoning and they are going to give him (Ryan Gulbranson) a curb cut on Hayes. Miller said Gulbranson already has a curb cut, on the northwest corner of his property, which gives him access to Grant Avenue. Gulbranson has a curb cut on the southwest corner of his property which gives him access to Hayes Street. Miller said the proposed curb cut would be at the property line of Gulbranson's and Miller's property where Gulbranson installed the fence. Miller opined that the kids from the elementary school (who use the sidewalk) would not be seen. Vehicles would be backing out onto the street, and the fence would block the view. Miller said he does not see the need for a third curb cut. He suggested Gulbranson build a ramp on the

south corner of his building to access the building from his property. Miller said, "He won't be running over people's dogs. He won't be taking away the parking from people that are going to the nursing home; or the businesses right across the street; or any of our visitors that come to visit in that area." Miller said he is opposed to the third curb cut as it goes right across the sidewalk where people are walking. He said everyone in that neighborhood is opposed.

Police Chief Koivunen thought that Gulbranson had reexamined the property line, and a new curb cut would be right where the fence is located.

Miller said that Gulbranson had called the police because people were blocking his driveway. Miller said he was screaming at Sue Abernathy, Range Print Shop, in front of her business with a running chainsaw in his hand. Miller said, "I don't want to go to war with this guy, but with that kind of action there's going to be trouble."

Chief Koivunen said, in his opinion, a curb cut there would not gain access to the property. Koivunen thought a viable option would be a ramp.

Councilor Peterson asked if the curb cut had gone through planning and zoning yet. Miller said nothing was finalized, and that it had only been mentioned.

Tony Jeffries, Planning and Zoning, said there is a permitted use of a taxicab stand which was permitted by ordinance last year at 602 Grant Avenue (owned by Ryan Gulbranson). Jeffries said the car dealership, also allowed by ordinance, has been licensed through the State of Minnesota. Jeffries believes the existing curb cut does not allow viable access. Jeffries indicated he had mentioned a possible curb cut to Miller as a courtesy. He said there is more than one side to the story. Jeffries clarified that the fence was permitted last summer on the most southerly property line. He said the activities he has seen going on are compliant with existing and allowable uses. He would like the property owner to become aware of what can and cannot be done on the property.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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