

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., May 20, 2014
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 7:02 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; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following:

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held May 6, 2014; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 6, 2014.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Agenda with removal of the following:

- J8. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate and Purchase Agreement between City of Eveleth and Paul D. Lussier and Deniese Lussier*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – April 16-30, 2014 in the amount of \$114,513.06
2. Application for Exempt Permit, Curl Mesabi, to be held February 13, 2015 at Range Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, MN
3. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement PO ID 3000002934 2014 Streets & Alleys Improvement Project
4. First Amendment to Nursing Home Lease between City of Eveleth and EHSP, Inc.
5. St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Agreement Between St. Louis County and City of Eveleth
6. Grant Agreement between the Cities of Eveleth and Virginia and the State of Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Transportation, for the Reconstruction of Runway 9-27 at the Eveleth-Virginia Municipal Airport Project under the Airport Runway Pavement Rehabilitation Program

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. Retirement Notice from Lt. LeRoy Hilde

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept retirement of Lt. LeRoy Hilde from the Eveleth Police Department effective May 31, 2014; to send a letter of thanks to Lt. Hilde; and to supply Lt. Hilde with a gold retirement watch. Ayes – All.

Lt. Hilde has 31 years of law enforcement service for the Eveleth Police Department.

2. Request from Police Chief to hire full time patrol officer

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve hiring Elijah Paul Allen as a full-time patrol officer for the Eveleth Police Department contingent upon a

successful completion of all necessary physical, psychological and background examinations. Ayes – All.

3. Authorize City staff to submit requests for placement on the IUP for the DWRF & CWRF for the Garfield Street Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project in 2015

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize City staff to submit requests for placement on the IUP for the DWRF & CWRF for the Garfield Street Water and Sanitary Sewer Placement Project in 2015 and for the West Eveleth Water Tower. Ayes – All.

4. Consider setting date for final assessment hearing for 2010 Grant Avenue/Park Avenue Street Reconstruction project

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to set the final assessment hearing for the 2010 Grant Avenue/Park Avenue Street Reconstruction Project for July 1, 2014. Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow said this was a County project. The County just recently closed out the project, and the City will be applying the assessment role.

5. Consider options/actions to require Dr. Draper to vacate the City owned clinic building at 239 McKinley Avenue, Eveleth

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the City has not heard anything from Dr. Draper on the new lease agreement. Vlasisavljevich said the City needs to have medical staff with commitment, and a physician to admit nursing home patients.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize the City Attorney to begin eviction proceedings for Dr. Draper at 239 McKinley Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

Attorney Brunfelt said the Council has given Dr. Draper ample opportunity for a temporary lease, and to make up for back rent payments. Brunfelt stated it would be more difficult to recruit a new physician if Dr. Draper is still in the building.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said, “We owe it to the citizens.”

6. Consider purchasing wheel loader and loader mounted snow blower

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to purchase the Caterpillar 938K wheel loader in the amount of \$183,130.00 and the Sno Go MP3D mounted snow blower in the amount of \$145,860.00 using the Cooperative Purchasing Venture State Bid. Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow said the current snow blower is a 1961 model.

7. Request from Police Chief to sell forfeited vehicle

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Police Chief to arrange for the sale of forfeited Vehicle #1: 1995 Lexus ES300, VIN: JT8GK13T5S0126649, using the usual and customary competitive bid process of Oberfoell Auctioneers/Do Bid.com. Ayes – All.

8. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate and Purchase Agreement between City of Eveleth and Paul D. Lussier and Deniese Lussier

This item was removed from the agenda.

9. City Council Summer Meeting Schedule

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve City Council summer meeting schedule to meet the first Tuesday (once a month) during June, July and August. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Peterson announced the “Women & Families Economic Security Summit” to be held on Thursday in Duluth at the DECC. Peterson also referenced a meeting to be held in Duluth at the Coppertop Church on Wednesday. The meeting will address high rental amounts and homeowners facing foreclosure.

Peterson reminded the public of the RENTAL Public Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Eveleth City Hall:

- May 27 (ALL interested City residents)
- May 28 (Landlords and interested parties)
- May 29 (Tenants and interested parties)

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow gave an update on progress at the City Auditorium building. The electrician has been repairing walls. The asbestos has been removed. The contractor will hold an informational meeting next Wednesday at the Auditorium.

Director Wiskow updated the public on the Eveleth Cemetery. Wiskow said due to the extremely wet conditions, the City is behind. The Public Works department will try to get the grass trimmed, but may be unable to get mowers into certain areas before Memorial Day.

Wiskow said the bins for Spring Clean Up are still at the City garage. The clean-up ended last Friday. The bins will be removed once they are full.

The engineers sent a letter to the Minnesota Department of Health regarding the taste and odor issues with the City's water. The Department of Health suggested the City compile a citizens committee (made up of those with problems last year) to test the water once the powdered activated carbon has been added. The City hopes to have the carbon added in June. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact the Eveleth City Hall.

City Engineer – Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, has not received information from Mesabi Bituminous for the street improvement project. Road restrictions are not yet off. Fallstrom hopes to know by the next Council Meeting when they will be starting. Fallstrom reminded residents who received notices for sump pumps to contact Benchmark if they have not yet scheduled an inspection. The sump pump inspections are part of the MPCA stipulation agreement.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek has not heard anything more on Hockey Day.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk

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