

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., June 5, 2012
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 Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, 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; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Agenda and Minutes of City Council Workshop held May 15, 2012 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 15, 2012. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mike Erjavec, Fayal Township Board, requested a joint meeting with Eveleth to discuss a potential contract for Fayal to pump sewage to Eveleth.

Public Works Director Mike Wiskow said the City of Eveleth gave Fayal a proposal about three years ago. Since that time there have been some changes. Wiskow said the rate would need to be studied along with the engineering study. Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, and Director Wiskow will come up with some numbers to be discussed at the meeting.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – May 1-15, 2012 in the amount of \$89,996.15
2. Approval of Claims – May 2012 in the amount of \$363,242.49

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Approving Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County (SLC) to Participate in 2012 SLC Maintenance Striping Program

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County to participate in 2012 St. Louis County Maintenance Striping Program. Ayes – All.

2. Consider Request to Fill Vacant Police Officer Position

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request to fill vacant police officer position. Ayes – All.

Councilor Peterson said this position has been vacant since 2010. The City is reaching officer burnout due to overtime hours worked. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the full-time position will cost about \$20,000 more than what the City has been paying for overtime costs.

3. Consider Approving Purchase Agreement for Sale of Lot in West Eveleth to Sidney Mark Knutson and Pamela F. Omersa

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Purchase Agreement for Sale of Lot in West Eveleth to Sidney Mark Knutson and Pamela F. Omersa in the amount of \$5,000. Ayes – All.

4. Consider Request from Eveleth Hippodrome Legacy Committee

The City received a letter from the Eveleth Hippodrome Legacy Committee requesting continued financial support. The “Hipp” Committee works to bring national attention to

the Hippodrome as a historic destination site. In years past, the City had made donations ranging from \$600 to \$1,200.

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to donate \$1,200 to the Eveleth Hippodrome Legacy Committee. Ayes – All.

This item will be added to the City's budget.

5. Discuss Calling for Quotations for Hippodrome Ice Plant Compressor Electrical Work and Set Special City Council Meeting to Approve Quotations

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize Public Works Director to accept quotations up to \$20,000 for Hippodrome Ice Plant Compressor Electrical Work. Ayes – All.

6. Authorize Public Works Director to Call for Quotations for the Stairs to the Auditorium

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize Public Works Director to call for quotations for entrance stairs to the City Auditorium building. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Peterson recapped the Mesabi Trail Open House. She encouraged the public to visit the building.

Councilor Koivunen said the City is working on blight. Koivunen said the City must follow legal timelines in dealing with blighted property. He offered to help elderly or handicap individuals unable to perform yard work.

Councilor Hadrava reminded the public that the City will be receiving the State of Hockey Capital flag from the Minnesota Wild on June 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich welcomed City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek back from sick leave and thanked City Hall office staff for helping during her leave.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Chief Koivunen encouraged anyone with questions on blight to contact the Police Department.

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom said the contractors should be starting improvements on Hat Trick in about two weeks.

Mark Miller, 409 Hayes Street, said he lives next door to the old gas station. Miller said he has been maintaining a portion of the property, where he parks his car, for the past 14 years. Miller said the new owner has advised him that he will be putting up a used car lot and taxicab stand.

Councilor Hoag said the Council has approved the property in question for a taxicab stand and understands the owner will be filling the lot with used cars. City Clerk/Administrator asked Miller to stop by the City Hall office tomorrow to discuss this matter with the City Assessor.

Miller, referring to the Council's approval to hire an additional police officer, said he likes the increased police presence in town.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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