

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., June 21, 2011
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlaisavljevich 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 Vlaisavljevich, Present

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop held June 7, 2011 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 7, 2011. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Agenda with following additions:

*J12. State of Minnesota Standard Set of Ten Performance Measures
J13. Closed Session*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Appointment of Lonnie Ward to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to appoint Lonnie Ward to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for the term 6/21/2011 to 12/31/2014. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Allison Kreibich, Girls Softball Boosters, regarding scoreboard at Southside Park

Allison Kreibich, Girls Softball Boosters, addressed the Council with a request to install a scoreboard at Southside Park. Kreibich said she has been talking with Director Wiskow about the potential scoreboard. Wiskow said the electrical components would be minimal. Kreibich said the Softball Boosters would be seeking sponsorships from local businesses. She also presented a drawing of the planned scoreboard.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize the Girls Softball Boosters to install a scoreboard at the Southside Park. Ayes – All.

2. Chicagami, Day Care Center

Lori Maki, CEO of Chicagami Day Care Center, updated the Council on their latest relocation plans. Chicagami is in the process of purchasing the Fingerhut building at 1250 Industrial Drive. In order to open a day care in that area, the City would need to amend its zoning ordinance to include day care as an allowable business in an M1 district.

The Council consensus was to move forward with the ordinance change.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – May 16-31, 2011 in the amount of \$110,729.44**

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the payroll in the amount of \$110,729.44. Ayes – All.

- 2. Resolution Accepting Donations for Fire Prevention Education**

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Resolution No. 2011-09, “Resolution Accepting Donations for Fire Prevention Education.” Ayes – All.

- 3. Agreement Between St. Louis County and City of Eveleth for Community Development Block Grant funds for 2011 Capital Improvement Project**

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Agreement Between St. Louis County and City of Eveleth for Community Development Block Grant funds for 2011 Capital Improvement Project. Ayes – All.

- 4. Lawful Gambling Application for Eveleth Youth Hockey Association Inc. at Eveleth Elks Lodge, 415-1/2 Jones Street, Eveleth, MN**

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Lawful Gambling Application for Eveleth Youth Hockey Association Inc. at Eveleth Elks Lodge, 415-1/2 Jones Street, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mike Jacobsen Land License in the Alice Location

Mike Jacobsen has a land license in Alice Location through June 30, 2011. City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek said the lease payments are up to date, and that Jacobsen would like to extend the license.

Councilor Koivunen expressed his concern regarding a building that Jacobsen has been using. Jacobsen said that he purchased the building from the City.

Attorney Brunfelt said that Jacobsen does not own the building, and that the building is on the land and part of the real property. Brunfelt said the City owns all of the buildings on the land.

Monahan-Junek said the Alice Location is part of government lots 1 and 2, and has never been platted.

Councilor Koivunen said that the building is on land that is going to be included in a new lease.

Jacobsen said that he has paperwork and cancelled checks to prove he paid for the building. Jacobsen said the City offered bids on the building and he bought it from the City.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested this item be tabled until the next City Council Meeting.

Councilor Koivunen said the City is under a time limit.

Councilor Hadrava told Jacobsen to bring his paperwork in to City Hall.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to table this item until the next Council Meeting. Ayes – All.

2. Lease Agreement with Range Mental Health for Eveleth Health Services Park

Monahan-Junek explained that Range Mental Health would be leasing the 5500 square foot area vacated by the State of Minnesota at the Eveleth Health Services Park. The

lease agreement is for one year, beginning December of 2010, with monthly lease payments totaling around \$65,000 annually.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve lease agreement with Range Mental Health at the Eveleth Health Services Park. Ayes – All.

3. Promotion of Two Ambulance Service EMT's to Lead EMT

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve promotions of David Hartman and Daniel Peterlin to Lead EMT. Ayes – All.

4. Consider Approving Pay Request No. 1 from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$108,581.93 for the 2011 Capital Improvement Project

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$108,581.93 for the 2011 Capital Improvement Project. Ayes – All.

5. Consider authorizing Benchmark Engineering to call for quotations for City Hall steps and ramp reconstruction

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Benchmark Engineering to call for quotations for City Hall steps and ramp reconstruction. Ayes – All.

6. Consider authorizing city staff to prepare a five year extension to the Bulk Water Purchase Agreement with the Town of Fayal for City Council approval

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava authorizing city staff to prepare a five year extension to the Bulk Water Purchase Agreement with the Town of Fayal for City Council approval and to take conservation into consideration as part of the agreement. Ayes – All.

7. Consider approving resolution in support of the Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority's application to the Iron Range Resources Commissioners Fund and authorizing funding towards the grant matching amount

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Resolution No. 2011-10, "Authorizing the City to Make Application to the Iron Range Resources Commissioners Fund for the Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority." " Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow gave history on the Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority which was formed in 1978. The organization has purchased joint equipment to be utilized by Cities associated with the Authority. The Resolution supports a grant application which would match combined funds contributed by each entity. If awarded, the grant would help to cover the purchase of new equipment to include a trencher, tree spade, auger, etc. The City of Eveleth passed the Resolution authorizing a contribution of \$4,000.

8. Consider approving funding plan for purchase of a new refuse side-load truck

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve a five year funding plan for the purchase of a new refuse side-load truck. Ayes – All.

9. Consider purchasing a cab and chassis from Skubic Brothers International acting as an agent of Astleford International through the Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize purchase of a cab and chassis from Skubic Brothers International acting as an agent of Astleford International through the Minnesota Cooperative Purchasing Venture. Ayes – All.

10. Consider accepting bid for the purchase and installation of a new refuse side-load packer body

The City only received one bid from MacQueen Equipment.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept base bid from MacQueen Equipment along with the optional EGS air operated/programmable auto lube. Ayes – All.

11. Change August 2 City Council Meeting start time to 4:30 pm because of National Night Out

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to change the August 2, 2011 City Council Meeting start time to 4:30 p.m. due to National Night Out. Ayes – All.

Anyone interested in hosting a National Night Out block party should contact Corinne Johnson of the Eveleth EDA at 744-7479.

12. State of Minnesota Standard Set of Ten Performance Measures

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to refrain from participating in the State of Minnesota Standard Set of Ten Performance Measures for 2010. Ayes – All.

13. Closed Session

The Council went into closed session at the end of the meeting.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Chief Lillis said the Police Department's new squad car has been completed and is on the street. Lillis also reminded the public that the Police Department is actively enforcing the Blight Code.

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow advised the Council that other colors options are available for the refuse truck.

Councilor Peterson gave a brief overview of her recent trip to hear President Obama speak to a group of young elected officials. The meeting was held in Washington D.C.

Councilor Koivunen gave his phone number (744-4306), and said he would be willing to help elderly individuals who are unable to mow their lawn.

Councilor Hadrava reminded the public of Movies in the Park to be held again this Friday.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he made some phone calls to residents with long grass growing in their yards. Vlasisavljevich said he is looking into potential development for the gravel pit.

It was pointed out that the Cable Commission, along with Greg Schultzenburg, have been working to install new cameras in the Council Chambers. The cameras will allow for more than one view or angle of the Council Meetings.

M. ADJOURN

The Council went into Closed Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss Union Contract negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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