

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., July 2, 2013
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; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held May 21, 2013*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 21, 2013*
- 3. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held May 28, 2013*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Workshop held June 4, 2013*
- 5. Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 4, 2013*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

J15. Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing Contract between Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Eveleth Fire Department, City of Eveleth.

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Bernie Collins, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce

Bernie Collins, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, presented the Council with the Laurentian Chamber's Resolution, "In Concern for U.S. Highway 53 Routing as Regards to the Cities of Eveleth, Gilbert, Mountain Iron and Virginia, Minnesota."

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the westerly route plan keeps resurfacing. Bernie Collins said it is imperative to remove the westerly route as businesses would be greatly affected. There will be an economic survey done by Jim McComb.

Bill Aho (owner of Super 8), 1080 Industrial Park Drive, said if Highway 53 goes westerly it would kill his business. Aho said he was at the meeting for the purpose of landscaping enhancements at Hat Trick Avenue. New road construction is nearly complete along Hat Trick and the County did not budget money for landscaping the property. Aho donated \$1,000 towards landscaping to "enhance the City of Eveleth." He asked that the City mow the lawn and keep the grass short so that the City has a nice corridor in that area.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich thanked Aho for his contribution.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – May 16-31, 2013 in the amount of \$118,391.26
2. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2013 in the amount of \$94,068.50
3. Approval of Claims – June 2013 in the amount of \$439,129.94

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Quotes for Emergency Siren Purchase

Chief Koivunen updated the Council on quotations for the purchase of new emergency sirens. The Eveleth sirens are activated through the City of Virginia's emergency system. Virginia recently purchased an upgraded siren system. In order to be compatible with Virginia, Eveleth also needs to upgrade its sirens. The new proposed system would allow Eveleth to be activated through Virginia or to have the capability to run the siren directly from Eveleth.

Councilor Lillis said the current sirens are antiquated, and it is time to update. Mayor Vlaisavljevich said the system is old and the public safety is a concern.

Councilor Peterson asked if the sirens could be activated by 911. Chief Koivunen said the City would have to purchase software for around \$15,000 to work independently with the dispatch center.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve purchase of new emergency siren system from Federal Warning System, Inc. in the amount of \$46,568.81. Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Accepting Donations for Movies in the Park

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2013-13, "Resolution Accepting Donations for Movies in the Park." Ayes – All.

3. Resolution Accepting Donation for Hippodrome Shower Repair

Frank Klabecek donated \$1,886.47 to cover the cost for the City to repair numerous malfunctioning shower heads in the locker room at the Hippodrome.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2013-14, "Resolution Accepting Donation for Hippodrome Shower Repair," and to send a letter of thanks to Frank Klabecek. Ayes – All.

4. Consider Sending Thank You Letter to Frank Klabecek for Donation to Hippodrome

This item was addressed above.

5. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Commissioner Grant Program

Motion by Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2013-15, "Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Commissioner Grant Program." Ayes – All.

This resolution relates to the demolition of Sleeve's Sportsmans Bar.

6. Expected Upcoming Utility Clerk Vacancy

The City has not received a formal retirement notice, but anticipates the current utility clerk will retire around December 1, 2013.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the schedule to post/interview, hire and train for expected upcoming vacancy of utility clerk position. Ayes – All.

7. Letter from Park Commission

The Council reviewed a letter from Barb Coz, Eveleth Parks Commission. The Parks Commission will be showing the movie “Miracle” by the Big Stick after the Car Show on August 23, 2013. The Parks Commission has requested use of the Hippodrome lobby in the event of rain. Public Works Director Mike Wiskow said there would be no issues with the Parks Commission using the Hippodrome if necessary. No formal action was taken on this item.

8. Consider Accepting Quotation for Furnishing and Installing Exit and Emergency Lighting in the City Auditorium

The following proposals were received on June 21, 2013 for furnishing and installing exit and emergency lighting in the City Auditorium building:

Range Electric Eveleth, MN	\$6,300.00
Nelson-Collie Electric Virginia, MN	\$6,395.00
Hometown Electric Eveleth, MN	\$12,680.00

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept proposal from Range Electric in the amount of \$6,300.00 for furnishing and installing exit and emergency lighting in the City Auditorium contingent upon submittal of Certificate of Insurance. Ayes – All.

9. Consider Accepting Quotation for Repair of Wastewater Treatment Plant Pump Building

The wastewater treatment plant pump building is in need of repair to maintain the structural integrity. The City received notice from C & C Winger that their proposal would exceed the \$10,000 limit. 3D Concrete & Construction submitted a proposal in the amount of \$6,800.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to accept proposal from 3D Concrete & Construction in the amount of \$6,800 for repair of the wastewater treatment plant pump building. Ayes – All.

10. Letter from Polly Sorcan requesting to purchase Lots 14 and 15, Block 21, Volcansek Addition for \$1,000 per lot

Benchmark Engineering has estimated that the cost to have the lots surveyed would be \$920.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to sell City owned Lots 14 and 15, Block 21, Volcansek Addition to Polly Sorcan at \$1,000 per lot plus cost to survey the lots; and to sell City owned Lots 12 and 13, Block 21, Volcansek Addition to Myron and Janet Cook at \$1,000 per lot plus cost to survey the lots. Ayes – All.

11. Letter from Myron and Janet Cook requesting to purchase Lots 12 and 13, Block 21, Volcansek Addition for \$1,000 per lot

This item was addressed above.

12. Request from Police Chief to sell 2006 Ford Crown Victoria Squad

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Police Chief to sell the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria Squad (VIN: #2FAFP71W96X163943) by the customary competitive bid process through Oberfoell Auctioneers/Do-Bid.com. Ayes – All.

13. Lease between City of Eveleth and United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to grant renewal of lease between City of Eveleth and the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum. Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow advised the Council that he is working to get a permit from MnDOT to clean up brush in front of the Hall of Fame.

14. Revised City of Eveleth Employee Retirement Policy

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to revise the City of Eveleth Employee Retirement Policy effective July 2, 2013 to state that the City will give all employees with twenty (20) years or more of service with the City of Eveleth an engraved gold watch; the engraving will read:

*Employee's Name
In appreciation
_____ years of service
City of Eveleth*

Ayes – All.

15. Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing Contract between Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Eveleth Fire Department, City of Eveleth

Councilor Peterson clarified that the City is not buying a fire truck at this time.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Eveleth Fire Department to enter into Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing Contract between Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Eveleth Fire Department, City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen wished everyone a happy and safe July 4th.

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow said the City was required to send out notices earlier this year as turbidity standards were not met. Wiskow said the City has made some improvements, and the samples were met beginning in May. Wiskow said they are moving forward and hope to have solved the issues with turbidity. The new water/wastewater operator, Dan Nitz, started on June 24th.

City Engineer – Eric Fallstrom gave a project update on the Jones Street Improvement. Curb and gutter will be going in on Phase 1. The contractors will be moving to Phase 2 which involves McKinley to Elba. The contractors are about one week behind due to rain.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek announced that Eveleth has submitted a bid for Hockey Day 2015.

Councilor Peterson encouraged the public to be safe for the 4th of July.

Councilor Lillis wished the public a happy and safe 4th of July.

Councilor Hadrava thanked Monahan-Junek for her work on Hockey Day Minnesota. Hadrava will be selling Hipp t-shirts during the 4th of July activities. Proceeds will be given either to Hockey Day or as needed at the Hippodrome.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich relayed a suggestion from residents that the Auditorium be used to host movies during the winter. He reminded residents that the 4th of July is very important to Eveleth. Vlasisavljevich recommended a meeting will all business along the Highway 53 corridor regarding the reroute of Highway 53. Monahan-Junek recalled a commitment made by MnDOT to gather businesses for economic planning of the corridor.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

Approved: August 6, 2013