

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., July 7, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present  
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present  
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present  
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present  
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering; Fire Chief Scott Haas

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held June 2, 2015;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 2, 2015; and*
3. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held June 16, 2015.*

*Ayes – Vlasisavljevich, Hoag, Lillis, Koivunen. Abstain – Hadrava (absent for those meetings). Motion carried.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve agenda with the following addition:*

- J15. *Authorize Twin Ports Testing to perform additional geotechnical services at the proposed site for Chicagami Daycare Center on Elba Avenue.*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

## G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – May 16-31, 2015 in the amount of \$124,512.37
2. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2015 in the amount of \$104,478.32
3. Approval of Claims – June 2015 in the amount of \$510,805.23
4. Lease #LMIS000668 between the State of Minnesota and City of Eveleth (brush disposal and boulder storage)
5. Removal of Mark Karpen from Probationary Status effective July 16, 2015

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Ayes – All.*

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

## I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## J. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Consider accepting quotations for renovation of restrooms at the Eveleth City Auditorium

The following Bids were opened for the renovation of the existing restrooms at the Auditorium building on July 2, 2015:

	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate No. 1 (Countertop and base cabinet with sink)</b>
<b>General Construction</b>	Lenci Enterprises, Inc.	\$49,900.00	\$7,500.00
<b>Mechanical Construction</b>	Radotich, Inc.	\$42,400.00	\$1,200.00

<b>Electrical Construction</b>	Hometown Electric	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00
	Lanyk Electric, Inc.	\$8,780.00	\$1,000.00

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to accept the following quotations for the renovation of the restrooms at the Eveleth City Auditorium building:*

*General Construction           Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$49,900.00*  
*Mechanical Construction      Radotich, Inc. in the amount of \$42,400.00*  
*Electrical Construction        Hometown Electric in the amount of \$5,000.00*

*Ayes – All.*

The bid for Alternate No. 1 (counter top and sink) was not included with the approved quotes. The completion dates are set for late summer or early fall of 2015.

**2. Quotation for architectural services for design development services for development of a new daycare facility for Camp Chicagami**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept quotation from Architectural Resources Inc. in the amount of \$28,800.00 for design development services for a new daycare facility for Camp Chicagami. Ayes – All.*

**3. Consider accepting bid for Golf Course Storage Building Addition**

The following bids were received on July 1, 2015 for the Golf Course Storage Building Addition:

3D Concrete \$ Construction Virginia, MN	\$22,540.00
C & C Winger Embarrass, MN	\$48,500.00

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to accept bid from 3D Concrete & Construction, Virginia, MN, in the amount of \$22,540.00 for the Golf Course Storage Building Addition. Ayes – All.*

Director Wiskow said this will be a benefit for the 2016 season. The start date for construction is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**4. Retirement Letter from Gail Lanyk**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept retirement from Gail Lanyk from the Eveleth Ambulance effective May 20, 2015 and to send her a letter of thanks for her years of service. Ayes – All.*

**5. Resolution Accepting Donation for West Eveleth Park Equipment**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2015-15, “Resolution Accepting Donation for West Eveleth Park Equipment.” Ayes – All.*

The Eveleth West Side Civic League donated \$9,923.31 towards the purchase of park equipment.

**6. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application and Accept Funds from the IRRRB for an Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal Fire Department Collaboration Study**

Mayor Vlaisavljevich was approached by Tony Tammaro, Chair of Fayal Township, to discuss combining the fire departments. They also met with Gilbert Mayor Robert Kutsi. Vlaisavljevich said the goal is to hire a third party to analyze the process. Councilor Lillis concurred that this is the right direction.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2015-16, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application and Accept Funds from the IRRRB for an Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal Fire Department Collaboration Study.” Ayes – All.*

**7. Resolution Supporting 2016 Capital Budget Request for Alice Location and Fayal Addition Redevelopment**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2015-17, “Resolution Supporting 2016 Capital Budget Request for Alice Location and Fayal Addition Redevelopment.” Ayes – All.*

**8. Application for On-Sale, Sunday On-Sale, and 2AM Liquor License, Lietz Liabilities Inc. dba BoomTown Woodfire, 501 Hat Trick Avenue**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve liquor license application for On-Sale, Sunday On-Sale and 2 AM Liquor License for Lietz Liabilities Inc. dba BoomTown Woodfire, 501 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, MN, contingent upon submittal of Certificate of Liquor Liability Insurance. Ayes – All.*

**9. Consider request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for reduced camping fee at Veterans Park**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Lillis to approve a 25 percent discount for camping fees at the Veterans Park for North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity care-a-vanners from August 16-29, 2015. Ayes – All.*

The care-a-vanners will be building a home in Virginia.

**10. Letter from Eveleth Elks Lodge 1161 regarding 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Feed and Classic Car Show**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve request from Eveleth Elks Lodge 1161 for street closure from Grant Avenue to Jackson Street; Monroe Street and Jones Street from Adams Avenue for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Feed and Classic Car Show. Ayes – All.*

**11. Consider authorizing City Staff to submit a grant application to the Minnesota OSHA Safety Grant Program**

The Safety Committee has requested authorization to submit a grant application to the Minnesota OSHA Safety Grant Program to purchase the following items:

W1B-TP&R50G204 Confined Space Retrieval System	\$3,350.00
Pelican 944 Remote Area Lighting System	\$ 894.92

The total cost would be \$4,244.92 with the grant program reimbursing up to 50 percent of the cost.

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize City staff to submit a grant application to the Minnesota OSHA Safety Grant Program. Ayes – All.*

**12. Approve hiring of EMT's**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve hiring of the following EMT applicants: Katherine Olson, Breanna Oinonen, Joshua Christianson-Peterson. Ayes – All.*

Fire Chief Scott Haas indicated the department is seeking additional applicants.

**13. Pay Request No. 5 from Mesabi Bituminous Inc. in the amount of \$5,507.15 for 2014 Street & Alley Improvements Project**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 5 from Mesabi Bituminous Inc. in the amount of \$5,507.15 for the 2014 Street & Alley Improvement Project. Ayes – All.*

**14. Pay Request No. 1 from Odland Protective Coatings Inc. in the amount of \$138,403.13 for West Eveleth Water Tower Renovation Project**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Odland Protective Coatings Inc. in the amount of \$138,403.13 for the West Eveleth Water Tower Renovation Project. Ayes – All.*

Director Wiskow reported that the bulk of structural repairs have been addressed on the water tower. The exterior has been primed, and they will be working inside the tank. Wiskow stated that he was very pleased with the way the project has been progressing.

**15. Authorize Twin Ports Testing to perform additional geotechnical services at the proposed site for Chicagami Daycare Center on Elba Avenue**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize Twin Ports Testing to perform additional geotechnical services at the proposed site for Chicagami Daycare Center on Elba Avenue in the amount of \$4,628.00. Ayes – All.*

During the initial sampling, the tests revealed shallow bedrock. The recommendation is to move the structure by about 10 feet which will require additional soil borings.

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Koivunen thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, Police Department, and those cleaning up after the street dance on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Koivunen commended them for an “excellent job.”

Councilor Lillis reiterated Councilor Koivunen’s comments. He said that the 4<sup>th</sup> brings a lot of stressful conditions for some City employees.

Councilor Hadrava shared the same thoughts on a “job well done” for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he heard comments on the fantastic fireworks. Vlasisavljevich said there continues to be blight issues in town. Chief Koivunen informed the Council that some of these properties have been issued citations, but must now go through the process. Councilor Koivunen suggested the City start mowing grass for properties, not in compliance, and charge the owners \$125.00 per instance. Vlasisavljevich agreed that the City should cut the grass, and bill the owners.

Vlasisavljevich asked if the City has received a letter from Gilbert requesting discussions to explore a joint sewer hookup. Monahan-Junek has not yet received a letter. Vlasisavljevich said Eveleth may want to invite Fayal Township to join the discussions, and possibly seek a grant for a feasibility study.

Councilor Hoag thanked OSI for driving the band trailer for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He also praised City employee, Steve Anderson, for filling a hole in the main street before the street dance. Anderson came in on his time off to make the repair.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the City look at replacing some of the big trees on Main Street as they are causing the sidewalks to heave. Councilor Hadrava said the conduit is being disturbed by the trees.

#### **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer: Rodney Flannigan indicated that their firm has been successful in hiring some replacement employees.

Fire Chief: Chief Haas thanked the other communities for participation in helping Eveleth. Haas announced the successful pancake feed on July 4<sup>th</sup> which doubled in numbers from last year.

#### **M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk Administrator

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