

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., August 6, 2012
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 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 John Colosimo; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Agenda and Minutes of City Council Workshop held July 10, 2012; Minutes of City Council Meeting held July 10, 2012; and Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held July 16, 2012. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Ryan Gulbranson, 602 Grant Avenue

Ryan Gulbranson, 602 Grant Avenue, addressed the Council. Gulbranson said after watching the last Council Meeting he has cleaned up his property, and is in the process of installing a fence. He said that his neighbor, Mark Miller, will lose the parking space. Miller has parked in the space for years, but the property is now owned by Gulbranson. Gulbranson currently runs a taxicab business from his home in Virginia. He plans to open a used car lot with around 5 to 10 vehicles on the lot.

2. Consider authorizing Eagle Scout project for construction of additional campsite benches at Veterans Park

Lucas Celley addressed the Council with his Eagle Scout project plan for construction of 20 benches to be placed at the Eveleth Veterans Lake Park. Cost for materials is estimated at \$536.89. Director Wiskow said the Parks Commission has acknowledged the need for the benches.

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to pay for the costs of the Eagle Scout project benches to be installed at the Veterans Lake Park by Lucas Celley. Ayes – All.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – June 16-31, 2012 in the amount of \$113,514.00**
- 2. Approval of Payroll – July 1-15, 2012 in the amount of \$100,251.87**
- 3. Approval of Claims – July 2012 in the amount of \$817,883.07**
- 4. Approve Eveleth Health Services Park Promissory Note in the amount of \$102,500**
- 5. Approve Eveleth Health Services Park Promissory Note in the amount of \$50,000**

The Eveleth Health Services Park will begin repayment of the two promissory notes.

6. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 2013 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Award

The fire department will be purchasing five new pagers to be compatible with the county requirements. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 2013 Volunteer Fire Assistance grant matches the City's contribution up to \$1,000.

7. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement B4335840 (pass through grant for Fast-Mondale Enterprises)

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter from United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum regarding City's match to IRRRB Grant for HVAC repairs

The City received a letter from Doug Palazzari, Executive Director of the United States Hockey Hall of Museum. The City had previously agreed to match up to \$15,000 for the air-conditioning project. The cost for the project was less than anticipated at \$53,084.00. The IRRRB agreed to contribute \$35,000 towards the project. Under the original agreement the City would pay half of the remaining \$18,084.00 balance at \$9,042.00. Palazzari requested the City pay the original \$15,000 as the Hall business has suffered due to the street construction on Hat Trick.

Councilor Koivunen would like to help the Hall of Fame, but did not feel comfortable with giving the money due to road construction. Koivunen said it would set precedence for other businesses affected by street improvements.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize payment to the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum for \$15,000 of which \$9,042.00 will be contributed to the air-conditioner repair expense. The remainder of the \$15,000 contribution will be used for other building maintenance. Ayes – All.

The Council discussed landscaping and painting the Hockey Hall of Fame building.

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek will distribute a check to the Hockey Hall of Fame for \$9,042.00. The remaining balance will be set aside in the Hockey Hall of Fame building maintenance fund.

2. Status of removal of office building and red metal building from the City's property in the Alice Location

Councilor Koivunen said the deadline is over for Michael Jacobsen to remove the office and red metal building from the Alice Location. Councilor Hadrava said that Jacobsen is working on it. Councilor Peterson questioned how much longer the City will continue to allow Jacobsen on the land. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said it is coming to an end, and he does not want the City to pay to get rid of the buildings. Councilor Peterson asked if Jacobsen is being ticketed by the City for violation of the blight ordinance. Councilor Koivunen said Jacobsen should be getting fined daily. Councilor Hadrava will bring a report to the Council at the Monday meeting.

3. Consider approving progress Payment No. 2 to J&S Excavating in the amount of \$208,702.90 for the 2012 Capital Improvements Projects

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, reported that as of now, the project is running on schedule and on budget.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve progress Payment No. 2 to J&S Excavating in the amount of \$208,702.90 for the 2012 Capital Improvements Projects. Ayes – All.

4. Consider approving the Fall 2012 refuse collection/yard waste pickup schedule

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to approve the Fall 2012 refuse collection/yard waste pickup schedule. Ayes – All.

5. Consider accepting proposal for architectural services for construction of a new skating shack/storage building at Northside Park

Director Wiskow said the City recently received a grant for the 2012 CIP which included a new skating shack at the Northside Park. A committee was formed with City staff and some residents to determine building size. Proposals for architectural services were received on August 1, 2012 as follows:

Contractor	Lump Sum Cost Proposal for Architectural Services
Architectural Resources, Inc. Hibbing, MN	\$30,800
DSGW Virginia, MN	\$8,800 plus reimbursable expenses including printing, postage, handling documents, and presentation materials. Additional services billed at standard hourly rates provided.
Roger Saccoman Architecture Hibbing, MN	\$10,500 plus reimbursable expense for printing and postage.

The committee recommended taking the proposal from Roger Saccoman Architecture of Hibbing as they had the shortest build schedule. The City is not obligated to take the lowest cost. The committee would like to have the building up and running by December 1st. Councilor Koivunen suggested the building be large enough to hold barbeques in the summer so that the City could rent out the facility.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to accept proposal from Roger Saccoman Architecture, Hibbing, Minnesota, for construction of a new skating shack/storage building at Northside Park. Ayes – All.

6. Consider authorizing Eagle Scout project for construction of additional campsite benches at Veterans Park

This item addressed above.

7. Consider setting Special City Council meeting for approval of quotation for City Auditorium entrance renovation

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to set a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, August 13, 2012 for approval of quotation for City Auditorium entrance renovation. Ayes – All.

8. Approve Ambulance Transfer Pay Plan

John Rauzi, Eveleth Ambulance Director, was not in attendance. This item will be addressed at the next meeting.

9. Resolution Accepting Donations for Movies in the Park

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2012-18, "Resolution Accepting Donations for Movies in the Park." Ayes – All.

Donations were received from Minnesota Power and Cliffs Natural Resources Inc.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Chief Koivunen reminded the public that National Night Out will be held tomorrow night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Northside Park and Leonidas Community Center. This will be a time to meet your neighbors in the community along with representatives from the Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments. Free hot dogs and chips will be served.

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow said the summer ice has been successful at the Hippodrome. Other groups have rented the ice for different functions to include figure skating, birthday parties, senior hockey, etc.

Councilor Hadrava announced their will be an open skating on Friday, August 17th at 4:00 p.m.

City Attorney: John Colosimo, filling in for City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, applauded the Council for their efficiency.

M. ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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