

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., September 2, 2014**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Joe Koivunen 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, Present  
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Absent

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorneys Bonnie Thayer and John Colosimo; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Assistant Director of Public Works Jerry Rosati; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 5, 2014;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held August 5, 2014;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 14, 2014; and*
4. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 26, 2014.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Dave Vandergon, Administrator for St. Raphael's Health & Rehabilitation Center, addressed the Council regarding some future changes to their center. Vandergon would like to get feedback from citizens. Vandergon started as the administrator in January, and has spent the last eight months balancing the budget and stabilizing the situation. He talked about the declining number of nursing home residents. He said it is not uncommon to lose residents in volumes due to age or illness. In the current state, if the nursing home were to lose 10 residents, the center would move into emergency contingency plans. Vandergon said the building is old; the elevators need to be replaced. The cost is \$15,000 to \$20,000 just to bring the elevators up to code. He said the nursing home is faced with financial strains as Medicare numbers are going down due to Obamacare. There is also a doctor shortage, and many medical facilities refuse to provide a physician. They currently are getting coverage from Essentia.

Vandergon said he is looking for ways to engage the community. The nursing home impacts the community. He invited the public to attend the Sipping in September fundraiser event to be held on Friday, September 12, 2014.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – July 16-31, 2014 in the amount of \$132,475.21
2. Approval of Payroll – August 1-15, 2014 in the amount of \$102,053.77
3. Approval of Claims – August 2014 in the amount of \$1,186,155.52
4. Request for Utilities Crew Leader to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Wastewater Certification Exam Refresher Course, St. Cloud, MN, October 28-30, 2014
5. Resolution No. 2014-25, “Authorizing the Issuance of a Capital Note Under Minnesota Statutes, Section 412.301, to Finance the Acquisition of a New Fire Truck”

*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. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 4.50 Sign Regulations of the City Code**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Ordinance No. 64, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, “Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 4.50 Sign Regulations of the City Code.” Ayes – All.*

**2. Consider approving Northside Park Skating Shack Rental Agreement**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to approve the Northside Park Skating Shack Rental Agreement. Ayes – All.*

The rental fee is \$50.00 for each day of use with a damage deposit in the amount of \$100.00. Anyone interested in renting the shack should contact Eveleth City Hall.

**3. Pay Request No. 2 from Mesabi Bituminous Inc. in the amount of \$50,641.65 for 2014 Street and Alley Improvements Project**

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Mesabi Bituminous Inc. in the amount of \$50,641.65 for the 2014 Street and Alley Improvements Project. Ayes – All.*

**4. Resolution of Authorization to Execute Mn/DOT Agreement No. 05790 for Intersection Conflict Warning System at the Intersection of Trunk Highway No. 53 at Hat Trick Avenue**

Councilor Peterson asked if the warning system would be the final solution. City Clerk Administrator said the Council had wanted a semaphore at the intersection; however, the warning system light will make drivers aware of approaching traffic.

Chief of Police Koivunen reminded the public that the speed limit is 55 mph coming into Eveleth. Koivunen said the police officers have been stopping a lot of vehicles coming in northbound driving in excess of 70 mph.

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2014-26, “Resolution of Authorization to Execute Mn/DOT Agreement No. 05790 for Intersection Conflict Warning System at the Intersection of Trunk Highway No. 53 at Hat Trick Avenue.” Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Lillis congratulated Eveleth resident, Bertha Stone, who is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded the public that school is back in session. He encouraged parents dropping off their children at the school to use the east side.

Councilor Hadrava said the school is still under major construction. He asked parents to be mindful when dropping of children as there is heavy equipment on site.

Public Works Director – Assistant Public Works Director Rosati announce Fall Clean Up to begin on September 22, 2014.

City Engineer – Eric Fallstrom reported on sanitary sewer televising scheduled in town next Monday.

Mark Miller, Eveleth resident at 400<sup>th</sup> block of Hayes Street, expressed his concern about vehicles driving down the wrong way on Old Highway 53. Miller said he has personally stopped drivers from going the wrong way. Chief of Police Koivunen has talked with MnDot to explain the issues. MnDot will be placing two “Do Not Enter” signs to mark the area more clearly. Koivunen will also be working with the County to paint signage on the road.

The mayor will be back for the next meeting.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Joseph Koivunen, Acting Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk

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