

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., September 6, 2011
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 Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the

1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held July 26, 2011;
2. Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 2, 2011;
3. Minutes of City Council Meeting held August 2, 2011;
4. Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 9, 2011;
5. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held August 12, 2011; and
6. Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 23, 2011

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Deborah Hilde, Eveleth-Gilbert Schools Superintendent

Eveleth-Gilbert School District No. 2154 Board Members, Patti Babich, Kathryn Gritzmacher and Adam Venne, presented at the City Council Meeting regarding a Special Election to be held November 8, 2011. Patti Babich explained that the current levy has been in place for the last 10 years and will expire in 2011. Babich pointed out that the Eveleth-Gilbert School's current levy is significantly lower than other area schools. The proposed levy would increase the per pupil amount from \$335.95 to \$700.00.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to request that a resolution in favor of the Eveleth-Gilbert School be prepared for the next Council Meeting. Ayes – All.

2. Appointment of Gary Skerjance to the Police Commission

The Council opted to accept the resignation of Lynn Spiers prior to new appointments to the Police Commission.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept resignation of Lynn Spiers from the Eveleth Police Commission and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve appointment of Gary Skerjance to the Police Commission for term effective 9/6/2011 to 9/17/2014; and to reappoint Mary Debevec to the Eveleth Police Commission for term effective 9/6/2011 to 9/17/2013. Ayes – All.

3. Reappoint Mary Debevec to the Police Commission

Action taken above.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – July 16-31, 2011 in the amount of \$114,563.94**
- 2. Approval of Payroll – August 1-15, 2011 in the amount of 92,515.00**
- 3. Approval of Claims – August 2011 in the amount of 714,207.90**
- 4. Approve hiring of EMT's**

The following EMT's were hired contingent upon passing physical examinations: Caitlin Korpi, Josh Elverum and Sueann Hansen.

- 5. Request for Councilor Member Beth Peterson and Jackie Monahan-Junek to attend Heart of the Continent Partnership, International Community Congress, October 24-27, 2011, Grand Portage, MN & Thunder Bay, Ontario**
- 6. Request for Sergeant Brandon Elias to attend the Minnesota Chief's of Police Association Command Academy, September 27-30, Little Falls, MN**
- 7. Resolution No. 2011-12, "Accepting Donation for Main Street Flowers"**
- 8. Liquor License for Susan Gulbranson, Sue's Penalty Box, 311 Grant Avenue**
- 9. Set Special Meeting for September 13, 5:00 p.m. to set 2012 preliminary budget and levy**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter from Mike Jacobsen and Review of August 2, 2011 City Council Meeting Actions and Contingencies

City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt said the extension of a land license for Jacobsen until the end of 2011 was contingent upon Jacobsen complying with the other dates addressed for removal of his property from the Alice Location.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said there may be some value to the timbers in the old Flour & Feed building. Vlasisavljevich said the vehicles which were to be removed still remain on the property.

Councilor Koivunen said the items in the building were to be removed by August 26, 2011. Councilor Peterson said she would like the building to be posted with “No Trespassing” signs. Chief Lillis said he would post signs and police tape if directed by the Council. Councilor Koivunen said he would like all of the buildings to be posted.

Attorney Brunfelt said the Council has the right to post the entire area with signs as the conditions previously set were not met by Jacobsen. The buildings belong to the City as addressed by prior Court action.

Councilor Hadrava said the Council needs to move forward as people are getting upset. Hadrava said Jacobsen is running a truck repair and posting the signs would shut down his business.

Councilor Peterson said that Jacobsen has no license and no rights. The Council has given him plenty of notification.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen directing City staff to solicit proposals to remove all buildings and items on the premises, secure the premises to prevent unauthorized entry, and that Michael Jacobsen may contact the Public Works Director to get access to the premises to remove any of his personal belongings from the premises. Ayes – All.

Attorney Brunfelt said the City does not have a legal obligation to grant Jacobsen any favors. Jacobsen has been evicted from the land. Subsequent Councils have given him an extension, and the City has been very generous.

2. Loan/Repayment Agreement between Eveleth-Virginia Airport and City of Walker

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize Loan/Repayment Agreement between the Eveleth-Virginia Airport and the City of Walker. Ayes – All.

3. Review City Purchasing Policy

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to follow the Minnesota State Statutes relating to Municipal Contracting Law. Ayes – All.

4. Consider quotation to demolish old Flour & Feed Store building

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize the Public Works Director to seek out bids for reclamation of the Flour & Feed Store building at the Alice Location. If within 10 days there is not a viable reclamation plan, the City will accept the bid from Jola & Sopp in the amount of \$7,900.00 to demolish the building. Ayes- All.

5. Consider quotation for evaporators for Hippodrome

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept the bid from Commercial Refrigeration in the amount of \$60,457 for evaporators at the Hippodrome subject to negotiation for price of structural column installation. Ayes – All.

6. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 35, 2nd Series Revising Chapter 11 Entitled “Zoning Ordinance for the City of Eveleth”

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 57, 2nd Series, “An Ordinance Revising Chapter 11 Entitled ‘Zoning Ordinance for the City of Eveleth.’” Ayes – All.

7. Pay Request No. 2 (Final) from 3-D Concrete & Construction for City Hall Steps Reconstruction in the amount of \$736.00 and Pay Request for Resurfacing the Ramp/Steps at the Eveleth Health Services Park in the amount of \$14,770.00

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize payment of Pay Request No. 2 (Final) from 3-D Concrete & Construction for City Hall Steps Reconstruction in the amount of \$736.00 and Pay Request for Resurfacing the Ramp/Steps at the Eveleth Health Services Park in the amount of \$14,770.00. Ayes – All.

Councilor Peterson requested a letter of thanks be sent to 3-D Concrete & Construction for their work at the Eveleth Health Services Park. 3-D worked diligently, within a short time frame, to have the steps ready for the Range Mental Health Open House.

8. Consider Approving Pay Request No. 4 from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$191,479.74 for the 2011 Capital Improvement Project

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Pay Request No. 4 from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$191,479.74 for the 2011 Capital Improvement Project. Ayes – All.

9. Approve Dress Code Requirements and Apparatus Response Plan for Fire Department

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to approve dress code requirements and apparatus response plan for the Eveleth Fire Department. Ayes – All.

10. Letter from Roger and Mary Hutchings Regarding Rental of the Pavilion and Kitchen at Veteran's Park on Ely Lake

There will be a Parks Commission Meeting tomorrow. The Council will consider the Parks' recommendation at the September 13, 2011 Special City Council Meeting.

11. Repair of steps/loading dock at Eveleth Health Services Park

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen authorizing the City to solicit quotations for repair of the steps/loading dock at the Eveleth Health Services Park and accept Architectural Resources professional services proposal. Ayes – All.

12. Resignation Letter from Lynn Spier from the Police Commission

This item addressed at the beginning of the Meeting.

13. Resignation Letter from Michael Lorenz, Police Department

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to accept resignation of Michael Lorenz from the Eveleth Police Department and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

14. Letter from Police Commission – Notification Regarding Police Civil Service Eligibility List and Recommend to Appoint Candidate

Chief Lillis said there are two eligible officers recommended from the Police Commission.

15. Approve Hiring Police Officer for Position Vacated by Michael Lorenz

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to approve hiring Anthony D. Goulet to the position of full-time regular Police Patrol Officer effective October 1, 2011. Ayes – All.

16. Consider Resolution Authorizing Grant Applications to Iron Range Resources for the Public Works Infrastructure Grant Program

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2011-13, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to the IRRB Public Works (FY12) Grant Program for Reconstruction of Station 44 Road” and Resolution No. 2011-14, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to the IRRB Public Works (FY12) Grant Program for Reconstruction of Hat Trick Avenue.” Ayes – All.

17. Authorize Benchmark Engineering to prepare plans and specifications and call for bids for fencing the Cemetery Extension

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize Benchmark Engineering to prepare plans and specifications and call for quotations for fencing the Cemetery Extension. Ayes – All.

(Quotations rather than bids based on the Council’s above action to follow State Statutes relating to Municipal Contracts)

18. Consider proposal from Youth Hockey for dasher board advertising at the Hippodrome

Brian Mortenson, Eveleth Youth Hockey Association, requested the Eveleth Youth Hockey Association be allowed to look for sponsors wanting to advertise on the dasher boards at the Hippodrome.

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve proposal from the Eveleth Youth Hockey Association for dasher board advertising at the Hippodrome. Ayes – All.

19. Consider request from Youth Hockey to open Hippodrome for skating on October 1, 2011

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to open the Hippodrome for skating on October 1, 2011. Ayes – All.

20. Consider rates and rental requirements for 2011-2012 Hippodrome season

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the rates and rental requirements for Hippodrome for the 2011-2012 season. Ayes – All.

Rates are \$125.00 per hour for peak and \$75.00 per hour for off peak with requirement of a 1 million dollar insurance liability policy.

21. Consider Fall 2011 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste Pickup schedule

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Fall 2011 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste Pickup schedule. Ayes – All.

22. Minnesota Power Request for Access Upon City Land

No action was taken on this item.

23. Cancellation of Land Licenses and Approval of New Land Licenses

No action was taken on this item.

24. Set Public Hearing for 2012 Budget and Levy

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to set a public hearing for the 2012 budget and levy for December 6, 2011 with the location and time to be determined. Ayes – All.

25. Closed Session – Attorney/Client Privilege to discuss the purchase of property

The council went into closed session at 8:45 p.m. for attorney/client privilege to discuss purchase of property. The Meeting reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director: Assistant Public Works Director Jerry Rosati thanked Mike Lenich, Ron Hendrickson and Cal Cossalter for painting the hockey stick at the Hockey Plaza. A letter of thanks will be sent for their work. Rosati also recognized the Eveleth Merchants for their contribution towards the hanging flower baskets downtown.

Rosati informed the public that fire hydrant flushing will be ongoing between the 13th and 30th. Residents should run their water if they notice discoloration from their home faucets.

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom said they are trying to determine the status of the paving schedules in town for current projects underway.

M. ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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