

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., September 6, 2016**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 7:04 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: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Doug Gregor; Chief of Police Tim Koivunen; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

Absent: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

*1. Minutes of City Council Meeting held August 16, 2016.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve that a contingency for 3D Concrete & Construction to provide the required IC-134 paperwork prior to receiving payment be added to Agenda Item J8. (Pay Request No. 2/Final from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$14,521.66 for Veterans Park on Ely Lake Pavilion Roof Replacement). Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – August 1-15, 2016 in the amount of \$104,536.30
2. Approval of Claims – August 2016 in the amount of \$602,716.03
3. Memorandum of Understanding between City of Eveleth and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union on Behalf of Local No. 6860-05 Regarding Life Insurance
4. Memorandum of Understanding between City of Eveleth and its City Clerk/Administrator/Employee Regarding Life Insurance
5. Memorandum of Understanding between City of Eveleth and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. Regarding Life Insurance
6. Memorandum of Understanding between City of Eveleth and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO, Local Union No. 484 Regarding Life Insurance
7. Authorize Public Works Director to sell surplus equipment

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

Councilor Lillis questioned whether or not the Public Works would conduct an onsite auction. Director Rosati indicated the sale would most likely be done online.

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Proposal for Professional Services from Architectural Resources for City Auditorium Renovation**

Mark Wirtanen, Architectural Resources, said the Council had originally looked at a construction project at the City Auditorium of \$310,000. The City has expanded the scope of the project to \$563,000. The additional cost of \$25,700.00 would cover the development of six additional bidding packages.

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve proposal for professional services from Architectural Resources in the amount of \$25,700.00 for the City Auditorium Renovation. Ayes – All.*

### **2. Call for Bids and Quotes for City Auditorium Renovations**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize Architectural Resources, Inc. to call for bids at the City Auditorium for the following projects and to set aside the Project Labor Agreement requirement for contracts more than \$10,000:*

<i>Reroofing of Auditorium and Fire Hall (public bid)</i>	<i>\$210,000 budget</i>
<i>Air Conditioning, Duct Cleaning, Filter Replacement (quotes)</i>	<i>\$95,000 budget</i>
<i>Auditorium Repairs, Refinishing and Remodeling (public bid)</i>	<i>\$230,000 budget</i>
<i>Auditorium and Stage Floor Refinishing (quotes)</i>	<i>\$35,000 budget</i>
<i>Interior Painting (quotes)</i>	<i>\$6,000 budget</i>
<i>Curtain Restoration/Replacement</i>	<i>\$9,000 budget</i>

*Ayes – All.*

**3. Estimate from North Country Heating, Cooling, and Refrigeration Inc. for air conditioners in City Hall (main office)**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the estimate from North Country Heating, Cooling, and Refrigeration Inc. for air conditioners in the City Hall Main Office in the amount of \$5,600.00. Ayes – All.*

**4. Application for Exempt Permit, Sturgeon River Chapter of the MN Deer Hunter’s Association, at Sue’s Penalty Box, 311 Grant Avenue**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Application for Exempt Permit, Sturgeon River Chapter of the MN Deer Hunter’s Association, at Sue’s Penalty Box, 311 Grant Avenue. Ayes – All.*

**5. Bids for Garfield Street Storm Sewer Repair**

A total of two bids were received on August 19, 2016 for the Garfield Street Storm Sewer Repair as follows:

Jola & Sopp Excavating	\$42,751.51
Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$68,777.00

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve bid from Jola and Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$42,751.51 for the Garfield Street and Storm Sewer Repair Projects. Ayes – All.*

**6. Quotations for furnishing and planting trees**

The City received quotations from Range Landscape and Bloomer for trees.

Director Rosati said that he calls and asks the residents if they are interested in receiving a boulevard tree before the City plants. Most residents are receptive.

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve quotations for furnishing and planting trees from Range Landscaping. Ayes – All.*

**7. Change Order No. 1 from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,813.93 for Veterans Park on Ely Lake Pavilion Roof Replacement**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Change Order No. 1 from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,813.93 for Veterans Park on Ely Lake Pavilion Roof Replacement. Ayes – All.*

**8. Pay Request No. 2 from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$14,521.66 for Veterans Park on Ely Lake Pavilion Roof Replacement**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Pay Request No. 2 from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$14,521.66 for Veterans Park on Ely Lake Pavilion Roof Replacement contingent upon 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. passing inspection from the Eveleth Public Works and supplying the City with an IC-134. Ayes – All.*

**9. Pay Request from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$8,750.00 for Hippodrome Painting**

Director Rosati said the painting job is finished and was well done at the Hippodrome. Rosati said the outside wall will need to be finished as moisture is getting in from exposure.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$8,750.00 for Hippodrome Painting. Ayes – All.*

**10. Pay Request No. 3 from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$11,633.70 for Pierce Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project**

Director Rosati said the sewer project is complete. Fayal Road still needs to be paved and the landscaping complete.

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 3 from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$11,633.70 for Pierce Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. Ayes – All.*

**11. Pay Request No. 1 from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. in the amount of \$55,062.72 for 2016 Street Improvements**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. in the amount of \$55,062.72 for 2016 Street Improvements. Ayes – All.*

**12. Request from St. John's Episcopal Church to waive the rental fee for the use of Veterans Park kitchen**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the request from St. John's Episcopal Church to waive the rental fee for the use of Veterans Park kitchen on September 11, 2016. Ayes – All.*

### **13. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2016-31, "Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit." Ayes – All.*

The Council acknowledged and thanked Daniel Rodriguez for his \$100.00 donation. A letter of thanks will be sent.

## **K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Board & Liaison Updates

Councilor Lillis informed the public that the Council has been faced with some dire circumstances in the water and sewer department. Lillis said the City is carrying debt from the cold winter of 2014 and upgrades to various systems. Due to these conditions, and in order to comply with federal mandates, the City must raise utility rates in the very near future. Lillis said the Council would like to hear input from the public on what is fair and how the rates should be implemented.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the mandates require the City to raise the rates to make sure the City can pay off the loan.

Councilor Hadrava reiterated that the City will not receive a PFA loan until the utility rates have been raised.

Councilor Hoag said the raise would be a relatively small amount. He said it is important for the public to know that the City is not trying to make money, but break even.

Councilor Koivunen encouraged the public to come forth with any ideas. He said the raise would only amount to one or two dollars.

Councilor Lillis said with times being really tough in the last two to three years, the Council has really wanted to keep the cost down. However the raise must be implemented, and the Council would appreciate the public's thoughts.

Councilor Hadrava reminded everyone to drive carefully now that school is in session again. Hadrava commented that the storm left the City with trees down and power outages. He commended the City police, fire and public works department for working hard through the night.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked everyone to bear with us as we try to clean up.

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director – Public Works Director Rosati received a call from St. Louis County. County Road 101 will be shut down for about a week beginning September 19<sup>th</sup> to work on the railroad crossing. The County is planning to reconstruct all of 101 down to Highway 7 next year.

Street and alley clean up is scheduled to begin September 19<sup>th</sup>. The City will accept brush and trees at the City Garage right now.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk Administrator

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