

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., September 15, 2015
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

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

Staff 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; Consultant Dave Salene

Also present: Duane Hill, MnDOT; Bart Kyte, Jim Nyhus, Bill Aho

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 11, 2015;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 25, 2015;*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Workshop held September 1, 2015; and*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 1, 2015.*

Ayes –All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Agenda with additions:

- J15. Consider Appointment of the Assistant Public Works Director*
J16. Support for Bart Kyte, 2 Rivers Auctions LLC

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – August 16-31, 2015 in the amount of \$126,448.67

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Adopting Proposed Tax for Year 2016

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2015-20,
“Resolution Adopting Proposed Tax for Year 2016.” Ayes – All.*

The preliminary levy is set at \$1,549,173.

Councilor Lillis said the Council will be working on the budget in an earnest attempt to reduce the levy amount.

2. Set date for Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget and tax for 2016

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to set a public hearing to discuss the
proposed budget and tax for 2016 on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the City
Auditorium building. Ayes – All.*

3. Purchase Agreement for property at 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN, also known as the former Fingerhut Property

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Purchase Agreement for
property at 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN, also known as the former Fingerhut
Property. Ayes – All.*

4. Letter of Intent to Lease property at 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN to State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation

This item was not addressed.

5. Donations Request from Range Mental Health Center, Inc.

City Attorney Thayer advised that a donation would need to come from the City's charitable gambling fund.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to donate \$100.00 towards the 4th Annual Project Warmth sponsored by Range Mental Health. Ayes – All.

6. Recommendation from Charter Commission regarding City Charter Amendment

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the recommendation from the Charter Commission regarding City Charter Amendment. Ayes – All.

The following has been recommended by the Charter Commission:

Sec. 7.13. Improvement Bonds. The Council, by resolution adopted by the votes of four-fifths of all members thereof, may issue general obligation bonds under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429, as amended, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, as amended, or other laws applicable to the City, without obtaining the approval of a majority of the electors voting on the question of issuing such general obligation bonds, to finance the following improvements: (1) the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, maintenance, or other improvement of streets and alleys in the City, including curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, and related costs; (2) the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, maintenance, or other improvement of the water utility of the City and related costs; (3) the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, maintenance, or other improvement of the sanitary sewer utility of the City and related costs; and (4) the construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, maintenance, or other improvement of the storm water utility of the City and related costs. For purposes of this Section 7.13, the term "related costs" includes, but is not limited to, the costs of feasibility studies, design, and plans and specifications; publication costs; costs of issuance; and other capital costs of any improvement. The bonds may be issued as fixed-rate obligations or as variable-rate obligations and may include put options and purchase options in the discretion of the City.

7. Quotation from Overhead Door Co. of Hibbing for new overhead doors at the Fire Hall

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the quotation from Overhead Door Co., Hibbing, Minnesota in the amount of \$11,930.00 to furnish and install new overhead doors at the Fire Hall. Ayes – All.

8. Quotations for Personal Protective Equipment for Firefighters

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve quotation for personal protective equipment for firefighters from Fire Safety U.S.A. Ayes – All.

9. Quotation for carpet replacement at the Fire hall

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve quotation from Floor to Ceiling in the amount of \$5,867.20 for replacement carpet at the Fire Hall. Ayes – All.

10. Approve sale of 1989 Pierce Fire Truck to the Embarrass Regional Volunteer Fire Department

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the sale of the 1989 Pierce Fire Truck to the Embarrass Regional Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis asked if the money would go back to the General Fund. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the money would go into the General Fund/Miscellaneous. The Council can decide to move the money back into the Fire Department Fund.

11. Consider approving Change Order No. 2 for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: Mechanical Construction

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Change Order No. 2 for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: Mechanical Construction to Radotich, Inc. in the amount of \$4,835.00. Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow advised that a sewer drain in the west bathroom had to be replaced. The east bathroom was plumbed to fur the wall out.

12. Consider approving Pay Request No. 1 for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: Mechanical Construction

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 1 to Radotich, Inc. for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: Mechanical Construction in the amount of \$21,645.75. Ayes – All.

13. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 for Cleaning, Repairing & Painting 200,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tower

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Change Order No. 1 to Odland Protective Coating, Inc. for Cleaning, Repairing & Painting 200,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tower in the amount of \$5,750.00. Ayes – All.

The increase was to change the logo from “Eveleth” to “West Eveleth.”

14. Consider approving Pay Request No. 3 (Final) for Cleaning, Repairing & Painting 200,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tower

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 3 (Final) to Odland Protective Coating, Inc. for Cleaning, Repairing & Painting 200,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tower in the amount of \$50,475.31. Ayes – All.

15. Consider appointment of the Assistant Public Works Director

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Scott Smith to fill the Assistant Public Works Director position starting at a salary of \$57,992.62 (Step 3 of the USWA Local Union 6860-05 agreement). Ayes – All.

The hiring committee will have a recommendation in the near future for the starting date.

16. Support for Bart Kyte, 2 Rivers Auctions LLC

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to officially show support for Bart Kyte, 2 Rivers Auctions LLC, and to authorize the City to quickly proceed with the process. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Hadrava said he received feedback that the Roller Underground event on September 12, 2015 was well attended. Hadrava praised the Eveleth Golden Bears football team, and encouraged the public to attend. The high school football team is currently undefeated.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked Director Wiskow when alley clean-up will start. Director Wiskow clarified the Fall Refuse Collection Schedule.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen announced the start of calendar parking to begin October 1st. Councilor Lillis said the public should be aware that calendar parking is necessary for snow removal and street cleaning.

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow gave an update on the City Auditorium. Next week the painting, tile and water fixtures will be installed in the main level restrooms.

Wiskow informed the Council that KLM engineering would like to fly a drone to take some photos of the newly painted water tower.

City Engineer—Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering, said the sanitary sewer project will be starting this week.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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