

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., September 17, 2013**  
**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 Brian Lillis, Present  
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present  
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Present  
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Mike Wiskow; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following minutes with change of August 13, 2013 Workshop Minutes to reflect Councilor Lillis as present at the meeting:*

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 13, 2013*
- 2. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held August 13, 2013*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Workshop held September 3, 2013; and*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 3, 2013.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Agenda with removal of following items:*

- J1. Approve Nursing Home Lease between City of Eveleth and EHSP, Inc.*
- J6. Consider quotations for Legal publishing*

*Ayes – All.*

## **E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

1. Reappointment of Scott Jarvi to the Fire Commission

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to reappoint Scott Jarvi to the Fire Commission for the term 9/17/2013 to 9/17/2016. Ayes – All.*

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

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – August 16-31, 2013 in the amount of \$115,194.60

*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. Approve Nursing Home Lease between City of Eveleth and EHSP, Inc.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 2. Request from Iron Range Paranormal Research to use Eveleth Cemetery**

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said there were a few people concerned with the request from the Iron Range Paranormal Research to use the Eveleth Cemetery for their research.

Councilor Peterson said she received the opposite response. Those she spoke with were happy the group had volunteered to pick up garbage, and would stay on the trails. Councilor Hadrava said he received positive feedback, but those he spoke with do not want pictures of the monuments posted. Hadrava indicated he had conversed with Michael Gams, Iron Range Paranormal Research. He has reviewed some of their previous work, and finds it very interesting.

Councilor Koivunen said some of the elderly are not too keen on the idea; while some of the younger people do not have an issue with the group at the cemetery.

Councilor Lillis reiterated his opinion that permitting this group in the cemetery after hours might set precedence for other groups to start up less noble activities in the cemetery.

Hadrava suggested the City take requests on a case by case basis and move forward with caution.

Councilor Peterson said the permit could be made with stipulations. Peterson acknowledged the group coming forth in due diligence to make the request. She said the request should be granted as long as they stay on the paths and are respectful.

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to grant the Iron Range Paranormal Research Team permission to use the cemetery for paranormal research with language in the permit which would authorize the City to revoke the permission at any time. Stipulations would include: the group would stay on the walking trails in the cemetery, pick up garbage, and obscure names on stones from any published pictures. Ayes – Peterson, Hadrava; Nays – Lillis, Koivunen, Vlasisavljevich. (Motion failed.)*

Mayor Vlasisavljevich thanked the group for addressing the Council. Michael Gams said their group has been cleared to enter the Biwabik Cemetery. They are waiting to hear back from the City of Chisholm.

**3. Consider Approving Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for Eveleth City Auditorium Renovation Project**

*Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Eveleth City Auditorium Renovation Project contingent upon removal of the limitation of liability and dispute resolution provisions. Ayes – All.*

**4. Resolution Consenting to an Economic Development Loan from the Economic Development Authority to WJS Developments, LLC**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2013-24, “Resolution Consenting to an Economic Development Loan from the Economic Development Authority to WJS Developments, LLC.” Ayes – All.*

The loan is for the Countryside Apartments, formerly known as Mesabi Woods.

**5. Request from Police Chief to Sell Forfeited Vehicles**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Police Chief to sell the following forfeited vehicles using the usual and customary competitive bid process through Oberfoell Auctioneers/Do-Bid.com:*

*Vehicle 1: 2002 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, VIN: 2G1WX15K529366348*

*Vehicle 2: 2011 KTM 350 SX-F Off Highway Motorcycle, VIN: VBKMXL431BM147425*

*Ayes – All.*

**6. Consider quotations for Legal publishing**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**7. Consider approving payment to St. Louis County for Jones Street water and sewer replacement project**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve payment to St. Louis County in the amount of \$359,463.50 for the Jones Street water and sewer replacement project. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Hadrava said the “Sipping in September” fundraiser for St. Raphael’s was a success.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich read a letter from Sandra Butala thanking the City for upkeep at the Northside Park.

Councilor Peterson reminded the public that this week is homecoming at the Eveleth/Gilbert High School.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich and Councilor Hadrava drew a name for the Wild Hockey Tickets giveaway. Chuck Gerchman was the winner.

Vlaisavljevich congratulated Jackie Monahan-Junek for receiving an award from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities for promotion of legislators.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded citizens that calendar parking will take effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Koivunen proudly announced his daughter, Ashely Koivunen, was named homecoming queen. John Martinson was named homecoming king. Koivunen encouraged the public to join in the activities this week.

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow announced the Fall Refuse schedule which will begin September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Yard waste will be picked up October 14<sup>th</sup>. Wiskow gave an update on the Northside Skating Shack Project. The Hippodrome will be opening September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Public Works Department have install all of the tempered glass. The two new score boards, purchased by Youth Hockey, will be installed.

City Engineer – Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, gave an update on the Jones Street Project. The storm sewer and roadway should be complete by the end of the week.

City Attorney – Attorney Brunfelt said the LELS arbitration award was in favor of the City. The final position was identical to the other bargaining units (which the City had offered). The arbitrator did award LELS some minor non-economical issues.

Chief Koivunen updated the Council on a proposed ordinance to ban smoke shops in Eveleth. The proposed ordinance will be on the next Council agenda.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked Director Wiskow to post a map of the possible street overlays for the public to view in the lobby of City Hall.

Councilor Hadrava encouraged anyone wanting a Hippodrome t-shirt to contact Youth Hockey. The proceeds will go towards Youth Hockey.

City Clerk-Administrator – Monahan- Junek said the library gazebo is under construction. She said the City is still in the running for Hockey Day Minnesota.

## **M. ADJOURN**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk Administrator

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