

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., September 18, 2012
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, Absent
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek was absent.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Agenda and Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 13, 2012; Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held August 13, 2012; Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held September 4, 2012 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 4, 2012.
Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved above.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Payroll – August 16-31, 2012 in the amount of \$116,497.99**
2. **U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Grant Agreement, Update Airport Master Plan Study; Rehabilitate (narrowing and shortening) Runway 9/27, Eveleth-Virginia Airport**
3. **Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement 300001411 Northside Park and Veterans Park on Ely Lake Improvements**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to make application to the IRRRB Public Works (FY13) Grant Program**

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Resolution No. 2012-23, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to the IRRRB Public Works (FY13) Grant Program.” Ayes – All.

2. **Consider changing Operator/Maintenance Worker Pat Horoshak’s status from probationary employee to regular employee**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve changing Operator/Maintenance Worker Pat Horoshak’s status from probationary employee to a regular employee effective September 27, 2012 and that his salary be increased to 100% of the classification wage in accordance with the AFSCME contract. Ayes – All.

3. **Removal of Police Officer from Probationary Status**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve removing Police Officer Anthony Goulet from probationary status effective October 1, 2012 and to officially classify Officer Goulet as a full-time regular police patrol officer. Ayes – All.

4. **Donation request from the Rural Housing Coalition**

No action was taken on this item as it does not meet public purpose.

5. Resignation of Barb White from Parks Commission and Commission Vacancies

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to accept Barb White's resignation from the Eveleth Parks Commission. Ayes – All.

6. Consider quotations for water heater replacement at Eveleth Health Services Park

This item will be considered at the next Special Meeting.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to schedule a Special Meeting for Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Ayes – All.

The Council went into closed session after the Administrative Presentations.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen attended the Habitat for Humanity Open House on behalf of the City. Koivunen expressed the significance of the program and the benefit to both the new homeowner and the City of Eveleth.

Councilor Hoag commended three businesses that have joined together to manufacture and sell a new product. Range Print, Dave Karpik and Barb White have manufactured a rug hook. The hooks are made right in Eveleth and may be purchased at Range Print.

Councilor Hoag discussed the City Auditorium. Hoag said the renovation will be a marathon and not a sprint. The Auditorium Committee would like to plan on fundraising perhaps during the next 4th of July Celebration.

Councilor Hadrava said the Minnesota Wild Hockey team is on strike. The City had put together a nice package through the Hockey Hall of Fame to give away tickets throughout the hockey season. The City will hold a drawing, but the tickets may not be honored at this time.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said that City Clerk/Administrator is working to schedule a meeting with the Council, Westside Civic League and Leonidas to discuss and look at the playground equipment at the West Eveleth Park.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich recently met with Mark Monacelli, Public Records and Property Valuation Director, St. Louis County.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Chief Koivunen reminded the public that calendar parking will be in effect October 1st.

Public Works: Director Wiskow reminded the public of the schedule for disposal and yard waste drop-off at the City Garage. The City will collect yard waste from the alley on October 15, 2012.

Director Wiskow informed the public that new boards for the hockey rink will be delivered to the Northside Skating Shack. The old boards have been removed. The ice will be going into the Hippodrome soon to gear up for hockey use by October 1st.

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom gave an update on the CIP projects. Sidewalks will be installed on the west side of Hat Trick Avenue. The cement pour for the Auditorium building entry has been scheduled for tomorrow.

City Attorney: Attorney Brunfelt jokingly remarked that he hoped the union group contract negotiations will be more successful than the National Hockey League.

J. NEW BUSINESS

7. Closed session – Contract Negotiations

The Council went into closed session at 7:25 to discuss contract negotiations.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Stephanie A. Friebe
Deputy City Clerk

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