

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., September 20, 2016**  
**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, Present  
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present  
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present  
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Doug Gregor; Chief of Police Tim Koivunen; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held September 6, 2016;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 6, 2016; and*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held September 13, 2016.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – August 16-31, 2016 in the amount of \$129,398.77
2. Representation Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Colosimo, Patchin & Kearney, Ltd. For 2017-2018
3. Request from Police Chief to sell forfeited vehicles  
Vehicle 1: 1994 Ford Ranger Pickup Truck, VIN: 1FTCR4XXRPB4958  
Vehicle 2: 1999 Toyota Camry, VIN: 2T1CF22P2XC168529

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava 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 2017**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2016-32, “Resolution Adopting Proposed Tax for Year 2017.” Ayes – All.*

The proposed levy has been set at \$1,673,106.

### **2. Set date for Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget and tax for 2017**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hoag to set Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget and tax for 2017 for December 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hockey Hall of Fame Museum. Ayes – All.*

### **3. Easement Conveyance of lands in Section 29, Township 58 North, Range 17 West to the Minnesota Power for underground transmission lines**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **4. Pay Request No. 2 from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,052.66 for 2016 sidewalk replacement**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Pay Request No. 2 from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,052.66 for 2016 sidewalk replacement. Ayes – All.*

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

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve donations request from Range Mental Health Center, Inc. for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Warmth in the amount of \$100.00. Ayes – All.*

**6. Ground Lease Agreement Verizon Cellular Tower Site Assessment Project at Eveleth**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Ground Lease Agreement Verizon Cellular Tower Site Assessment Project. Ayes – All.*

Councilor Lillis said this will greatly improve the cell phone coverage with Verizon for Eveleth residents.

**7. City support of application to demolish 507 & 511 Grant Ave., Eveleth, MN**

The Council has discussed demolishing the buildings at 507 & 511 Grant Avenue (former Tunas and Bill's TV & Auto Sound buildings) as partial demolitions. Councilor Koivunen said he was in favor of saving the basements. Councilor Hoag indicated that he did not want another "hole in the ground." City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek pointed out the difference in budgets.

Option 1: Budget Projection for total demolition buildings 507 & 511 Grant Street in the amount of \$395,000.00

Option 2: Budget Project for demolition buildings 507 & 511 to street level with Renovation to salvage lower floor in the amount of \$782,000.00.

St. Louis County supports demolishing the entire structures and with City Council approval would submit an application to the IRRRB Commercial Demo grant program.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to support St. Louis County in submitting an application to the IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program for demolition of 507 & 511 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said the City is moving forward with discussion on merging the fire department services with Gilbert and Fayal.

Councilor Lillis stated that alley clean-up has begun. Director Rosati said the turnout so far has been good. Rosati reiterated that the service is only for Eveleth residents.

#### **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe announced absentee voting will begin on Friday, September 23, 2016. Friebe reminded unregistered voters that they can pre-register for the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election up until October 18, 2016. Voters may also register on Election Day with the proper proof of residency.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich complimented the residents and City staff for cleaning up after the storm. Vlasisavljevich discussed the blight problem in town. He said that those landlords not in compliance should be denied low income housing. He referred to a property with a hole in the window in which a rag was stuffed into the hole to block the outside elements. He went on to say that it is unfair to the recipients (of those funds) to have to live under these circumstances. It is unfair to tax paying owners who are in compliance. Vlasisavljevich plans to meet with County Commissioner Keith Nelson to request the County pass a resolution which would cut low income funding those problem properties. He said the same consideration should be taken for absent landowners.

#### **M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk Administrator

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