

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., October 2, 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, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, 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 Michael Wiskow; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the minutes and agenda as follows:

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 28, 2012;*
- 2. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held September 11, 2012;*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held September 18, 2012; and*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 18, 2012*

Agenda additions:

J4. Consider Quotation from Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. for Replacement of Water Heater at the Eveleth Health Services Park

J5. Authorize City Staff to apply for IRRRB Public Works Grant for Aqua Power

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved above.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Barb White, Bonsai Tea in Eveleth, demonstrated the rug hook which is manufactured in Eveleth. White explained how Range Print, Dave Karpik and Bonsai Tea came together to assemble a cost effective product. White also showed several of the rugs that have been designed by Susan Archbold of Range Print Shop. Craft and rug classes are offered at Range Print which is located on the corner of Grant and Hayes in Eveleth.

Barb White presented Mayor Vlasisavljevich with a “Welcome to Eveleth Sign” made by Susan Archbold.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – September 1-15, 2012 in the amount of \$100,701.43
2. Approval of Claims – September 2012 in the amount of 530,609.33

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider accepting quotation for construction of new Northside Park skating shack

The following quotations were received at the Eveleth City Hall on September 26, 2012:

Lenci	\$146,800.00
AM Construction	\$187,210.00
CC Winger	\$132,002.00
TM Construction	\$168,300.00

The Northside Skating Shack committee recommended rejecting the quotations and to rethink and rebid the project.

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to reject the quotations for construction of a new Northside Park skating shack. Ayes – All.

2. Consider approving progress Payment No. 4 to J&S Excavating in the amount of \$74,916.76 for the 2012 Capital Improvements Projects

The pay request was originally on the agenda for \$74,916.76. Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, provided the Council with an updated pay request for \$143,423.64.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Peterson to approve updated Pay Request No. 4 to Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$143,423.64 as payment for the 2012 Capital Improvement Projects. Ayes – All.

3. Consider Payment No. 1 to 3D Concrete and time extension for City Auditorium Project

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Pay Request No. 1 from 3D Concrete in the amount of \$28,260.00 for the City Auditorium Project and to allow a time extension for completion of the project until October 31, 2012. Ayes – All.

4. Consider Quotation from Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. for Replacement of Water Heater at the Eveleth Health Services Park

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve purchase of two water heaters and labor for installation up to \$15,000 at the Eveleth Health Services Park. Ayes – All.

5. Authorize City Staff to apply for IRRRB Public Works Grant for Aqua Power

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek said the EDA has been working with Aqua Power to ensure that they stay in Eveleth. The City is looking at a Public Works grant through IRRRB.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2012-24, "Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to the IRRRB Public Works (FY13) Grant Program for Aqua Power Expansion." Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Vlaisavljevich drew the name for the Minnesota Wild Hockey tickets. The winner is: Gene Kotnik, 211 Station Road 44, Eveleth, MN.

Councilor Hadrava thanked the Hockey Hall of Fame. The National Hockey League is still in lock out.

Councilor Hadrava thanked Director Wiskow and the City for the refuse drop off opportunity at the City garage.

Police Chief: Chief Koivunen updated the Council and the public regarding the intersection at Highway 53 and Hat Trick Avenue. Last Thursday, Koivunen, Monahan-Junek and several others met with MnDot officials. The meeting was a direct result of the recent fatality of Iron Range student, Hannah Wilson. By City request, MnDot had assessed the area in the past and determined the intersection did not meet certain criteria needed to set up a stop light. Koivunen indicated that MnDot will be reassessing the area and preparing a final report near the end of November. MnDot officials will stay in contact with the City. Koivunen said they were informed at the meeting by MnDot officials that “doing nothing” was not an option. He requested patience from the public as MnDot looks at public safety issues. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact the Eveleth Police Department. Chief Koivunen will keep the Council updated to any new information.

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow reminded the public that the disposal drop-off at the City Garage will have extended hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) from October 1 to 12, 2012. The City will pick up yard waste on October 15, 2012.

Clerk-Administrator: City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek reminded the public that voters can utilize both absentee voting and curbside voting for the upcoming election.

Sue Archbold, Range Print Shop, thanked the City of Eveleth for supporting her business. Archbold said she that years ago she had refinanced, with the help of the City, and next month she will be paid in full.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich closed the regular meeting at 7:23 p.m. The Council went into closed session for contract negotiations.

M. ADJOURN

The Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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