

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., October 9, 2014
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Also 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; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering; Tony Jeffries, Zoning Administrator

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Agenda with removal of the following item:

J12. Consider accepting quotation for 2014 Residential Demolitions

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Tony Jeffries, Zoning Administrator, updated the Council on rental ordinance progress. Jeffries said they hope to have the ordinance effective the first quarter of 2015. Mayor

Vlaisavljevich thanked Jeffries for the hard work. Councilor Peterson said she appreciated that the City has not rushed into the ordinance.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – September 1-15, 2014 in the amount of \$101,492.77
2. Approval of Payroll – September 16-30, 2014 in the amount of \$119,424.27
3. Approval of Claims – September 2014 in the amount of \$898,599.85
4. Request for Unpaid Leave from Mary Beth Kafut
5. Proposal from Walker, Giroux & Hahne Ltd. for FY 2014 audit services
6. Waiver of Real Property Declaration – Jones Street Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project MPFA-09-0087-R-FY14

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Second Reading of an Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the Platted Alley in the Plat of Volcensek Addition No. 2 to Eveleth**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 65, 2nd Series, “An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of the Platted Alley in the Plat of Volcensek Addition No. 2 to Eveleth.” Ayes – All.

- 2. Pay Request No. 3 from Mesabi Bituminous Inc. in the amount of \$155,316.92 for 2014 Street and Alley Improvements Project**

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 3 from Mesabi Bituminous Inc. in the amount of \$155,316.92 for 2014 Street and Alley Improvement Project. Ayes – All.

- 3. Consider project time extension for 2014 Street and Alley Improvements Project**

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, updated the Council on the time extension request from Jola & Sopp for the 2014 Street and Alley Improvements. Fallstrom recommended the Council approve the extension until October 31, 2014. The contractors

had to remove about nine feet of rock in Alley 3 which delayed their start on Hayes Street. Substantial completion would be on October 31, 2014 with final completion on June 30, 2015.

Council Lillis asked if residents would be able to use the alley. Fallstrom said there would be a little bit of a lip on the alley and curb until final completion in 2015. City crews will have to be mindful of the lip when removing snow this winter.

Motion by Councilor Koivuen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the request by Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. for a time extension to October 31, 2014 for the 2014 Street and Alley Improvement Project. Ayes – All.

4. Pay Request No. 1 from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$67,201.10 for Hayes Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$67,201.10 for the Hayes Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Projects. Ayes – All.

5. Consider project time extension for Hayes Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project

Eric Fallstrom referenced the request by Mesabi Bituminous for a time extension as they ran into rock excavation in the 700 block of Hayes Street. Fallstrom said the significant rock removal and poor subgrade soils in Alley 3, pushed to project to be delayed beyond the general contractor's control.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve the time extension request by Mesabi Bituminous for a substantial completion date of October 31, 2014 and final completion of June 30, 2015. Ayes – All.

6. Consider authorizing City staff to submit a pre-application(s) for the FY 2015 St. Louis County Community Development Grant program

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to submit a pre-application for the FY 2015 St. Louis County Community Development Grant Program for the following projects estimated at \$312,500:

- 1. Garfield Street between Douglas & Grant Avenues (overlay consideration and replace sanitary sewer main 300');*
- 2. Monroe Street between Carrie & Lincoln Avenue (overlay consideration and replace sanitary sewer main 250');* and
- 3. Jackson Street between Old Town Road & Adams Avenue (overlay consideration and replace sanitary sewer main 700').*

Ayes – All.

7. Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Public Works (FY15) Grant Program for 2015 Project

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2014-30, “Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Public Works (FY15) Grant Program for 2015 West Eveleth Water Tower Reconditioning Project and 2015 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. Ayes – All.

8. Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB for Countrywood Apartments Improvements (Development Project)

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2014-31, “Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB for Countrywood Apartments Improvements (Development Project).” Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on the Amendment of Criteria for Awarding Business Subsidies

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2014-32, “Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on the Amendment of Criteria for Awarding Business Subsidies.” Ayes – All.

10. Resolution Calling a Public Hearing on Granting Business Subsidy to Aqua Power, Inc. or an Affiliate

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2014-33, “Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on Granting Business Subsidy to Aqua Power, Inc. or an Affiliate.” Ayes – All.

11. Consider Adopting the City of Eveleth Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt the City of Eveleth Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. Ayes – All.

12. Consider accepting quotation for 2014 Residential Demolitions

This item was removed from the Agenda.

13. Resignation of Barb Coz from the Eveleth Park Commission

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to send a letter of thanks and accept the resignation of Barb Coz from the Eveleth Park Commission. Ayes – All.

Barb Coz has moved out of the City of Eveleth.

14. Reschedule November 4 regular City Council meeting to November 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to reschedule the regular November 4, 2014 regular City Council Meeting to November 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. due to the State General Election. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tickets were drawn for the Minnesota Hockey Wild tickets. Monahan-Junek will notify winners, Bill and Donna Babich.

Councilor Peterson announced the Eveleth Bears PTA will be hold a school board candidate forum at the High School Cafeteria.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich thanked the public for being patient with all the street work going on throughout town. Vlaisavljevich said everyone will see the benefit upon completion.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded the public that calendar parking is in full effect.

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow said the Public Works Department is in the process of street sweeping. He said the job is made easier if the residents comply with calendar parking. Wiskow also reminded the public that the refuse drop off continues at the City Garage. Yard waste will be picked up on Monday.

Wiskow recapped a meeting he attended last week with Water/Wastewater Operator Dan Nitz regarding sulfate standards and the affect it would have on wild rice. If more stringent standards are put on sulfate, Wiskow said it could be very expensive for many private businesses and wastewater treatment plants to comply.

Wiskow said Barb Coz has worked on many of the park improvements. He has worked with Barb Coz on the Park Commission for the last 15 years.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan –Junek said the City is recruiting election judges. Anyone interested in serving as an election judge is encouraged to contact Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe at the Eveleth City Hall.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk

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