

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., November 1, 2011
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, Absent
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; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Minutes of City Council Workshop held October 18, 2011 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held October 18, 2011. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Eveleth Heritage Committee Historic Preservation Award

Esther Salmi, Eveleth Heritage Committee, presented the Historic Preservation Award to Linda Davis. The Davis family lives at 103 North Fayal Avenue, Eveleth, Minnesota.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – October 1-15, 2011 in the amount of \$90,440.77
2. Approval of Claims – October 2011 in the amount of \$642,830.79

3. Request for Sgt. Howe to attend Minnesota Chief's of Police Association Command Academy, January 31-February 3, 2012, Camp Ripley, MN
4. Request for Assistant Water/Wastewater Operator to attend MPCA Wastewater Treatment Technology Seminar, December 6-8, 2011, St. Paul, MN
5. Lawful Gambling Application from United Way of Northeastern MN at Range Recreation & Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, MN

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. Pay Request No. 2 (Final) from 3-D Concrete & Construction for Eveleth Health Services Park South Ramp/Stair Repair in the amount of \$1,910.00**

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Pay Request No. 2 (Final) from 3-D Concrete & Construction for Eveleth Health Services Park South Ramp/Stair Repair in the amount of \$1,910.00. Ayes – All.

- 2. Change Order No. 1 (Final) for 2011 Capital Improvement Project**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Change Order No. 1 (Final) for 2011 Capital Improvement Project. Ayes – All.

There is a decrease in the contract price of \$22,495.10.

- 3. Pay Request No. 6 (Final) from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. for 2011 Capital Improvement Project in the amount of \$39,009.39**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Pay Request No. 6 (Final) from Jola & Sopp Excavating, Inc. for 2011 Capital Improvement Project in the amount of \$39,009.39. Ayes – All.

- 4. Revised Bylaws of the Eveleth Paid-on-Call Firefighters' Relief Association**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to support the revised Bylaws of the Eveleth Paid-on-Call Firefighters' Relief Association. Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Accepting Donation for Ballistic Shields

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2011-21, “Resolution Accepting Donation for Police Department Ballistic Shields” and to send a letter of thanks to Frank Kvaternik for his \$5,300.00 donation. Ayes – All.

6. Vacant Police Officer Position

Chief of Police Lillis reminded the Council that the vacant position on the Police Department has not been filled since the retirement of Richard High in February of 2010. The Police Department has been operating with nine officers instead of 10. Lillis expressed the need for strong public safety and justified the additional position by the amount of work required by the department. He expressed his concern with the current officers getting burnt out from overtime, and said that over \$30,000 has been paid in overtime. It would cost the City about \$65,000, which includes benefits, to hire another officer.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like this item added to the next Council Workshop Agenda for further discussion.

7. Authorize City staff to respond to October 11, 2011 letter from the MPCA

Director Wiskow said the City is required to obtain a permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) every five years. Back in April, Wiskow submitted an application. The MPCA responded by letter dated October 11, 2011, with additional mandates which will require testing mercury and chlorine levels. The MPCA has asked for the City’s response to meet the directives. Wiskow said the City cannot meet the requirements.

City Attorney Brunfelt said the new requirements for reissuance of the permit have to do with Minnesota laws. Legislation passes policies on to the MPCA to implement. In the process, the expense involved to small cities is sometimes overlooked. Brunfelt suggested the City speak with legislators to see which regulations can be overwritten.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize City staff to proceed with testing as required by the MPCA, to contact state legislators, and to work through the City Attorney. Ayes – All.

8. Shared Service Opportunities with Neighboring Communities

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to discuss sharing police services with the City of Gilbert. Ayes – All.

9. Move November 15, 2011 City Council Meeting to November 22, 2011

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to move the November 15, 2011 City Council Meeting to November 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Hoag encouraged everyone to vote “Yes” in the upcoming Special School Election to increase the levy. Hoag said a healthy school system goes hand in hand with a healthy community.

Councilor Hadrava said he attended the Open House for Habitat for Humanity. Hadrava congratulated the family on their new home and thanked all who helped.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow said the City received an award for drinking water. Wiskow commended the efforts of Wastewater Operators Bill McKenzie and Craig Schlossin.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich thanked the Eveleth Heritage Committee and the students from the Eveleth-Gilbert School government class for attending the meeting.

M. ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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