

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., November 5, 2013
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 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 Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Minutes of City Council Workshop held October 15, 2013 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held October 15, 2013. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – October 1-15, 2013 in the amount of \$102,657.93

2. Approval of Claims – October 2013 in the amount of \$560,007.34
3. Accept 2012 Audit
4. Approve Revised A.W.A.I.R (A Workplace accident and Injury Reduction) Program
5. Approve Renewal Application for Optional Liquor 2 AM License for Eveleth Pour House dba Hoagie's Bar, 301 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider quotations for repair of Highway 53 settlement – Michael Kalnbach of MnDOT to attend

Chris Morris and Michael Kalnbach from MnDOT addressed the Council regarding the repair of Highway 53. Kalnbach said MnDOT noticed a settlement of the pavement this spring on the southbound lane of Highway 53 (just north of Five Seasons Sports Center). There is a 10 inch water main which crosses under the highway. The permit was issued to the City of Virginia for the VEEDA project in 2005.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the report is confusing. He said the highway is in bad shape and the repairs range from \$6,000 to \$20,000.

Morris indicated that MnDOT had cored through the pavement to identify the limits. It appears to be an isolated utility trench. The MnDOT maintenance crew has added some bituminous, but the area is unsafe.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked if the grout would damage the road. Morris said the grout is a normal fix.

Councilor Lillis asked if MnDOT would be willing to provide traffic control. Kalnbach said they would not commit to traffic control.

Discussion took place that VEEDA should be billed for half of the expense.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to accept the proposal from Terrazzo & Concrete Restoration Inc., Duluth, Minnesota in the amount of \$4,977.00 to include traffic control; up to 3 cubic yards of cement based sand grout; \$575.00 per cubic yard of additional grout; and to invoice VEEDA for half of the project. Ayes – All.

Kalnbach said that MnDOT would like the project done before Thanksgiving due to the urgent condition of the road.

2. Consider authorizing Stantec Consulting to proceed with design services for the Eveleth Auditorium Renovation Project Phase II

Bruce Paulson described a meeting, which took place last week, with the City Council and interested citizens. The meeting was held to discuss renovations to the Auditorium building. The Council is looking to bring the bathrooms on the main floor up to working order. The goal would be to allow 130 people to occupy the building at this phase.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to begin Auditorium projects 1) Wall and Ceiling Repair and Painting; 2) Lighting and Electrical Systems Upgrades; and 3) Heating System Repairs and Upgrades. Ayes – All.

3. Consider approving easement for Minnesota Power to construct 115 KV power line across City property near the City Garage – Dan McCourtney from Minnesota Power to attend and give an overview of their project and to answer questions

Dan McCourtney, Minnesota Power, said there has been a strong demand for taconite. United Taconite is looking to expand. McCourtney explained the rerouting of the existing transmission line currently in the way of the expansion.

Director Wiskow said that Minnesota Power has selected an area near the City Garage which will not affect the public works (cranes, trucks, etc.)

City Attorney Brunfelt said the easement agreement is acceptable and recommended Council approval.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to grant easement for Minnesota Power to construct 115 KV power line across City property near the City Garage. Ayes – All.

4. Consider approving invoice from Crysteel Truck Equipment for furnishing and installing new dump box on Truck #13

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve invoice from Crysteel Truck Equipment in the amount of \$18,963.11 for furnishing and installing new dump box on Truck #13. Ayes – All.

5. Approve Recommendation from Fire Commission to hire Firefighter

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize hiring Jeffrey Kruse as a firefighter. Ayes – All.

6. Request from Police Chief to Sell Forfeited Vehicle

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from Police Chief to sell forfeited vehicle: 1982 Honda 185 ATV, VIN: JH3TB0100CC278944. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Peterson announced it is “Recycling Month.”

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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