

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., November 22, 2011
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, Absent
Councilor Brian Hoag, Absent
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Minutes of City Council Workshop held November 1, 2011, Minutes of City Council Meeting November 1, 2011, and the agenda with the following additions:

J.9. Resolution Making Application for Funds from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to Deliver a Rental Rehabilitation Program for the Iron Range (from Hibbing to Hoyt Lakes) and;

J.10. Pay Equity Compliance Plan

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Reappointment of Jackie Monahan-Junek to the Iron Range Tourism Board

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the reappointment of Jackie Monahan-Junek to the Iron Range Tourism Board for the term January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mike Jacobsen announced that he is on schedule with removing the buildings and plant from the former Economy Ready Mix site.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – October 16-31, 2011 in the amount of \$124,159.72
2. Resolution No. 2011-22, “Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Delinquent Water, Garbage and Sewer Collection Accounts”

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the consent agenda. Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing on FY 2012 St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program Application**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Director Wiskow described the proposed project planned for 2013. The grant request is for water and sanitary sewer improvements in the amount of \$250,000. Total cost of the project is \$2,500,000 which includes the estimated cost of \$555,000 for water and sanitary sewer improvements.

No one from the public came forward to speak regarding the FY2012 St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program Application.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Fiscal Year 2012 St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program**

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Resolution 2011-23, “Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Fiscal Year 2012 St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program.” Ayes – All.

2. Estimate from Climate Makers for additional work on AAON Roof top Unit at EHSP (vacated dialysis space)

Frank Starkey, EHSP Maintenance, stated that the estimated repairs are needed because some wires on the unit melted while other repairs were in process.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to accept the Estimate from Climate Makers for additional work on AAON Roof top Unit at EHSP (not to exceed \$1,500). Ayes – All.

3. Pay Request No. 2 from Skubic Brothers International for New Refuse Truck Cab & Chassis in the amount of \$8,991.00 plus tax

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Skubic Brothers International for New Refuse Truck Cab & Chassis in the amount of \$8,991.00 plus tax. Ayes – All.

4. Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Office of the Secretary of State of Minnesota for Federal funds Pursuant to Title II, Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act

Director Wiskow explained the grant application is for an automatic door opener for the Hippodrome, one of three polling places in the City.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Resolution No. 2011-24, “Authorizing Submittal of Grant Application to the Office of the Secretary of State of Minnesota for Federal funds Pursuant to Title II, Section 261 of the Help America Vote Act.” Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Authorization to Execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Maintenance and Operation

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Resolution No. 2011-25, “Authorization to Execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Maintenance and Operation.” Ayes – All.

6. Request from Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for the City of Eveleth to write a letter to Commissioner Nelson requesting that a 5 acre tax forfeit parcel off runway 1432 be donated to the Airport Authority

Gary Ulman, Airport Manager, stated that their Plan A was to ask for conveyance of the forfeited property from the County. The City of Duluth attempted to do the same and the Dept. of Revenue did not recognize the airport zoning as a public use. Karen Zeisler, St. Louis County Land Department, indicated that the County would likely deny such a request for conveyance, and suggested Plan B. Plan B is to send a letter to

Commissioner Nelson asking that the County either grant or sell the land for a reasonable price to the Airport Authority.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to send a letter to Commissioner Nelson asking that the land be granted or sold for a reasonable price to the Airport Authority. Ayes – All.

7. Renewal Application for Option Liquor 2 AM for Red Garter Lounge, 214 Grant Ave., Eveleth, MN

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Renewal Application for Option Liquor 2 AM for Red Garter Lounge, 214 Grant Ave., Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

8. Pay Request No. 1 from 3D Concrete & Construction for loading dock/step repair at Eveleth Health Services Park

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Pay Request No. 1 from 3D Concrete & Construction for loading dock/step repair at Eveleth Health Services Park. Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Making Application for Funds from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to Deliver a Rental Rehabilitation Program for the Iron Range (from Hibbing to Hoyt Lakes)

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Resolution No. 2011-26. “Making Application for Funds from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to Deliver a Rental Rehabilitation Program for the Iron Range (from Hibbing to Hoyt Lakes).” Ayes – All.

10. Pay Equity Compliance Plan

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Pay Equity Compliance Plan as presented. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board & Liaison Updates

Councilor Peterson provided an update on the International Community Congress (Heart of the Continent Partnership) attended by Councilor Peterson and City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek in Thunder Bay, Ontario and Grand Portage, MN.

Councilor Hadrava stated that evaporator improvements at the Hippodrome are moving along and the City hopes to have summer ice in 2012.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Public Works Director: Wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving and stated the downtown holiday decorations should be complete this week.

City Engineer: Announced that Keller Fence is working on the cemetery fencing.

Clerk-Administrator: Acknowledged how nice the holiday lights look at the hockey plaza and by Fayal Pond.

M. ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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