

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., December 15, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present  
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present  
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present  
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present  
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, 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 Jerry Rosati; Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering; Marybeth Kafut, Library Director

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the following minutes:*

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held December 1, 2015; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 1, 2015.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the agenda. Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Reappointment of Sheldon Krall to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to reappoint Sheldon Krall to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for the term effective 12/31/2015 to 12/31/2018. Ayes – All.*

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – November 16-30, 2015 in the amount of \$133,020.11
2. Approval of Claims – November 2015 in the amount of \$785,360.48
3. Request to Carry Over Vacation (request by Sergeant Jesse Howe)

*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. Resolution Approving Budget for Year 2016**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2015-40,  
“Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2016.” Ayes – All.*

### **2. Resolution Approving Tax for Year 2016**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2015-41,  
“Resolution Adopting Tax for Year 2016.” Ayes – All.*

### **3. Approval of Fuel Purchases for 2016**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize Public Works  
Department to purchase gasoline and diesel fuel in 2016 from Old Time Oil & Auto Works at a  
cost of \$0.03 per gallon less than their pump price on the day of purchase. Ayes – All.*

### **4. Library Policies**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Arrowhead Library System  
policies. Ayes – All.*

Library Director Marybeth Kafut said the policies have been in place, but the Arrowhead Library System is requiring formal adoption.

### **5. Approval of 2016 Tobacco Licenses**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the following 2016 Tobacco Licenses:*

<b>Business Name and Address</b>	<b>Owner/Officer</b>
<b>Eveleth Bottle Shop</b> 433 Fayal Road Eveleth, MN 55734	Michele B. Begich-Johnson
KAY KOR Inc. <b>DBA: Snicker's Lounge</b> 212 Grant Avenue, PO Box 677 Eveleth, MN 55734	James Bonicatto
C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. <b>DBA: Eveleth Short Stop</b> 410 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	David Russell Troutwine
Hawper Inc. <b>DBA: West Eveleth Market</b> 1302 1 <sup>st</sup> Street West Eveleth, MN 55734	Eugene Roger Hawley

**6. Final Pay Request from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$22,540.00 for Golf Course Cart Barn**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Final Pay Request from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$22,540.00 for the addition to the Golf Course Shack. Ayes – All.*

**7. Pay Request No. 2 from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. in the amount of \$3,547.30 for Aqua Power Site Expansion Project**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. in the amount of \$3,547.30 for Aqua Power Site Expansion Project. Ayes – All.*

**8. Change Order No. 1 from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. for Aqua Power Site Expansion Project**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Change Order No. 1 from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. for Aqua Power Site Expansion Project with an increased amount of \$15,270.00. Ayes – All.*

Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering, said the contractors ran into some unsuitable soils which had to be excavated.

**9. Pay Request No. 3 (Final) from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. in the amount of \$6,827.65 for Aqua Power Site Expansion Project**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve final pay request No. 3 from Mesabi Bituminous, Inc. in the amount of \$6,827.65 for Aqua Power Site Expansion Project. Ayes – All.*

**10. Letter from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities regarding support for increasing Local Government Aid in the 2016 Legislative Session**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to adopt Resolution No. 2015-42, “Resolution in Support of Increasing Local Government Aid in the 2016 Legislative Session.” Ayes – All.*

**11. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit from Eveleth Merchants Association**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2015-43, “Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit from the Eveleth Merchants Association.” Ayes – All.*

The Eveleth Merchants donated \$5,000 towards the new police canine.

**12. Appointment of Jerry Rosati as City of Eveleth representative and Dan Nitz as City of Eveleth alternate representative to the Tri-Cities Biosolids Disposal Authority**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to make the following appointments:*

- *Appointment of Jerry Rosati as City of Eveleth representative and Dan Nitz as City of Eveleth alternate representative to the Tri-Cities Biosolids Disposal Authority*
- *Appointment of Jerry Rosati as City of Eveleth representative and Dan Nitz as City of Eveleth alternate representative to the Biosolids Disposal Site Authority*
- *Appointment of Jerry Rosati as City of Eveleth representative and Scott Smith as City of Eveleth alternate representative to the Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority*

*Ayes – All.*

**13. Appointment of Jerry Rosati as City of Eveleth representative and Dan Nitz as City of Eveleth alternate representative to the Biosolids Disposal Site Authority**

Approved above.

**14. Appointment of Jerry Rosati as City of Eveleth representative and Scott Smith as City of Eveleth alternate representative to the Mesabi Elm Utilization Authority**

Approved above.

**15. Proposal for Architectural Services for Auditorium Renovation**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the proposal from Architectural Resources Inc., Hibbing, Minnesota for design and construction administration services for the Auditorium Renovation in the amount of \$32,200.00. Ayes – All.*

## **K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Koivunen commended Phil Drobnick for a job well done in preparing for the Curling in America event held at the RRCC. Koivunen said the event brought a lot of people to town. The matches will be televised on Friday nights on NBC starting in January.

Councilor Lillis said the City is working on hiring some new EMTs. The hiring committee will be making a recommendation to the Council as they are trying to increase the level of staff.

Councilor Hadrava observed the Christmas decorations downtown and at the Northside Park. He said the City has worked on a lot of projects this past year, and thanked Benchmark Engineering for their help.

Mayor Vliasavljevich said it will be interesting to see where communities set their levies. He said that part of the levies are mandated items forced on cities by other levels of government. He encouraged the public to do some homework or ask questions about the levy.

Councilor Hoag commented on the successful Curling America event held at the RRCC. Mayor Vlaisavljevich said the RRCC is one of the best kept secrets for weddings, shows and exhibits.

Deb Vito was the winner of two Minnesota Wild Hockey tickets for the January 10<sup>th</sup> game.

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen thanked residents and the Council for continued support of the Eveleth Police Department. Koivunen announced the hockey tournament to be held at the Hippodrome December 28, 29, and 30, 2015. The admission is free.

Public Works Director – Director Rosati asked residents to be patient when the snow arrives.

City Engineer – Rodney Flannigan thanked the Council for allowing Benchmark to serve as the City Engineer.

The Council and staff wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.

## **M. ADJOURN**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk Administrator

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