

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., December 17, 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, Present
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; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held December 10, 2013; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 10, 2013*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- J8. Designate Station Road #44 from Highway 37 to the Mesabi Trail for Snowmobile and ATV Traffic*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following reappointments:

1. *Reappointment of Lonnie Ward to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for the term 12/31/2013 to 12/31/2016;*
2. *Reappointment of Phillip Drobnick to the Golf Course Commission for the term 12/31/2013 to 12/31/2016;*
3. *Reappointment of Thomas Schmucker to the Library Board for the term 1/31/2014 to 1/31/2017; and*
4. *Appointment of Lois Ferguson to the Library Board for the term 1/31/2014 to 1/31/2017.*

Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Payroll – November 16-30, 2013 in the amount of \$116,361.00**
2. **Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Anthony Jeffries for Zoning Administrator Services**
3. **Request to Transfer 2013 Community Beautification Funds to a Permanent Fund**
4. **Request for three Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference, St. Cloud, MN, March 4-6, 2014**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider accepting proposal from Benchmark Engineering for 2014 Engineering Services**

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept the proposal from Benchmark Engineering for 2014 Engineering Services. Ayes – All.

2. Consider approving fuel purchases for 2014

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to approve gasoline and diesel fuel purchases for 2014 from Old Time Oil & Auto Works at a cost of \$0.03 per gallon less than the pump price on day of purchase. Ayes – All.

3. Consider changing Dan Nitz’s employment status from probationary employee to regular employee

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to change status of Water/Wastewater Operator Dan Nitz from probationary to regular employee effective December 24, 2013. Ayes – All.

4. 10th Annual Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Bonspiel Donation Request

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the 10th Annual Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Bonspiel. Ayes – All.

5. Tobacco Licenses for 2014

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following 2014 Tobacco Licenses: (Ayes – All)

<i>Business Name and Address</i>	<i>Owner/Officer</i>
<i>Eveleth Bottle Shop</i> <i>433 Fayal Road</i> <i>Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Michele B. Begich-Johnson</i>
<i>Jon’s Drug</i> <i>318 Grant Avenue</i> <i>Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Jon Marcaccini</i>
<i>KAY KOR Inc.</i> <i>DBA: Snicker’s Lounge</i> <i>212 Grant Avenue, PO Box 677</i> <i>Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>James Bonicatto</i>
<i>C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc.</i> <i>DBA: Eveleth Short Stop</i> <i>410 Grant Avenue</i> <i>Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>David Russell Troutwine</i>
<i>Hawper Inc.</i> <i>DBA: West Eveleth Market</i> <i>1302 1st Street West</i> <i>Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Eugene Roger Hawley</i>

6. Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2014

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2013-36, “Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2014.” Ayes – All.

7. Resolution Adopting Tax for Year 2014

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2013-37, “Resolution Adopting Tax for Year 2014.” Ayes – All.

8. Designate Station Road #44 from Highway 37 to the Mesabi Trail for Snowmobile and ATV Traffic

Councilor Hadrava serves on the Joint ATV OHM Snowmobile Trail Board. Hadrava indicated the board would like to extend the trail from Station Road #44 to the Mesabi Station parking lot. They would like to designate the area for use by ATVs and snowmobiles. Without access, riders find it difficult to connect to the Gilbert trail. The Council will designate the area tonight, and formally adopt a resolution at a future Council Meeting.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to designate Station Road #44 from Highway 37 to the Mesabi Trail for use of snowmobile and ATV traffic. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis said the described portion of the City is a little more than a block. Lillis said he did not foresee any safety problems.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlaisavljevich raised the problems created with absent landlords. Vlaisavljevich suggested a meeting to gather citizens together to discuss the issues. Councilor Koivunen concurred that something needs to be done. Councilor Lillis said he is in favor of educating the public, and informing people what is required of them.

Councilor Peterson thanked the City crew for good work, and wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilor Lillis agreed that the Public Works Department has done excellent with snow removal, and wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Councilor Hadrava also stated that the Public Works Department has done an excellent job. Hadrava sorrowfully announced the death of Eveleth resident, Don “Kotsy” Kotnik. Hadrava offered condolences to Mr. Kotnik’s family.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he recently attended an Open House at the DAC (East Range Development Achievement Center). Vlasisavljevich said the DAC is located in the old Lincoln School Building, and that they offer a lot of nice products and services.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow will pass the compliments along to the Public Works crew. Wiskow said he will be working with Stantec and Benchmark Engineering in January to solve the City’s water taste and odor problems.

City Engineer – Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, thanked the City Council for their appointment as City Engineer for 2014. Fallstrom wished all a Merry Christmas.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek wished all a Merry Christmas.

City Attorney Brunfelt thanked the City for their reappointment. He emphasized that the Council can contact their law firm at any time to get answers over the phone. Brunfelt said that there is no extra charge for that service.

Bill Aho, 1080 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, said he serves on the Iron Trail Tourism Bureau. The board has one opening for an Eveleth representative.

M. ADJOURN

Mayor Vlasisavljevich wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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