

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
8:00 a.m., December 17, 2014
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present
Councilor Beth Peterson, 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 Mike Patchin; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held November 18, 2014; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held November 18, 2014.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – November 16-30, 2014 in the amount of \$144,729.10
2. Request for City Council and City Clerk/Administrator to attend Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative Action Day, January 28, 2015, St. Paul, MN
3. Request to approve year-end transfers
4. Approve staff to list Fire Truck for sale in various outlet and complete sale
5. Request for City Council and City Clerk/Administrator to attend League of Minnesota Cities 2015 Leadership Conference, January 2015
6. Request for three Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference, March 3-5, 2015, St. Cloud, MN
7. Request for Police Chief to attend 2015 MN Chiefs of Police Association Executive Training, April 20-22, 2015, St. Cloud, MN

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2015

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2014-42, “Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2015.” Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Adopting Tax for Year 2015

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2014-43, “Resolution Adopting Tax for Year 2015.” Ayes – All.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Charter Commission Members And Requesting the District Court to Appoint Such Members

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2014-44, Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Charter Commission Members and Requesting the District Court to Appoint Such Members.”

The following members were appointed to the Charter Commission:

Garrison Hale	4 years
Girard Hoel	4 years
Margie Koivunen	2 years
William Matos	2 years
Shelby Paulson	2 years
Elizabeth Peterson	4 years
Greg Schultzenberg	2 years
George Walters	4 years

4. Resolution Adopting Criteria for Awarding Business Subsidies in Compliance with the Requirements of the Minnesota Business Subsidies Act

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2014-45, “Resolution Adopting Criteria for Awarding Business Subsidies in Compliance with the Requirements of the Minnesota Business Subsidies Act.” Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Consenting to an Economic Development Loan From the Eveleth Economic Development Authority to Lietz Liabilities Incorporated

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2014-46, “Resolution Consenting to an Economic Development Loan from the Eveleth Economic Development Authority to Lietz Liabilities Incorporated. Ayes – All.

6. Approve Deputy Chief Job Description

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Deputy Chief Job Description. Ayes – All.

This position will assist the Chief of Police, and will also fill in for officers on patrol.

7. Contented Critters Animal Control Contract

Police Chief Koivunen explained that over the last few years, the Police Department has had an opportunity to examine the needs and the level of service provided by the Mesabi Humane Society. Koivunen said the service has been sporadic and inconsistent. He has talked with other towns in the area using Contented Critters Animal Control, and would like to contract with Contented Critters for the next year. Councilor Lillis concurred that while he was Police Chief, he also was not satisfied with the level of service from the Mesabi Humane Society.

Councilor Peters said she realizes the Humane Society is struggling, and would like to stay local; however, the City needs to try working with Contented Critters.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said, “The people need to get what they are paying for.”

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the animal control contract with Contented Critters after City Attorney review. Ayes – All.

8. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Application to Register the Title to Certain Land (408 Fayal Rd.) and to execute the Petition Subsequent to Initial Registration (Alice Location)

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Application to Register the Title to Certain Land (408 Fayal Rd.) and to execute the Petition Subsequent to Initial Registration (Alice Location). Ayes – All.

9. 2015 Tobacco Licenses

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following 2015 tobacco licenses:

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

Ayes - All.

10. Consider hiring to fill vacant Operator/Maintenance Worker position

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize hiring of Mark Karpen for Operator/Maintenance Worker contingent upon satisfactory criminal background check, and pre-employment physical and drug screening. Ayes – All.

11. Consider Approving Change Order No. 3 from Lenci Enterprises Inc. for Auditorium Renovation Phase II Project

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$5,673.00 from Lenci Enterprises Inc. for Auditorium Renovation Phase II Project. Ayes – All.

12. Pay Request No. 7 from Lenci Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$7,526.92 for Auditorium Renovation Phase II Project

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Pay Request No. 7 from Lenci Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$7,526.92 for Auditorium for Renovation Phase II Project. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gwen Holmes was the name drawn for the January 10th Minnesota Wild Hockey Game.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich expressed his concern on tax forfeited buildings in the City. He would like to meet with legislators to discuss the length of time (18 months) the City has to wait before purchasing those properties.

The Prims building on Grant Avenue was discussed. Police Chief Koivunen has asked St. Louis County to come and secure the building, but it has not been done. There have been criminal charges for copper theft from the building. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the building is full of garbage, and is creating additional costs to Eveleth Police Department. Vlasisavljevich would like the Police Department to cite the building owners for blight.

Councilor Peterson said this would be her last Council Meeting. She thanked the Council members and citizens. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said, “We will miss you.” Peterson said she expects to serve the City in other capacities.

Councilors Koivunen and Lillis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, provided an update on the progress of the trail connection by Station Road 44.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Public Works Director – Director Wiskow advised that the refuse collection will take place as normal over the holidays.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She told Councilor Peterson she would look forward to working with her on the Charter Commission.

M. ADJOURN

Mayor Vlasisavljevich thanked Councilor Peterson for serving on the Council the last four years. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk

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