

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., December 20, 2011
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Beth Peterson, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Present
Mayor Robert Vlaisavljevich, Present

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 6, 2011 and Agenda with following additions:

- J14. Resolution Ordering Preparation of a Feasibility Study*
- J15. Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Range Transitional Housing, Inc. for the 4th Annual Bobber Stop Ice Fishing Tournament on Ely Lake*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved above.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Edward Addy, Cold Snap Technology, addressed the Council. Cold Snap Technology is operated by Edward Addy, Dustin Miller and Ben Marolt. They recently moved their office from Biwabik to 410 Jones Street in Eveleth. A Grand Opening will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, beginning with a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – November 16-30, 2011 in the amount of \$110,101.11
2. Travel Request for two Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference in St. Cloud, MN, March 6-8, 2012
3. Travel Request for Ambulance Service EMT's to attend Annual EMS Conference in Duluth, MN, January 20-22, 2012

Motion by Councilor Hoag, 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 2012 Budget

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to adopt Resolution No. 2011-28, "Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2012." Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Adopting 2012 Levy

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2011-29, "Resolution Adopting Tax for Year 2012." Ayes – All.

3. Set Final Assessment Hearing for 2011 CIP for Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to set the final Assessment Hearing for 2011 CIP for Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m. Ayes – All.

4. Consider approving fuel purchases for 2012

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the fuel purchases for 2012 from Old Time Oil & Auto Works. Ayes – All.

5. Request from Robert Kivela to carry over vacation and personal days to 2012

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize City Assessor Robert Kivela to carry over vacation and personal days through the year 2012. Ayes – All.

6. Request to Transfer Community Beautification Department Funds to Permanent Fund

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Peterson to authorize City Clerk/Administrator to transfer remaining funds at the end of 2011 from the Community Beautification Department into Neighborhood Revitalization (Fund 600). Ayes – All.

7. Letter from Laurentian Chamber regarding Puck Days

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to support Eveleth PUCK Days to be held March 16-17, 2012. Ayes – Koivunen, Hadrava, Hoag, Vlaisavljevich. Councilor Peterson abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

8. Letter from Personnel Committee regarding Temporary Full Time Accounting Clerk Position

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hoag to appoint Kris Maki to the Full Time Accounting Clerk Position effective December 21, 2011. Ayes – All.

9. 2012 Liquor Licenses for Soph's Eat It & Beat It, Inc. (Goodfellas)

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the 2012 liquor license application for Soph's Eat it & Beat It, Inc. dba Goodfellas for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 pursuant to approval of the State Liquor Control Commissioner. Ayes – All.

10. Change Order No. 1 for Cemetery Fencing Improvements

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Peterson to approve Change Order No. 1 for Cemetery Fencing Improvements from Keller Fence Co. in the amount of \$108.75. Ayes – All.

11. Pay Request No. 2 (final) from Keller Fence Co. for Cemetery Fencing Improvements in the amount of \$919.75

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve final Pay Request No. 2 from Keller Fence Co. for Cemetery Fencing Improvements in the amount of \$919.75. Ayes – All.

12. 8th Annual Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Bonspiel Donation Request

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to donate \$100.00 to the 8th Annual Arrowhead D.A.R.E. Bonspiel. Ayes – All.

13. Resolution Accepting Donation for Main Street Snowflake Lighting

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2011-30, “Resolution Accepting Donation for Main Street Snowflake Lighting,” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

14. Resolution Ordering Preparation of a Feasibility Study

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2011-31, “Resolution Ordering Preparation of a Feasibility Study.” Ayes – All.

The feasibility study will be done on Hat Trick Avenue and Station 44 Road.

15. Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Range Transitional Housing, Inc. for the 4th Annual Bobber Stop Ice Fishing Tournament on Ely Lake

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Range Transitional Housing, Inc. for the 4th Annual Bobber Stop Ice Fishing Tournament on Ely Lake. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Peterson notified the public that City Hall offices will be closing for the holidays at noon on Friday, December 23rd and all day on Monday, December 26th.

Councilor Hadrava said the new evaporators have been installed at the Hippodrome and the City is one step closer to summer ice.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich would like to send a letter to Commissioners Nelson and Forsman letting them know the City supports the mining projects as long as the environment is protected.

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve sending a letter to County Commissioners Nelson and Forsman in support of mining projects subject to environmental issues being responsibly addressed. Ayes – All.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief: Chief Lillis said the Police Department will not be closed for the holidays.

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow said that garbage pickup will remain the same during the holidays.

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Clerk-Administrator: Monahan-Junek wished good luck to Fire Chief Steve Sklors on his retirement, and welcomed new Fire Chief Pete Makowski.

City Attorney: Attorney Brunfelt reminded the public to be careful about drinking and driving over the holidays.

M. ADJOURN

Mayor Vlasisavljevich wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

The Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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