

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., September 1, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Michael Wiskow; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 4, 2015;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held August 4, 2015; and*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held August 18, 2015.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the agenda with the following addition:*

*J8. Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project for Local Governments*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – July 16-31, 2015 in the amount of \$128,393.61
2. Approval of Payroll – August 1-15, 2016 in the amount of \$104,280.57
3. Approval of Claims – August 2015 in the amount of \$691,959.03
4. Request for Sgt. Ness to attend the 2015 MN Toward Zero Deaths Conference, St. Cloud, MN October 29-30, 2015
5. Consider authorizing the Assistant Water/Wastewater Operator and the Utilities Crew Leader to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Water and Wastewater Exam Refresher and Exam workshop in St. Cloud, MN October 27-29, 2015

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hoag to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.*

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Tobacco-Free Vehicles and Equipment Policy**

The proposed Tobacco-Free Vehicle and Equipment Policy would prohibit the use of tobacco products in all City owned vehicles and equipment. This would include (but is not limited to) cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, and other products containing tobacco. The policy was presented to the Council at the last workshop meeting by recommendation of the City's Safety Committee.

Councilor Koivunen expressed his concerns. He said, "We have an old crew. They are kind of set in their ways." Councilor Hoag wondered if there would be a lot of idle time. Director of Public Works Wiskow said the vehicles are interchangeable among the employees. If someone has smoked in the vehicle for a long time, it can smell pretty bad for a nonsmoker.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the cleanliness of vehicles can be a problem due to tobacco use. Councilor Koivunen said that chewing tobacco would have to be eliminated if smoking is prohibited.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hoag to table the Tobacco-Free Vehicles and Equipment Policy item. Ayes – All.*

**2. Prohibiting Long Guns at Work Policy**

Councilor Hadrava voiced concerns about the proposed policy. Councilor Lillis said the proposed policy would actually give more latitude than the current policy. The new policy would prohibit carrying long guns while working, but would not prohibit locked and secured guns in the private vehicles of City employees. City Attorney Thayer said the Council will need to replace the current policy which prohibits the possession of any firearms on City property.

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to table the item Prohibiting Long Guns at Work Policy. Ayes – All.*

**3. Resignation of Mark McCarty from the Joint Cable Commission**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept resignation of Mark McCarty from the Joint Cable Commission effective September 1, 2015 and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.*

**4. Consider approving Change Order No. 2 for the Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: General Construction**

Director Wiskow said the contractors will be repairing a jog in the wall, and eliminating a window in the restroom renovation.

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation (General Construction) to Lenci Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$2,860.00. Ayes – All.*

**5. Consider approving Fall 2015 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste pickup schedule**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Fall 2015 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste pickup schedule. Ayes – All.*

Director Wiskow said the City has stepped up the Eveleth resident identification process. He estimated there was a day in which one-third of those intending to drop off items at the City Garage were not Eveleth refuse paying customers. One individual came as far as Keewatin.

**6. Request from Sue Gulbranson, Sue's Penalty Box, to sell liquor at the Hippodrome, September 12, 2015 per City Code Sec. 5.42 Sports, Convention or Cultural Facilities License**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from Sue Gulbranson, Sue's Penalty Box, to sell liquor at the Hippodrome,*

*September 12, 2015 per City Code Sec. 5.42 Sports, Convention or Cultural Facilities License from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Ayes – All.*

**7. Proposal for Limited Phase II Site Investigation of the property at 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN, also known as the former Fingerhut Property**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Limited Phase II Site Investigation of the property at 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN, also known as the former Fingerhut Property. Ayes – All.*

**8. Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project for Local Governments**

*Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2015-19, “Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project for Local Governments.” Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich announced the drawing for five tickets to the Roller Underground Dirty Ores event to be held at the Eveleth Hippodrome on September 12, 2015. The following names were drawn:

Brian Klomps, 116 Kimberly Avenue  
Cliff Tuuri, 203 Hayes Street  
Ronald Tedrick, 410 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue West  
Jack Koski, 216 Fayal Road  
William Aldrich, 408 N. Norman Avenue

Councilor Lillis thanked everyone involved with well attended National Night Out. Lillis congratulated those who organized the annual Elks Corn Feed and Classic Car Show. He wished Bertha Stone, a fan of the Council Meetings, a Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

Councilor Hadrava reminded everyone that school will be back in session on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. He urged all to drive carefully and watch for school buses.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reminded the public to be aware of suspicious vehicles. Any resident can report a vehicle by providing the police department with a license plate number.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer – Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering, reported that there will be a preconstruction meeting next week for the Aqua Power project.

Councilor Hadrava has received positive feedback from West Eveleth and Leonidas residents regarding the freshly painted water tower. Councilor Hoag reported on Facebook compliments. Hoag said the residents, “Love that it says ‘West’ Eveleth.”

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek  
City Clerk Administrator

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