

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Special Meeting
9:00 a.m., June 30, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlaisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlaisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider blocking off Grant Avenue during July 3rd fireworks display

Police Chief Tim Koivunen said he was very disappointed with the lack of guidance from the Governor's Office. Chief Koivunen indicated he had a conversation with one of the commissioners last Wednesday relaying the message that businesses are looking for guidance. Most of the Eveleth 4th of July festivities have been canceled; however, the fireworks display remains scheduled. Chief Koivunen voiced his concern as people will be coming out to Eveleth. He said that in the interest of public safety the City needs to be ready. Koivunen would rather be over prepared than under prepared and asked that the Police Department be allowed to have barricades ready near downtown in the event they are necessary for crowd control.

Councilor Lillis said he was an advocated to have barricades ready as it is clearly a public safety issue. Chief Koivunen said there will be food vendors setting up in the old Wells Fargo Drive through. The Police Department will do their best to keep alcohol off the streets. Chief Koivunen will ask bar owners to patrol their own premises to make sure patrons are not leaving those establishments with alcohol.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Eveleth Police Department to have barricades ready to set up on Grant Avenue in the event they are necessary for crowd control during the July 3, 2020 fireworks display. Ayes – All.

2. Consider turning off downtown street lights during the July 3rd fireworks display

The timer for the downtown lights will be set to turn on at 10:45 p.m. after the fireworks.

D. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.