

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., January 4, 2022**  
**City Hall, 413 Pierce Street, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present  
Councilor John Rauzi, Present  
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present  
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present  
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; City Attorney Karl Sundquist; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the agenda with the addition of the official newspaper quote from Mesabi Tribune to J. 3. Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Payroll – December 1-15, 2021 in the amount of \$182,504.31**
- 2. Approval of Claims – December 2021 in the amount of \$924,005.62**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Consent Agenda Items F1 and F2. Ayes – All.*

**G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Appoint Acting Mayor**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to appoint Councilor Joseph Koivunen as the acting Mayor in the Mayor’s absence. Ayes – All.*

**2. City Council Board & Liaison Appointments**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the 2022 City Council Board & Liaison Appointments. Ayes – All.*

The following 2021 City Council Board & Liaison Appointments were approved for 2022:

- Building and Grounds .....Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Koivunen
- Donations Committee ..... Councilor Lillis & Councilor Koivunen
- Eveleth Cemetery Committee ..... Councilor Koivunen & Councilor Rauzi
- \*Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority.....Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Koivunen  
(Councilor Perpich – alternate)
- Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority Zoning Board ..... Councilor Koivunen
- \*Economic Development Authority ..... Councilor Rauzi & Councilor Lillis
- \*Golf Course Commission ..... Councilor Koivunen
- \*Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board ..... Councilor Rauzi
- Joint Cable Commission ..... Mayor Vlasisavljevich
- Joint Recreation Board..... Councilor Perpich
- Library Board..... Councilor Rauzi
- \*Parks Commission..... Councilor Perpich
- Personnel Sub-Committee.....Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Koivunen
- Planning Commission ..... Councilor Rauzi
- Public Safety ..... Councilor Lillis & Councilor Koivunen
- Public Utilities..... Councilor Lillis & Mayor Vlasisavljevich
- \*Quad Cities Joint Recreation Authority Board..... Councilor Koivunen
- Streets and Alleys..... Councilor Koivunen & Councilor Perpich
- \*VEEDA Board ..... Mayor Vlasisavljevich
- Marketing Committee ..... Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Rauzi
- \*HRA (1 permanent; 1 temporary) ..... Councilor Rauzi & Councilor Lillis (temp)

\*Councilors are voting members

**3. Designate Official Newspaper**

The City received quotations from the Mesabi Tribune and the Hometown Focus to serve as the City's official newspaper.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to designate the Hometown Focus as the City's official newspaper for 2022. Ayes – All.*

**4. Designate Depository**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to designate the Miners National Bank of Eveleth, Minnesota as the depository for the City of Eveleth for the year 2022. Ayes – All.*

**5. Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01, "Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties." Ayes – All.*

**6. Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Anthony Jeffries for Zoning Administrator Services**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Independent Contract between the City of Eveleth and Anthony Jeffries for Zoning Administrator Services. Ayes – All.*

**7. Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Therese Elverum for EMS Operations Supervisor Services**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Independent Contract between the City of Eveleth and Therese Elverum for EMS Operations Supervisor Services. Abstained – Rauzi; Ayes – Koivunen, Lillis, Perpich, Vlasisavljevich. Motion carried.*

**8. Alice Location Land Licenses – Altobelli & Peterson Construction, Sleeves Sportsmans Bar Inc., OSI Environmental, Inc.**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Alice Location Land Licenses for Altobelli & Peterson Construction, Sleeves Sportsmans Bar Inc., and OSI Environmental, Inc. Abstained – Koivunen (due to conflict of interest); Ayes – Rauzi, Lillis, Perpich, Vlasisavljevich. Motion carried.*

**9. Consider writing a supporting letter for Responsible Mining (Councilor Perpich)**

Councilor Perpich stated his desire that the city provide comment on the proposed mineral and land withdrawal by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) between now and January 19, 2022.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize the City Clerk Administrator to draft and submit a letter in support of mining from the City Council.  
Ayes – All.*

## **J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Board & Liaison Updates**

Councilor Rauzi said thank you for keeping the Christmas decorations up through Serbian Christmas.

Councilor Koivunen welcomed Ben DeNucci, owner of the Nashwauk Market, to Eveleth. Mr. DeNucci recently purchased the Eveleth IGA.

Councilor Perpich reported the Park Commission met and plans to do some updates. He also inquired about the status of the 1104 McKinley Avenue house and if the City got a price for the land (from the school district) where the former Junior High was located.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported that the seaplane base was deeded back to the donor in December 2021.

## **K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director – Director Rosati reported that we have a lot of big projects coming up.

## **L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.