

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
9:00 a.m., January 5, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Benchmark Engineer, Alan Johnson

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Minutes of Truth in Taxation Hearing held December 6, 2022. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – December 1-15, 2022 in the amount of \$150,039.47**
- 2. Approval of Claims – December 2022 in the amount of \$687,257.72**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint Acting Mayor

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to appoint Councilor Joe Koivunen as Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich. Ayes – All.

2. Designate Official Newspaper

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to designate Hometown Focus as the official City newspaper for 2023. Ayes – All.

3. Designate Depository

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to designate Miners National Bank of Eveleth, MN as the depository for the City of Eveleth for the year 2023. Ayes – All.

4. Appointments to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to appoint Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Koivunen and Police Chief Linde to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for 2023. Ayes – All.

5. City Council Board & Liaison Appointments

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the following Council Board & Liaison Appointments for 2023:

- 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)

**Council members are voting members*

Ayes – All.

The Council Liaison appointments were made as is; however, the Joint Rec Board is no longer operational. There may be other potential changes. The Council will discuss appointments at a future workshop meeting.

6. Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01, “Resolution Appointing a Responsible Authority and Assigning Duties.” Ayes – All.

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

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Anthony Jeffries for Zoning Administrator Services for 2023. Ayes – All.

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

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Therese Elverum for EMS Operations Supervisor Services for 2023. Ayes – Koivunen, Perpich, Lillis, Vlasisavljevich. Abstained – Rauzi (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

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

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Alice Location Land Licenses for Altobelli & Peterson Construction; Sleeves Sportsmans Bar Inc.; and OSI Environment, Inc. for 2023. Ayes – Rauzi, Perpich, Lillis, Vlasisavljevich. Abstained – Koivunen (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

10. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property within the City Limits of Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Ordinance No. 78, 2ND SERIES, “An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property within the City Limits of Eveleth.” Ayes – All.

11. Resignation letter from Scott Lossing, Mechanic

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve resignation from Mechanic Scott Lossing effective January 13, 2023, and to send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

12. Authorize city staff to post internally and externally if necessary to fill the vacancy created by the opening for a Mechanic and/or other positions as they become available

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize city staff to post internally and externally if necessary to fill the vacancy created by the opening for a Mechanic and/or other positions as they become available. Ayes – All.

13. Application for Exempt Permit for Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association at Eveleth Elks Lodge, 415 Jones Street, Eveleth, February 4, 2023

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Application for Exempt Permit for Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association at Eveleth Elks Lodge, 415 Jones Street, Eveleth, to be held February 4, 2023. Ayes – All.

14. Resignation letter from Doug Hartmark, Firefighter

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve resignation of Firefighter Doug Hartmark and to send him a letter of thanks for his service to the City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Perpich would like to see the Eveleth Public Works Department and Police Department block off streets in high traffic areas when removing snow. He said there are cars interweaving between the snow removal vehicles. Perpich said that the bus routes have changed and now kids are walking down to Grant Avenue. He said it does not look like a

good place for kids to be waiting. Public Works Director Rosati has reached out to the school regarding their bus stops, but has not heard back from them.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Lillis said the EDA will be meeting next week as they get closer to finalizing the Pocket Park Downtown Revitalization Project. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the EDA will also be discussing some improvements to the parking lot and retaining wall at the Lincoln Place Apartments.

Public Works Director said the Gophers Men's Hockey Team was in town on their way back from a game in Bemidji, MN. They called him to see if they would be able to skate at the Hippodrome. The Rock Ridge Boys Hockey Team had a game scheduled so the rink was not available when the Gophers were passing through town. The team was able to get some pictures at the Big Stick.

The Council discussed having a blue line run down the road from the Hockey Hall of Fame to the Big Stick. The road is a CSAH route and there may be federal laws which regulate the color of lines on the street. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he always wanted street lights running from the Hockey Hall of Fame to the Big Stick.

The Council would like to hold a workshop meeting to discuss vacant buildings in the downtown area.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.