

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., January 17, 2023**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, 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; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Benchmark Engineering, Alan Johnson

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the following minutes:*

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held December 19, 2022;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 20, 2022; and*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 5, 2023.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

*J.5. Resignation of Nancy Pratt from Eveleth Park and Recreation Maintenance position*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **F. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – December 16-31, 2022 in the amount of \$173,030.51

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

## **G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Representation Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Colosimo, Patchin & Kearney, Ltd.**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Representation Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Colosimo, Patchin & Kearney, Ltd. Ayes – All.*

- 2. Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Curl Mesabi at Range Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, March 23, 2023**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Curl Mesabi at Range Recreation Civic Center at 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, MN on March 23, 2023. Ayes – All.*

- 3. Lawful Gambling Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583, 301 Adams Avenue, Eveleth, February 12, April 2, September 24, November 19, 2023.**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Lawful Gambling Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583 at 301 Adams Avenue, Eveleth, MN on February 12, April 2, September and November 19, 2023. Ayes – All.*

- 4. Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association at Eveleth Elks Lodge, 415 Jones Street, Eveleth, April 15, 2023**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit for Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association at Eveleth Elks Lodge, 415 Jones Street, Eveleth, MN on April 15, 2023. Ayes – All.*

**5. Resignation of Nancy Pratt from Eveleth Park and Recreation Maintenance position**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to accept resignation of Nancy Pratt from Eveleth Park and Recreation Maintenance position and to send her a letter of thanks for her service to the City. Ayes – All.*

**J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Rauzi reported on the recent EDA Meeting. Rauzi indicated that bids will be going out for improvements to the Lincoln Place Apartments to include the parking lot and retaining wall. The EDA will meet again on Monday to finalize the downtown pocket park improvements and call for bids.

Councilor Rauzi expressed his appreciation for the Eveleth Police Department. Rauzi serves on the Eveleth Ambulance and acknowledged the instrumental involvement of the police officers with medical calls. Rauzi pointed out that the officers are not able to respond to all medical calls, but described their presence as “marvelous” when they are on the scene to enhance patient care.

Councilor Perpich agreed emphasizing that the whole Council appreciates the work of the Eveleth Police Department. Mayor Vlaisavljevich said the officers wear a lot of different hats in rural Minnesota.

Councilor Koivunen reported that the Golf Commission met to finalize discussion from the past season.

Councilor Perpich thanked the City crew for their snow cleanup efforts. Perpich pointed out that the City wants everyone, including City workers, to be safe. He urged the public to be considerate and stay clear of City employees who are working with big equipment.

Councilor Lillis said the HRA will be meeting next week. Lillis also sits on the EDA Board with Councilor Rauzi. The Public Safety Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for next week. Lillis announced the Police Department has a vacancy for a police officer. He said the City would welcome applications.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said the City is off to a busy year. Vlaisavljevich questioned the status of the title for the former junior high school property. Attorney Lewicki reported that the title company has not been able to find documentation from 120 years ago. The process for a quiet title action has begun which will allow the City to obtain a marketable title.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the City hold meetings this spring to determine community needs, encourage local participation, and gather input from the public. The meetings would be held at the Leonidas Community Center and the City Auditorium.

Councilor Perpich asked for an update on the blight ordinance. City Attorney Lewicki will follow up with City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek.

#### **K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director – Director Rosati said the Public Works Department will be removing snow to widen streets tomorrow. Rosati asked for the public’s patience and said it will take some time to get to the alleys. Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked Director Rosati about the Hippodrome Ice schedule. He said there is a group from Owatonna, Minnesota that would like to skate for a couple of hours. Rosati said he gets calls from teams, all over the state, wanting to skate at the historic Hippodrome regardless of the cost. Rosati said this needs to be scheduled in advance as ice time is limited.

City Attorney Lewicki thanked the Council for partnering with their law firm for another three years.

#### **L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.