

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., January 18, 2022**  
**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; City Attorney Karl Sundquist; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 21, 2021;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 4, 2022; and*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held January 11, 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 16-31, 2021 in the amount of \$147,636.34

*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. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583, 301 Adams Avenue, Eveleth**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583, 301 Adams Avenue, Eveleth for dates February 13, 2022; April 3, 2022; September 25, 2022; and November 20, 2022. Ayes – All.*

**2. 2022 Animal Control Contract**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve 2022 Animal Control Contract with Contended Critters. Ayes – All.*

Police Chief Linde reported that he has been satisfied with the services provided.

**3. Quotation for computer (logging) system upgrade at the water treatment plant**

Public Works Director Rosati indicated the logging system at the Water Treatment Plant has been failing. In order to report the daily data to the Minnesota Department of Health, the system must be replaced. Rosati indicated the City received three proposals from the following for a new SCADA Computer upgrade system:

Integrated Process Solutions, Inc. Fosston, MN	\$23,944.00
Primex Detroit Lakes, MN	\$32,746.00
Automatic Systems Co. St. Paul, MN	\$27,715.00

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the quotation from IPS Inc. (Option #1) for new SCADA computer logging system upgrade at the water treatment plant in the amount of \$23,944.00. Ayes – All.*

**4. Quotation from MSA Professional Services for MPCA mandated pilot testing at the wastewater treatment plant**

Director Rosati said the City has a deadline to start testing for the mandated pilot study at the wastewater treatment plant. Rosati is recommending the City hire MSA Professional Services to start the mandatory testing requirements from the MPCA.

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept quotation from MSA Professional Services for MPCA mandated pilot testing at the wastewater treatment plant at an amount not to exceed \$18,000 without written authority from the City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.*

**5. Establish City Council committee to review Eveleth school campus buildings**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Mayor Vlaisavljevich and Councilor Koivunen to the Eveleth School Campus Buildings Committee with Councilor Rauzi serving as an alternate. Ayes – All.*

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will ask the architect to look at the existing reports from the school buildings and explain the reports to the committee. The committee will move forward from there.

**6. Exhibit B to Resolution 2019-05 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades for Mercury and Phosphates**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Exhibit B to Resolution No. 2019-05 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades for Mercury and Phosphates. Ayes – All.*

**7. Exhibit B to Resolution 2019-05 – Technology and Communications Upgrades to Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Systems**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Exhibit B to Resolution No. 2019-05 – Technology and Communications Upgrades to Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment Systems. Ayes – All.*

**8. Resolution accepting donations for ambulance power cot upgrade**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2022-02, “Resolution Accepting Donations for Ambulance Power Cot Upgrade” and to send a*

*letter of thanks to the Mesaba Range VFW Auxiliary and Eveleth Elks Lodge for their contributions. Ayes – All.*

The City received donations in the amount of \$1,000 from the Mesaba Range VFW Auxiliary and \$500 from the Eveleth Elks Lodge #1161. The donations will help to defray some of the costs for the new ambulance power cot recently purchased.

**9. Purchase Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools and Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Purchase Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools and Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools. Ayes – All.*

This agreement is regarding the sale of property for the new Rock Ridge Elementary School located in Eveleth.

**10. Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(b) – Attorney-client privilege**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to allow the Council to go into closed session pursuant to Minn.Stat.13D.05, subd. 3(b) – Attorney-client privilege and pursuant to Minn. Stat. . 13D.05, subd. 3(c) – Purchase or sale of property at 401 Roosevelt Avenue. Ayes – All.*

Due to the availability of one of the attorneys, Item I.11 was discussed before I.10.

The closed session commenced at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Lillis, Councilor Rauzi, Councilor Perpich, City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek, Attorney Mitch Brunfelt (Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney, Ltd.)

**11. Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) – Purchase or sale of property**

The closed session commenced at 5:23 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Lillis, Councilor Rauzi, Councilor Perpich, City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek, Attorney Josh Devaney (Kennedy & Graven, Chartered)

Discussion ended at 5:29 p.m.

The closed session ended at 5:50 p.m.

The regular City Council meeting reconvened at 5:53 p.m.

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

### Joint Recreation Board

Councilor Perpich reported on the recent Joint Recreation Board Meeting. Perpich said that each entity was asked to have representation at the meeting. Gilbert, Fayal and Eveleth had representatives with the school not being supported by representation at the meeting. Perpich said the Board is uncertain what the school's plans are in regard to the Board. The Joint Powers Agreement states that each entity involved must give a 365-day notice prior to withdrawing from the agreement. Perpich said there is talk that the Rock Ridge School District will be taking over the recreational activities. He asked, "Where does that leave Eveleth, Fayal and Gilbert?" Perpich asked if the City of Eveleth wants the School District and Virginia to dictate what happens.

Public Works Director Rosati said that during a recent zoom meeting it was stated that the school would taking over all activities through their community education program.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested a face-to-face meeting with the school to see where they stand. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will schedule a meeting with the school superintendent.

Perpich reiterated that the Joint Rec Board needs to know what direction to take. He said that Joint Recreational Director Craig Homola will be retiring in April, and we need to have someone monitor our programs. Perpich said there are coaches ready to take part in the upcoming season and they need to know the plan.

### Airport Authority

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported on the first Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority meeting of the year. Virginia City Councilmember Steve Johnson will hold the chair position this year. Eveleth and Virginia will alternate this position back and forth each year.

## **K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.