

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
9:00 a.m., January 28, 2019
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 John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, 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 Joel Lewicki; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the following minutes:

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held December 27, 2018;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 27, 2018; and*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 8, 2019.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

J7. Request from AFSCME Union Members for Comp Worth Studies

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Reappoint George Walters to the HRA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to reappoint George Walters to the Eveleth HRA for the term effective 1/28/2019 to 5/3/2022. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – January 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$144,764.63
2. Request for City Council & City Administrator to attend the League of MN Cities 2019 Legislative Conference for Cities, St. Paul, February 21-22, 2019
3. Request for 4 firefighters to attend FDIC International, Indianapolis Indiana, April 10-13, 2019
4. Request for up to 6 firefighters to attend the MN State Fire School, Mankato, March 2-3, 2019
5. Request for up to 6 firefighters to attend the MN State Fire Officer & Training Officer School, Duluth, March 16-17, 2019
6. Resignation of John Rauzi from the Planning Commission and Golf Course Commission
7. 2019 Land Licenses in Alice Location

Councilor Hadrava reported on his recent visit with State Representative Dave Lislegard. Hadrava updated Lislegard on important projects for the City of Eveleth to include: renovation of the water tower, continued remodeling of the City Auditorium building; and renovations to the Hippodrome. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek is planning to visit with Lislegard and will be giving him an updated list of the City's needs.

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City Code Chapter 2, Section 2.54. Entitled Joint Airport Authority

The Eveleth City Council adopted a resolution in December to change the City Code to allow Eveleth to act as the fiscal agent for the Eveleth-Virginia Airport.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City Code Chapter 2, Section 2.54 Entitled Joint Airport Authority. Ayes – All.

2. Retirement notice from Assistant Public Works Director

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept retirement notice of Assistant Public Works Director Scott Smith effective May 31, 2019 and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.

3. Authorize staff to post internally as required by USWA Collective Bargaining Agreement with the City, and to post externally if necessary to fill Assistant Public Works Director position

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize staff to post internally as required by USWA Collective Bargaining Agreement with the City, and to post externally if necessary to fill the Assistant Public Works Director position. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis and Mayor Vlasisavljevich will serve on the hiring committee.

4. Lease Between the City of Eveleth and United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the lease between the City of Eveleth and the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum. Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Accepting Donation for DARE

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2019-02, “Resolution Accepting Donation for DARE” and to send a letter of thanks to the City of Gilbert for their \$2,400 donation. Ayes – All.

6. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583 at Resurrection Church, Feb. 17, Apr. 7, Sept. 29, Nov. 24, 2019

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583 at Resurrection Church, February 17, April 7, September 29 and November 24, 2019. Ayes – All.

7. Request from AFSCME Union Members for Comp Worth Studies

The City Council received a request from AFSCME Union Members that comp worth studies be conducted for employees under their union. Councilor Lillis suggested the City perform comp worth studies City wide for all employees.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve comp worth studies be completed for all City employees. Ayes – All.

8. Post for Temporary Public Works position

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize posting for two temporary Public Works positions.

This will be discussed with the AFSCME Union President prior to posting.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi reported on the recent HRA meeting. He said this was his first meeting and the staff was extremely organized, professional and caring. The end of the year report seems to be in order and the numbers look good. There will be a change in staff as they will be moving some of the clerical duties over to the Virginia HRA office.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director: Director Rosati there is a recommendation that the City of Eveleth receives a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Jackson Street Project.

City Engineer: Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, said the two remaining buildings on the demolition project (Adams and Cleveland) may be taken down this week if the weather permits.

Clerk-Administrator: Monahan-Junek reported on the recent RAMS meeting she attended. She will request to receive a copy of the information that is sent to the RAMS board. Councilor Hadrava and Monahan-Junek will alternate attendance at these meetings.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.