

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., February 2, 2021**  
**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 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; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held January 19, 2021; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 19, 2021.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the agenda with removal of the following items:*

- E1. Appoint Toni Nemanick to the Library Board*
- J3. Appointment to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority (to replace Councilor Hadrava)*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Toni Nemanick to the Library Board**

This item was removed from the agenda.

## **2. Matt Hiti to the Planning Commission**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to reappoint Matt Hiti to the Planning Commission for the term effective 2/2/2021 to 1/31/2025. Ayes – All.*

## **3. Lance Omersa to the Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to reappoint Lance Omersa to the Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board for the term effective 2/2/2021 to 2/28/2024. Ayes – All.*

## **F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Nathan Shaulis, Pastor of Woodlands Bible Church in Eveleth, addressed the Council. He gave some financial donation information from the Food Drive to City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek. Shaulis said he began working with the Food Drive in 2017. At that time, the drive was an area wide event with 42 people being served within the Quad Cities. In 2018, the drive was narrowed down to Eveleth residents only. The number dropped down to 20 Eveleth residents being served. Shaulis commented that this year the organizers ran into a little snag with distributing the information to the public. He asked how this could be resolved for next year's food drive so that the information could be distributed in both the City's November and December utility bills.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek acknowledged that she did have conversation with Pastor Shaulis regarding the food drive flyer for this past year. Monahan-Junek indicated by the time the City received the request from the group to insert the information, the utility bills had already been stuffed. Pastor Shaulis said he has been working proactively and gave Monahan-Junek a disc drive and paper copy of next year's food drive flyer.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – January 1-15, 2021 in the amount of \$113,509.87
2. Approval of Claims – January 2021 in the amount of \$1,048,505.25

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Resignation letter from Bradley Hadrava from the City Council**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to accept resignation from Bradley Hadrava from the Eveleth City Council and to send a letter of thanks for his years of service. Ayes – All.*

### **2. Resolution Declaring Vacancy in the Office of City Council**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04, “Resolution Declaring Vacancy in the Office of City Council.” Ayes – All.*

### **3. Appointment to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority (to replace Councilor Hadrava)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **4. Request from Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome for practice and to possibly host bouts in 2021**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome for practice and potential bouts in 2021. Ayes – All.*

### **5. Resignation of Michael Aro from the Joint Cable Television Access Board**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept resignation of Michael Aro from the Joint Cable Television Access Board and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.*

### **6. Amendment to Exclusive Listing Agreement for City owned property (701 Hat Trick Avenue)**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Amendment to Exclusive Listing Agreement with Northco Real Estate Services, LLC, for City owned property at 701 Hat Trick Avenue. Ayes – All.*

### **7. Request for Letter of Support for Northeast Minnesota Mine Tour Project**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Letter of Support for Northeast Minnesota Mine Tour Project. Ayes – All.*

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

Councilor Lillis reported that the EDA recently met to award an additional \$68,250 for the Business Relief Forgivable Loan Program. Lillis said that this award, in addition to the seven businesses awarded in December in the amount of \$98,000, results in 17 businesses helped through this process for a total of \$166,250.

Councilor Rauzi thanked the Public Works Department for widening the streets and alleys at Hayes Street and Jackson. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he has received many compliments on the City's snow removal this year.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to set up a meeting with the Cleveland Cliffs regarding some leased property. Vlasisavljevich said some of these rental properties look like a garbage dump and have delinquent utilities. He said is it unfair to everybody else who lives near them and takes care of their properties.

Vlasisavljevich asked Police Chief Koivunen and Attorney Brunfelt about the house located at 1104 McKinley. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the property is an eyesore and a public health and safety issue. Vlasisavljevich said that if the property does not have any utilities there are sanitation issues. Councilor Koivunen said he believed the occupants were utilizing five-gallon buckets to dispose of waste in the yard. Attorney Brunfelt said that dumping waste on the outside in the yard is an urgent situation. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he is concerned about the possibility of children living in these type of circumstances. Councilor Koivunen said it is time to do something for the neighbors. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he would like to get the people out of the house and into a safe place. Attorney Brunfelt will be working to address this issue.

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer – Alan Johnson reminded the Council of the Public Hearing on February 16, 2021 for the sanitary sewer replacement at Roosevelt Avenue and Douglas Avenue.

## **M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.