

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., February 6, 2024
City Auditorium, 421 Jackson St., Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 Joel Lewicki; 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 Workshop held January 8, 2024; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 16, 2024.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

(Remove)

Item No. I.8. Facility Use Agreement with ISD 2909 for Hippodrome for years 2024-2025

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Visitor - Pastor Nathan Shaulis, Woodlands Bible Church

Pastor Nathan Shaulis, Woodlands Bible Church in Eveleth, presented a financial report for the 2023 food drive. The church is proposing the drive be moved to the second week in December. Shaulis said the Eveleth Fire Department does an excellent job assisting with the food drive. Cash donations for the food drive can be given to the Woodlands Bible Church. They also have an online option available on their website.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich thanked Pastor Shaulis and all involved for the good work they are doing.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – January 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$139,522.64**
- 2. Approval of Claims – January 2024 in the amount of \$1,253,264.65**

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. Accept quote for 2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD K9 squad**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to accept quotation for 2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD K9 squad from McGovern Municipal HQ, Framingham, MA in the amount of \$45,207.05 with additional shipping cost from Massachusetts to Minnesota in the amount of \$1,700. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis clarified that the funds for the new vehicle will be coming from the public safety money the City received from the State.

- 2. Approve new K9 squad build/outfit through Enforcement Lighting, LLC**

The new K9 squad will be shipped to Enforcement Lighting, LLC to outfit. The squad requires a different build compared to a traditional squad in order to accommodate the dog.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Enforcement Lighting, LLC, Blaine, Minnesota to complete the new K9 squad build in an amount up to \$35,000. Ayes – All.

3. Approve cancelling Agreement for Physician Medical Director for the Eveleth Ambulance Service Emergency Medical Services

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve cancelling Agreement for Physician Medical Director for the Eveleth Ambulance Service Emergency Medical Services. Ayes – Koivunen, Perpich, Lillis, Vlasisavljevich; Abstain – Rauzi (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

4. Approve Medical Director Agreement Between MJM Medical Director Consortium and City of Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Medical Director Agreement Between MJM Medical Director Consortium and City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

5. Purchase Agreement for City to purchase 303 Grant Avenue

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek recounted the devastating fire in November of the 303 Grant Avenue building which was a total loss. The property owner made application to IRRRB for help with demolishing the building. The City will act as the fiscal agent. As part of the agreement, the property owner will deed the property to the City for future development.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the purchase agreement for City of Eveleth to purchase 303 Grant Avenue. Ayes – All.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich praised the Eveleth and surrounding fire departments for keeping the fire confined. He said they worked together as a team.

6. Pay Application 2 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$74,012.85 for City of Eveleth Projects

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Application 2 from Max Gray construction in the amount of \$74,012.85 for City of Eveleth Projects. Ayes – All.

7. Pay Application 3 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$104,251.62 for City of Eveleth Projects

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Pay Application 3 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$104,251.62 for City of Eveleth Projects. Ayes – All.

8. Facility Use Agreement with ISD 2909 for Hippodrome for years 2024-2025

This item was removed from the agenda.

9. Authorize City Engineer to complete a Feasibility Study for Progress Park sewer main line extension

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize the City Engineer to complete a Feasibility Study for Progress Park sewer main line extension. Ayes – All.

10. Extension for Bulk Water Purchase Agreement with the Town of Fayal

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Extension for Bulk Water Purchase Agreement with the Town of Fayal. Ayes – All.

Director Rosati said the new increased rates have been incorporated. The amended agreement will remain effective until the requested five-year extension through May 14, 2028.

11. Purchase of Flygt 50hp pump for West Eveleth Lift Station

Public Works Director Rosati reported that one of the pumps for the West Eveleth Lift Station is not working. Rosati requested the Council either authorize to repair the pump or purchase a new pump estimated around \$35,000 to \$45,000. The pump that is not working is around 25 years old. The City is currently down to one pump running the main lift station so this needs to be done right away.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Public Works Director Rosati to purchase a new Flygt 50hp pump for the West Eveleth Lift Station. Ayes- All.

12. Rental quote for temporary offices for Police Department during City Hall construction

City Hall and the Police Department are under construction. The Police Department has requested temporary offices be brought in to keep them as close as possible to their existing offices to allow for continued use of their secure computer programs.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve rental of temporary offices for the Police Department from United Rentals, Waite Park, Minnesota at an estimated amount of \$8,241.03. Ayes – All.

13. Letter of resignation from Katie Friedlieb, EMT

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept resignation from Katie Friedlieb from the Eveleth Ambulance and to send her a letter of thanks for her service. Ayes – All.

14. Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the Presidential Nomination Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03, “Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the Presidential Nomination Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024.” Ayes – All.

15. Resolution Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board for the Presidential Nomination Primary Election to be held March 5, 2024

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04, “Resolution Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board for the Presidential Nomination Primary Election to be held March 5, 2024.” Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported that the Airport Board seems to be moving along with their projects.

Councilor Rauzi reported that the EDA has also been progressing on their projects.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.