

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., February 16, 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, Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – January 16-31, 2021 in the amount of \$154,240.60

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. Hearing for Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Facilities Plan**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich opened the Public Hearing at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Facilities Plan. Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, gave an overview of the proposed project. St. Louis County is planning a 2022 Eveleth CSAH Reconstruction Project of Roosevelt Avenue and Douglas Avenue. At the time of the street reconstruction, the City will also replace the sanitary sewer in those areas. The proposed cost to the City for sanitary replacement for Roosevelt Avenue is \$349,863.00 and Douglas Avenue is \$390,930.55.

No one from the public addressed the Council. Mayor Vlasisavljevich closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular City Council Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Resolution Accepting Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Facilities Plan**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05, “Resolution Accepting Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project Facilities Plan.” Ayes – All.*

### **2. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2021-06, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.” Ayes – All.*

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

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2021-07, “Resolution Declaring Vacancy in the Office of City Council.” Ayes – All.*

This was the required second reading and adoption of the resolution declaring vacancy created by the resignation of Brad Hadrava from the City Council.

**4. Consider Accepting the Cemetery Committee’s recommendation to increase cemetery rates**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2021-08, “Resolution Approving Cemetery Rate Change.” Ayes – All.*

Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen explained that the cemetery rates have not been increased since May of 2010. The rates will be increased as follows effective March 1, 2021:

Grave Lot Fees

Resident: Single Grave Lot	\$ 250.00
Non-Resident: Single Grave Lot	\$ 550.00
Resident: Two Grave Lot	\$ 500.00
Non-Resident: Two Grave Lot	\$1,000.00
Resident: Four Grave Lot	\$1,000.00
Non-Resident: Four Grave Lot	\$2,000.00
Resident: Single Infant Grave	\$ 125.00
Non-Resident: Single Infant Grave	\$ 200.00

Burial Fees

Resident: Cost of Burial	\$ 350.00
Non-Resident: Cost of Burial	\$ 600.00
Resident: Cost of Infant Burial	\$ 150.00
Non-Resident: Cost of Infant Burial	\$ 250.00
Resident: Burial of Ashes	\$ 200.00
Non-Resident: Burial of Ashes	\$ 300.00
Disinterment (Casket or Vault)	\$1,000.00*
Disinterment (Ashes)	\$ 200.00

\*Plus any applicable burial cost if relocated within the cemetery.

Additional Fees

Frozen Ground Burial (12/15 to 4/15)	\$ 200.00
Frozen Ground Ashes (12/15 to 4/15)	\$ 150.00
Saturday Burial (Additional Charge)	\$ 300.00
Charge after 3:30 pm	\$ 100.00 man/hr.
Concrete Base for Headstone	\$ 150.00
Install Marker (Footstone)	\$ 50.00
Install Military Marker (Footstone)	\$ 60.00

**5. Exclusive Listing Agreement for City owned property (7907 Thunderbird Trail; gravel pit)**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said there were individuals complaining of potential noise at the gravel pit if MnDOT were to purchase the site and build a facility. Vlasisavljevich said it is a good idea to put the land on the market to see if anyone else is interested in purchasing the property. Discussion took place on the possibility of moving some of the gravel to the Alice Location for a gravel pit.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Exclusive Listing Agreement with SVN Northco Real Estate Services, LLC for the City owned gravel pit property at 7907 Thunderbird Trail. Ayes – All.*

**6. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for East Range Developmental Achievement Center**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2021-09, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for East Range Developmental Achievement Center.” Ayes – All.*

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the City will act as the fiscal agent for the East Range Developmental Achievement Center to obtain funds from the Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for emergency accessibility upgrades. Mayor Vlasisavljevich commented on the benefits of having the East Range Developmental Achievement Center in Eveleth. He said they do a lot of good things at their facility.

**7. Resolution Accepting K-9 Donation**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10, “Resolution Accepting K-9 Donation” and to send a letter of thanks to Bonnie McDowell for her continued support to the Eveleth K-9 Unit. Ayes – All.*

Bonnie McDowell gave a \$100.00 donation to the Eveleth K-9 Unit. Police Chief Koivunen indicated that Ms. McDowell has been a big supporter and donates on a regular basis. Chief Koivunen commended Sergeant Elias for an outstanding job in working with Bear, Eveleth’s canine. He said they make a great team. Councilor Koivunen said it has been unbelievable to watch the public support pouring in for the Eveleth K-9 unit.

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Lillis reported on the Fire Shared Services Committee Meeting he attend via Zoom last Monday. He reiterated from his previous update that there are a few bugs that need to be

sorted out within the process. Councilor Rauzi said he was under the impression they will be scheduling a meeting at the regular time to discuss the Joint Powers Agreement. Councilor Lillis said the overall picture is a huge undertaking and predicted it will take years to consolidate. He said there may be some members on the committee feeling a little anxious, but recognized these things take time. He will keep the Council apprised of any progress.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported on a productive Eveleth-Virginia Airport Board Meeting. Vlasisavljevich said the members have the same vision on how to move forward. Councilor Koivunen said it is nice working with the City of Virginia.

Councilor Koivunen praised the development of the new coffee shop at Grant Avenue. He talked to owner, Jerry Hoel, who informed him that they will be selling specialized coffees and sweets from Mary's Morsels. Free Wi-Fi will be provided for customers. Koivunen said they are doing a great job with the building and looks forward to the opening of the coffee shop.

Councilor Rauzi conveyed that the HRA did not meet this month due to lack of agenda items. There is a meeting scheduled in March.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported on the Workshop Meeting with St. Louis County on February 11, 2021. Vlasisavljevich said the City is in discussions with the County in an effort to construct a frontage road to connect Progress Parkway to Station Road 44. He said this would be a huge safety factor for those traveling to and from the new schools.

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen said the Police Department has been a little lenient, due to the cold weather, with not ticketing or towing vehicles. He reminded the public to start moving their vehicles or the vehicles will be towed. He said the Police Department keeps a list of individuals who call in to report their vehicle will not start, and encouraged anyone with issues to contact the Police Department.

## **M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.