

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., February 18, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent
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 Mitch Brunfelt; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held January 10, 2020;*
2. *Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held January 29, 2020;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held February 4, 2020; and*
4. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 4, 2020.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve agenda. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

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

1. *Reappointment of Michael Maroste to the Joint Recreation Board for term 2/18/2020 to 12/31/2022;*

2. *Reappointment of Kathy Murphy to the Park Commission for term 2/18/2020 to 1/31/2022; and*
3. *Reappointment of Mark Muhich to the Planning Commission for term 2/18/2020 to 1/31/2024.*

Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis thanked each of the members for serving the City in this capacity.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – January 16-31, 2020 in the amount of \$165,724.10**
- 2. Removal of Operator Maintenance Workers from probationary status**

Operator Maintenance Workers Luke Rozinka and Jared Oakman’s employment status will be changed from probationary employee to regular employee effective February 12, 2020 and their salary increased to 100% of the classification wage in accordance with the AFSCME contract.

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. Request from Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome for practice and to host games in 2020**

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the request from the Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome for practices and hosting bouts in 2020 as follows:

Use of Hippodrome for Weekly Practices

- Mondays and Thursdays
- Mid-March through the end of August
- \$50 per practice

Use of Hippodrome for home bouts at \$250.00 per bout

- Saturday, May 23, 2020
- Saturday, June 6, 2020
- Saturday, June 20, 2020

Ayes – All.

2. Authorize Benchmark to call for quotes for the Veterans Park shoreline restoration project

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize Benchmark Engineering to call for quotes for the Veterans Park shoreline restoration project. Ayes – All.

3. Reschedule March 3, 2020 regular meeting due to Presidential Nomination Primary

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to reschedule the March 3, 2020 City Council Meeting to Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. due to the Presidential Nomination Primary on March 3, 2020. Ayes – All.

4. Real Estate Commission Agreement for City properties

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Real Estate Commission Agreement for City properties with SVN Northco Real Estate Services, LLC. Ayes – All.

This agreement relates to Station 44 Road and the former Fingerhut property in Industrial Park. SVN Northco Real Estate Services is also handling the former Days Inn property.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Lillis attended a Fire Shared Services Committee Meeting today. At the meeting the group was informed that the City of Gilbert no longer wishes to participate in the partial merger of the fire departments. The Eveleth City Council passed a resolution in December 2019 to proceed with a partial merger of the fire departments (Eveleth, Fayal and Gilbert). With Gilbert dropping out of the partial merger, Lillis asked the Council to consider a full

merger of the Eveleth/Fayal Fire Department. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said it would be a good idea to move forward with a full merger, and the Council is in agreement. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will work with Fayal Township Clerk, Heidi Coldagelli, to draft a resolution for Council approval of a full merger of Eveleth and Fayal's Fire Departments.

Councilor Koivunen wished Councilor Hadrava good luck as he is recovering from surgery.

Councilor Rauzi is hoping to work on the Joint Trail Board with Gilbert to get the committee back up and running.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.