

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., February 19, 2019**  
**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, 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 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 Lillis to approve the following minutes:*

1. *Minutes of Workshop Meeting held January 28, 2019;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held January 28, 2019; and*
3. *Minutes of Workshop Meeting held February 7, 2019.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the agenda with removal of J3. Resolution Ordering Preparation of a Feasibility Study (2019 CIP). Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

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

1. *Reappointment of Tom Cundy to the Planning Commission for the term 2/19/2019 to 1/31/2023.*

2. *Reappointment of Luke Bjorge to the Park Commission for the term 2-19-19 to 1/31/2021.*
3. *Reappointment of Michael Newman to the Golf Course Commission for the term 2/19/19 to 12/31/2021.*
4. *Reappointment of Kenneth Larson to the Joint Cable Television Access Board for the term 2/19/2019 to 3/1/2022.*

*Ayes – All.*

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

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – January 16-31, 2019 in the amount of \$144,764.63
2. Approval of Claims – January 2019 in the amount of \$748,050.53
3. Request for Officer Goulet to attend MN State Association of Narcotics Investigators CANAM Conference, Nisswa, MN, May 22-24, 2019
4. Application for Exempt Permit, Sturgeon River Chapter of MN Deer Hunters Association at Roosevelt Bar, May 31, 2019

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending the City Code Chapter 2, Section 2.54. Entitled Joint Airport Authority**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Ordinance No. 74, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, “An Ordinance Amending the City Code Chapter 2, Section 2.54. Entitled Joint Airport Authority.” Ayes – All.*

**2. Amendment to Bulk Water Purchase Agreement between City of Eveleth and the Town of Fayal**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Amendment to Bulk Water Purchase Agreement between City of Eveleth and the Town of Fayal. Ayes – All.*

**3. Resolution Ordering Preparation of a Feasibility Study (2019 CIP)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**4. Appoint Fire Department Officers**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following appointments to the Eveleth Fire Department:*

*Guy Spurlin – Fire Chief  
Cassy Jelen – Captain Training Officer  
Tony Menart – Lieutenant Safety Officer*

*Ayes – All.*

**5. Request from Roller Underground to rent Hippodrome**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the request from Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome for weekly practices from mid-March to the end of August at a rate of \$50.00 per practice and to use the Hippodrome for bouts on May 25, 2019; June 2, 2019; June 29, 2019; and August 17, 2019 at a rate of \$250.00 per game. Ayes – All.*

**6. Letter from Eveleth-Gilbert Youth Hockey Association regarding use of the Auditorium**

The City received a letter from Carrie Klakoski, Eveleth-Gilbert Youth Hockey President, requesting the use of the City Auditorium for their end of the year banquet to be held one of the days between March 22 to 24, 2019. Klakoski requested the City reduce the rental fee or donate the space for their banquet.

Councilor Lillis said he was in favor of donating the space as the Youth Hockey is a great organization. Lillis expressed some concern about setting a precedence as the City has not entertained this type of request for the Auditorium. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reminded the Council that there will be a cost to the City to have the building cleaned after the event.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to waive the rental fee for use of City Auditorium by the Eveleth-Gilbert Youth Hockey Association to hold their annual banquet at the Auditorium between March 22-24, 2019. Ayes – All.*

**7. Letter from Alan Bonach and Andrea Swanson to rent Veterans Park pavilion**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve request from Alan Bonach and Andrea Swanson to use the Eveleth Veterans Park pavilion on Saturday, October 5, 2019 for a small wedding ceremony from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Ayes – All.*

Public Works Director Rosati said the couple has sought Council approval to use the park as it will be closed for the season beginning September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Letter from Jeff Torrel to rent the Hippodrome for 11<sup>th</sup> annual senior no-check hockey tournament**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by councilor Hadrava to approve request from Frank Klabecheck, Jason Strukel and Jeff Torrel to rent the Hippodrome for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual No-check Hockey Tournament from March 1 to 3, 2019. Ayes – All.*

**9. Resignation of Linda Davis from the Library Board**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to accept resignation from Linda Davis from the Library Board and to send her a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.*

**10. Request from Iron Range Tourism Bureau for the City of Eveleth to be their fiscal agent for Blandin Broadband Community grant**

The Iron Range Tourism Bureau has been selected as a Blandin Broadband Community which will allow them to obtain funds for technology projects which support visitor economy. The Iron Range Tourism Bureau is requesting that Eveleth act as the fiscal agent for this grant.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize the City of Eveleth to act as the fiscal agent for the Blandin Broadband Community Grant on behalf of Iron Range Tourism Bureau. Ayes – All.*

**11. Cooperative Agreement Between St. Louis County and City of Eveleth for Traffic Signal Painting Project**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Cooperative Agreement Between St. Louis County and the City of Eveleth for the Traffic Signal Painting Project. Ayes – All.*

Director Rosati said the City must maintain the poles and lights at the intersection of Highway 53. Councilor Lillis said this has to do with the original stop light agreement from 1974. Lillis appreciates the County stepping up and taking caring of the bidding process.

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

Councilor Rauzi reported on the recent Library Board Meeting. This was the first meeting he has attended and he commented that they have great programs which are orientated to draw people in.

Councilor Koivunen said the RRCC will have its board meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> to meet the new members. He said they are busy with weddings and events. The Golf Commission will be meeting soon.

Councilor Hadrava reported that State Hockey trophy has been redesigned and will be renamed the “Eveleth Trophy.”

City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt read a press release regarding the trophy:

“The Minnesota Wild in conjunction with the Xcel Energy Center, the Minnesota State High School League, the Minnesota Boys and Girls High School Hockey Coaches Associations and the State of Hockey, today unveiled the Eveleth Trophy, a traveling trophy that will be shared by the four Minnesota High School Hockey State Champions starting this year. The Eveleth Golden Bears won the first-ever Minnesota state high school championship in 1945. The original trophy won by the Golden Bears has been proudly displayed at the historic Eveleth Hippodrome since that first championship nearly 75 years ago. In celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girls’ Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boys’ Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament, Eveleth’s original championship trophy will once again be hoisted in 2019 and every year moving forward by Minnesota’s best in high school hockey. Now named The Eveleth Trophy, the trophy has been redesigned by Jostens and will become a traveling trophy to be shared by the four Minnesota High School Hockey State Champions each year. Each of the four championship teams will have the opportunity to celebrate with the trophy in their respective communities in the spring or summer, similar to the Stanley Cup.”

“The Wild is proud to work alongside our partners to resurrect and celebrate the trophy that started what has become a rich and extraordinary tradition – the girls and boys state high school hockey tournaments,” said Matt Majka. “The Eveleth Trophy connects the past to the future and honors the tournament’s humble beginnings.”

([www.stateofhockey.com](http://www.stateofhockey.com))

Brunfelt said the idea was started at an annual Hockey Hall of Fame Museum meeting in January by Mike Snee, Charles Demm and Doug Palazzari.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich talked about tax forfeited properties. He said if the County is interested in knocking down buildings, the City should take steps in order to control these properties; especially properties in the downtown area.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Councilor Rauzi drew the winning Minnesota Wild Hockey ticket winner. Mary Kay Hill from West Eveleth won two tickets to the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Nashville Predator/Wild game.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.