

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., March 5, 2019**  
**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 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; Assistant Public Works Director Scott Smith; Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held February 12, 2019;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held February 19, 2019;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 19, 2019.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – February 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$101,970.19
2. Approval of Claims – February 2019 in the amount of \$451,456.05

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Mayor’s Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Mayor’s Proclamation Recognizing April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Ayes – All.*

### **2. Hire Library Technician–Children’s Specialist**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve hiring Jo Ellen Haines as the Library Technician-Children’s Specialist. Ayes – All.*

### **3. Temporary Easement between the City of Eveleth and St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to grant temporary easement between the City of Eveleth and St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority. Ayes – All.*

Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering, explained that the snowmobile trail had to be rerouted due to the new bridge on Highway 53. This temporary route will begin in Gilbert go north of the Spectrum Health building, run down by the Super 8 Hotel, and down to Station Road 44. This is a temporary route as it is on an existing road and utility easement.

### **4. Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-03, “Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program.” Ayes – All.*

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained that the daycare work continues to progress. They need to remove some walls in the building during renovation and this grant will cover the cost.

**5. Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Laurentian Vision Partnership Grant Program**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-04, “Resolution to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Laurentian Vision Partnership Grant Program.” Ayes – All.*

Monahan-Junek said the City cannot apply for a tourism grant so this seems like a logical grant opportunity for Leonidas Overlook.

**6. Request for sponsorship from Eveleth-Gilbert Bears Parent-Teacher Association**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve sponsorship to the Eveleth-Gilbert Bears Parent-Teacher Association in the amount of \$200.00. Ayes – All.*

**7. Letter from Northwoods RV Club to use Veterans Park kitchen-dining room for a discounted rate from June 17-20, 2019**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the request from the Northwoods RV Club to use the Eveleth Veterans Park kitchen-dining room for a discounted rate from June 17-20, 2019. Ayes – All.*

**8. Spring 2019 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste pickup schedule**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Spring 2019 Refuse Collection/Yard Waste pickup schedule subject to dates changing due to the weather. Ayes – All.*

The Council concurred the dates may need to be extended due to the snow this year.

**9. Letter from Boy Scouts of America to use the Hippodrome for a craft show on July 3, 2019**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the request from the Boy Scouts of America to use the Hippodrome for a craft show on July 3, 2019 and to waive the rental fees. Ayes – All.*

## **10. Resignation letter from Guy Spurlin as EMT**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to accept resignation of Guy Spurlin from the Eveleth Ambulance and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.*

Guy Spurlin has resigned as an EMT.

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

Councilor Lillis reported on the EDA meeting last week. The EDA discussed beautification on Highway 53 and working with MnDot to improve the site. The EDA is also trying to promote Eveleth's hockey heritage theme throughout downtown Eveleth. They are working to get the next hockey tribute statute, and they hope to have another unveiling in July.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the Highway beautification was set back a couple of years while decisions were being made to reroute the highway to accommodate for the new bridge. Councilor Koivunen said he believes MnDot is preparing to remove both of the old bridges on Highway 53 coming into Eveleth. Koivunen suggested trying to renovate one of the bridges to incorporate Eveleth's "Gateway to the Iron Range" theme. He said rather than take it down it would be nice to come up with something for the bridge which would welcome visitors to Eveleth.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested an electronic sign for the highway to inform guests of events in Eveleth. He also suggested an electronic sign be placed outside of the Library to inform residents of the Library events.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich and City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek are planning to meet with Duane Hill of MnDot next week.

Councilor Rauzi reported on his trip to Cragun's Resort in Brainerd for the newly elected official's conference. Rauzi said he learned about networking; met some new people; and made new contacts. He said he enjoyed the experience and learned a lot.

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director – Assistant Public Works Director Smith reported that the street crew is out moving a lot of snow. They are widening the streets and alleys.

Bill Aho, Eveleth EDA, supported Councilor Koivunen's thoughts on the signage for Highway 53. He said the EDA has been working on a similar concept for a sign to go completely across the highway. Aho said he hopes this will happen in the future as "Eveleth is where it starts."

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.