

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., March 5, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 Joel Lewicki; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, 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 – February 1-15, 2020 in the amount of \$111,007.65
2. Approval of Claims – February 2020 in the amount of \$918,136.09
3. Request for four firefighters to attend Minnesota State Fire Department Association Annual Conference and Fire School, April 23-25, 2020, Breezy Point, MN

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. Retirement notice from Edward Horoshak

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to accept retirement notice from Edward Horoshak effective April 9, 2020. Ayes – All.

2. Authorize City staff to post internally, and externally if necessary, to fill the vacancy created by the pending retirement of a Heavy Equipment Operator

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize City staff to post internally, and externally if necessary, to fill the vacancy created by the pending retirement of the Heavy Equipment Operator. Ayes – All.

3. Pay Request No. 2/Final from Max Gray Construction Inc. in the amount of \$8,433.02 for City Hall Reception Counter

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 2/Final from Max Gray Construction Inc. in the amount of \$8,433.02 for City Hall Reception Counter. Ayes – All.

4. Access Agreement and Waiver and Release of Liability and Agreement to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Access Agreement and Waiver and Release of Liability and Agreement to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless with Eveleth-Gilbert School District No. 2154. Ayes – All.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained that although the school district does not yet officially own this parcel, the agreement will allow the district to complete logging the property during the winter. The site is to be used for the new elementary school.

5. Banking privileges for new Accounting Clerk

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following banking privileges for new Accounting Clerk Brian Mayry:

- *Add Brian Mayry as an authorized signer on the City's payroll account at Miners Bank of Eveleth;*
- *Authorize Brian Mayry to have on-line banking access at Miners Bank of Eveleth;*
- *Add Brian Mayry as the primary user of the secure email account so that payroll ACH files can be submitted to Miners Bank of Eveleth;*
- *Add Brian Mayry as an authorized representative to act on behalf of the City to transmit, add, amend, or cancel entries or communicate with or provide instructions to Miners Bank concerning matters governing the City of Eveleth/The Miners National Bank of Eveleth ACH Origination Agreement.*

Ayes – All.

6. Resolution Authorizing Proceeding with the Planning for a Full Fire Department Merger with the Town of Fayal

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-03, "Resolution Authorizing Proceeding with the Planning for a Full Fire Department Merger with the Town of Fayal." Ayes – All.

7. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program

This grant money will be used by Jerry Hoel of Miners Bank for interior demolition of the former Wells Fargo Bank Building.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-04, "Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Commercial Redevelopment Grant Program." Ayes – All.

8. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2020-05, "Resolution Accepting Donation for K-Unit." Ayes – All.

A letter of thanks will be sent to Bonnie McDowell for her \$100.00 donation.

9. Spring 2020 refuse collection/yard waste pickup schedule

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Spring 2020 refuse collection/yard waste pickup schedule. Ayes – All.

Spring 2020 Clean up will run from April 13 to May 8, 2020 with yard waste pickup to start May 11, 2020. Public Works Director Rosati noted that mattresses are no longer accepted at the City Garage and must be taken directly to the landfill.

10. Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Proclamation from the Sexual Assault Program of Northern St. Louis County Proclaiming April 2020 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention month. Ayes – All.

11. 2020 Squad Car Purchase Request

The following quotations were received for a new 2020 Ford F-150 Police Responder Super Crew 4x4 pickup truck:

Lundgren Motors of Eveleth	\$32,887.28
Dondelinger Ford of Grand Rapids	\$32,851.00

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve purchase of 2020 Ford F-150 Police Responder Super Crew 4x4 pickup truck from Lundgren Motors of Eveleth in the amount of \$32,887.28. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen reported on a recent walk through visit to the Brandie’s Daycare at the former Fingerhut building. Koivunen said the daycare is a top of the line facility which should do very well.

Councilor Rauzi reported on a recent League of Minnesota Cities training he attended in Baxter, Minnesota. Rauzi said the sessions were very informative and he has learned valuable tools on dealing with the public in a transparent manner.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reported that she has been working with Financial Consultant Dave Salene and a real estate attorney from Duluth to resolve the title issues at Progress Park. The title works must be complete in order to sell the property to the school district.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.