

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., March 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 Jim Perpich, Present
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 Jesse Linde, Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held February 23, 2021;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held March 2, 2021;*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 2, 2021; and*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held March 10, 2021.*

Ayes – All.

E. 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 16-28, 2021 in the amount of \$150,741.08

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the payroll for February 16-28, 2021 in the amount of \$150,741.08. Ayes – All.

2. Termination of employment of Danny Zupancich

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve termination of Danny Zupancich from the Eveleth Ambulance. Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 City Council Board & Committee Liaison Appointments

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the following 2021 City Council Board & Committee Liaison Appointments:

Building and Grounds Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Koivunen

Donations Committee Councilor Lillis & Councilor Koivunen

Eveleth Cemetery Committee Councilor Koivunen & Councilor Rauzi

**Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Koivunen
Councilor Perpich – alternate)*

Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority Zoning Board Councilor Koivunen

**Economic Development Authority Councilor Rauzi & Councilor Lillis*

**Golf Course Commission Councilor Koivunen*

**Joint ATV/OHM/Snowmobile Trail Board Councilor Rauzi*

Joint Cable Commission Mayor Vlasisavljevich

Joint Recreation Board..... Councilor Perpich

Library Board..... Councilor Rauzi

**Parks Commission..... Councilor Perpich*

Personnel Sub-Committee..... Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Koivunen

Police Commission..... Mayor Vlasisavljevich

Planning Commission..... Councilor Rauzi

Public Safety..... Councilor Lillis & Councilor Koivunen

Public Utilities..... Councilor Lillis & Mayor Vlasisavljevich

**Quad Cities Joint Recreation Authority Board..... Councilor Koivunen*

Streets and Alleys..... Councilor Koivunen & Councilor Perpich

**VEEDA Board..... Mayor Vlasisavljevich*

Marketing Committee..... Mayor Vlasisavljevich & Councilor Rauzi

**HRA (1 permanent; 1 temporary)..... Councilor Rauzi & Councilor Lillis (temp)*

Fire Department Shared Services Committee..... Councilor Lillis & Councilor Rauzi

Ayes – All.

2. Appoint Police Chief Linde to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority Board

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to appoint Police Chief Linde to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority Board. Ayes – All.

3. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12, “Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit” and to send a letter of thanks to Joanne McCarthy for her \$51.00 donation. Ayes – All.

4. Request from Kraus Anderson to use City parking lot on Industrial Park Drive

Kraus Anderson Construction Company is working on the new elementary and high schools. They have requested permission to utilize the City parking lot on Industrial Drive to park vehicles, trailers, and semis loaded with construction supplies.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve request from Kraus Anderson to use the City parking lot on Industrial Park Drive for 30 days. Ayes – All.

Councilor Perpich asked about security in that area. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said it will Kraus Anderson's responsibility to secure their vehicles and the City will not be liable.

Councilor Koivunen asked Public Works to check on the lighting in the parking lot as he did not know if the lights are working.

5. Authorize the Director of Public Works to purchase Regular Road Salt for the 2021-22 season from the Cooperative Purchasing Venture (state bid) or open market program

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Director of Public Works to purchase regular road salt for the 2021-22 season from the Cooperative Purchasing Venture (state bid) or open market program. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen would like to give the Council a report on the figures for the Golf Course at a future meeting. He said the weather usually determines how well they do each year.

Councilor Lillis will plan to attend the HRA meeting tomorrow. The Fire Shared Services Committee meeting has been delayed until next month.

Councilor Lillis welcomed Councilor Perpich and thanked him for stepping up to fill the vacant Council Member position.

Councilor Koivunen welcomed new Police Chief, Jesse Linde.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Assistant Director Karpen reported that the auction closed yesterday for all of the items on bid.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.