

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., March 19, 2019**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Councilor John Rauzi, Absent  
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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 5, 2019. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava 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, 2019 in the amount of \$137,857.80
2. Receive Fire Department Shared Services Study

Councilor Lillis, Councilor Rauzi and Mayor Vlasisavljevich attended the recent meeting in Fayal regarding the Fire Department shared services. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said there was a lot of positive feedback, and that there was representation from all entities involved.

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Resolution Declaring the Official Intent of the City of Eveleth, Minnesota, to Reimburse Expenditures from the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Bonds or Other Obligations to be Issued by the City**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2019-05, “Resolution Declaring the Official Intent of the City of Eveleth, Minnesota, to Reimburse Expenditures from the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Bonds or Other Obligations to be Issued by the City. Ayes – All.*

### **2. Resolution Awarding the Sale of a General Obligation Improvement Bond, Series 2019A, fixing its Form and Specifications; Directing its Execution and Delivery; and Providing for its Payment**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-06, “Resolution Awarding the Sale of a General Obligation Improvement Bond, Series 2019A, fixing its Form and Specifications; Directing its Execution and Delivery; and Providing for its Payment.” Ayes – All.*

### **3. Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Tax Forfeit Property**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-07, “Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Tax Forfeit Property.” Ayes – All.*

### **4. Call for quotes for 2019 curb and sidewalk replacement**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to call for quotes for 2019 curb and sidewalk replacement. Ayes – All.*

The County will again be giving the City \$10,000 towards this project. The City will budget an additional \$30,000.

**5. Resignation letter from Patrick Ziegler, Utilities Crew Leader**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept the resignation of Patrick Ziegler, Utilities Crew Leader, effective April 30, 2019, and to send a letter of thanks for his years of service. Ayes – All.*

**6. Authorize City staff to post internally, and externally if necessary, to fill the vacancy created by the opening for a Utilities Crew Leader and/or other positions as they become available**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize staff to post internally, and externally if necessary, to fill the vacancy created by the opening for a Utilities Crew Leader and/or other positions as they become available. Ayes – All.*

**7. Approve construction plans and authorize Benchmark Engineering to call for bids for the 2019 Jackson Street (300 block) utility improvement project**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve construction plans and authorize Benchmark Engineering to call for bids for the 2019 Jackson Street (300 block) utility improvement project. Ayes – All.*

**8. Professional Services Proposal from Architectural Resources for Fayal Pond Lift Station Repairs**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve professional services proposal from Architectural Resources for Fayal Pond Lift Station Repairs in the amount of \$6,490.00. Ayes – All.*

The existing building was hit by an automobile which damaged the building and emergency generator inside. The county may be installing guard rails surrounding the area.

**9. Recommendation to hire firefighter**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to hire Jordan Cuff as a firefighter contingent upon passing his pre-employment physical and physical agility components. Ayes – All.*

**10. Appoint Fire Department Officers**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to appoint the following fire department officers:*

*Wade Peterson    Lieutenant Training Officer  
Kelly Klander    Captain Fire Ground*

*Ayes – All.*

**11. Accept quote from Fire Safety U.S.A. for new fire gear**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept quote from Fire Safety U.S.A. for new fire gear in the amount of \$8,854.00. Ayes – All.*

**12. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-08, “Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit.” and to send Bonnie McDowell a letter of thanks for her \$100.00 donation. Ayes – All.*

**13. Letter from Eveleth Elks requesting to use the City Auditorium on May 1, 2019 for a seminar for parents regarding drug abuse issues**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the request from the Eveleth Elks to waive the fees for rental of the City Auditorium on May 1, 2019 for a seminar for parents regarding drug abuse issues. Ayes – All.*

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said this a bigger problem than people realize. Vlasisavljevich asked City Attorney Brunfelt about posting photos of blighted pictures to inform the public to beware of certain properties. Attorney Brunfelt said the owner of the property would have to be cited with blight and then allowed due process. Attorney Brunfelt will research this matter further and report back to Vlasisavljevich.

**14. Resignation from Lacey Slayden, EMT**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to accept resignation from Lacey Slayden from the Eveleth Ambulance and to send a letter of thanks for her service. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Lillis reported on the EDA meeting held earlier today. Lillis said it was exciting to meet the new management at Lincoln Place. The new management gave insight on what they are doing to increase efficiency. Lillis said the EDA continues work with Salute to Hockey. Lillis encouraged the public to keep an eye out for future fundraisers to help with

the vision to unveil another statute at the hockey plaza. Lillis reported that the EDA expects to meet with MnDot in the future to continue working towards beautification of the Highway 53 corridor.

Councilor Hadrava said it was a privilege to represent Eveleth at the state hockey tournaments and the unveiling of the Eveleth trophy. Hadrava met representatives from the Minnesota Wild hockey team and The State of Hockey. They would like to make a special presentation at a future council meeting regarding the Eveleth hockey trophy.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich and City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek recently met with Duane Hill of MnDot. Vlasisavljevich said that MnDot will not allow City signage on Highway 53. Monahan-Junek said they discussed how to route traffic if the vote on May 14<sup>th</sup> passes to build a new combined school.

#### **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, will be scheduling a meeting with the contractor for the water tower. He will give an update to the Council at a future meeting.

#### **M. ADJOURN**

The Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.