

MINUTES

Eveleth City Council Special Meeting 9:00 a.m., March 22, 2019 Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Tim Koivunen

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. Hiring recommendation from Police Commission

Agenda “Item 2. Authorize hiring one additional Patrol Officer” was discussed prior to accepting the hiring recommendation from the Police Commission.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize hiring Joshua Engel and Molly Martinson as full-time police officers contingent upon passing background checks. Ayes – All.

2. Authorize hiring one additional Patrol Officer

Councilor Lillis said he is in favor of the position, but questioned how the funding of an additional officer would fit in with the budget. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek indicated the funds will come from the general operating expenses.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the school may contribute towards the funding of an additional officer in order to have a school resource officer onsite. Chief Koivunen believed the school board and Superintendent Carey would support the officer and estimated the school contribution would be around \$30,000 for three days of service. Chief Koivunen said the City of Virginia utilizes their resource officer for blight during the off season.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize hiring one additional full-time patrol officer. Ayes – All.

3. Approve part-time Janitor/Operator Maintenance Worker position description

City Attorney Brunfelt advised the Council to remove the “casual” from the part-time job description. This position would be for a regular AFSCME employee who would work more than 67 shift per year, and work more than 14 hours per week.

Monahan-Junek will have points assigned to determine the salary. The City will need to designate a vehicle as the employee will be traveling from location to location to perform the assigned job duties.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve part-time Janitor/Operator Maintenance Worker job description. Ayes – All.

4. Hiring recommendation for Assistant Public Works Director position

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve hiring Mark Karpen for the Assistant Public Works Director position beginning May 1, 2019. Ayes – All.

5. Authorize City staff to post internally, and externally if necessary, to fill the vacancy for an Operator/Maintenance Worker and/or other positions as they become available

With the promotion of Mark Karpen to Assistant Public Works Director, the City now has an opening for an operator/maintenance worker position.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize City staff to post internally, and externally if necessary, to fill the vacancy for an Operator/Maintenance Worker and/or other positions as they become available. Ayes – All.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.