

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., April 2, 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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde; 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 March 19, 2019;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 19, 2019; and*
3. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held March 22, 2019.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the agenda. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the following appointments:

1. *Appointment of Toni Lee Nemanick to the Library Board for term effective 4/2/19 to 1/31/2021; and*

2. *Appointment of Adam Dawson to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority for term effective 4/2/19 to 12/31/2021.*

Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis thanked them for stepping up to the plate to fill these positions.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mark Krmpotich, West Eveleth resident, talked about the upcoming vote on the school referendum. Krmpotich said the Gilbert Mayor said he does not support the combined school. Krmpotich said that he lives in West Eveleth, is taxed very heavily (with no curbs or gutters) and is now looking at adding another \$500 per year. Krmpotich said he is not against the schools combining, but is not in favor of the process. Krmpotich said the current buildings still can be used. He said that Virginia needs a new school much worse than Eveleth does. He encouraged the public to look at those cities who have taken their schools out of town (such as Bovey). He said that people do not have to come into town anymore. The proposed new school would be built off of Highway 53 and he is concerned about Eveleth. Krmpotich said that it is important to take a stand against \$181 million of reckless spending.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich thanked Krmpotich for taking to the time to come to the Council Meeting to voice his concerns.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – March 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$103,182.35
2. Approval of Claims – March 2019 in the amount of \$425,432.05
3. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Eveleth Fire Department Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement
4. Mutual Aid and Contingency Agreement by and among the Agencies of the Arrowhead Emergency Medical Services Association

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation – National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 19-25, 2019

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2019 as National Emergency Medical Services Week. Ayes – All.

2. Ambulance EMT & Shift Supervisor EMT position descriptions, Ambulance Service Operating Guidelines, Ambulance Transfer Policy

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Ambulance EMT & Shift Supervisor EMT position descriptions, Ambulance Service Operating Guidelines, Ambulance Transfer Policy contingent upon defining the rate of pay for holidays. Ayes – All.

3. Quote from Braun Northwest Inc. for a new ambulance

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said he was pleased that the new vehicle will have 4 wheel drive.

Councilor Lillis said the Ambulance Service has made the best use of its equipment. He said we need to put a good quality vehicle into the fleet. The City will be receiving some special pricing by getting in on a bulk purchase with the City of Hibbing. The Eveleth Ambulance fund has \$50,000 set aside towards the purchase of a new vehicle. Lillis reported that the Ambulance Service is on pace to eclipse their current record of over 800 calls a year. He said we need to give some good equipment for those servicing and provide for the people of our community—saving a lives. Lillis said the age of the existing ambulance vehicles are 2004 and 2010.

Councilor Rauzi said we need to look out for our patients and ambulance personnel.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the purchase of a new ambulance from Braun Northwest Inc. in the amount of \$243,921.00. Ayes – All.

4. Quote from Stryker for a Power-LOAD powered fastener system

Councilor Lillis described Power-LOAD cots as an electronic hydraulic assistance to lower the patient into the equipment. This feature has become standard in new ambulances. This will help to protect ambulance employees from back injuries and provide safety for the patient. Lillis said this purchase has been separated from the vehicle purchase as the City hopes to have area communities partner and donate towards this equipment.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the quote from Stryker for a Power-LOAD powered fastener system in the amount of \$43,729.95. Ayes – All.

5. Resignation letter from Jo Ellen Haines, Library Technician–Children’s Specialist

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept resignation letter from Jo Ellen Haines, Library Technician—Children’s Specialist. Ayes – All.

6. Recommendation to hire Library Technician–Children’s Specialist

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve hiring of Mary Beth Skorich as the Library Technician—Children’s Specialist. Ayes – All.

7. First Amendment to Lease Agreement between City of Eveleth and Bio-Medical Applications of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care Dialysis Services Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve First Amendment to Lease Agreement between City of Eveleth and Bio-Medical Applications of Minnesota, Inc., d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care Dialysis Services Eveleth. Ayes – All.

8. Letter from Dan & Sonja Simonson regarding interest in purchasing property

The Council received a letter from Dan & Sonja Simonson dated March 22, 2019. The Simonsons have expressed interest in purchasing land they have been leasing from the City (Parcel 040-5010-01000). They indicated they have been good stewards of the leased land by planting trees, removing brush and dead trees. They have also eliminated garbage and white goods once dumped at the site. The property has been used to extend their yard for flower and vegetable gardens and general green space to enjoy. The Simonsons previously expressed interest in purchasing the land in a letter from 1999.

9. Letter from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for early registration and discounted rate for RV Cara-a-vanners

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity early registration and discounted rate for RV Cara-a-vanners from July 21, 2019 to August 3, 2019. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen attended the RRCC meeting last week. They discussed some issues with the roof leaking. Koivunen said they have had a good year for renting out the facility. The Golf Commission will be meeting soon to discuss the upcoming season.

Councilor Hadrava reported that the Park Commission will begin preparing for opening the Veterans Lake Park for the season.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Deputy Police Chief Linde reminded the public that calendar parking is still in effect until May 1st. He urged the residents to comply with calendar parking as the Public Works Department has started street sweeping.

Public Works Director – Director Rosati concurred that calendar parking is essential during this time to complete street sweeping. The City will be posting for two positions: 1) Utility Crew Leader; and 2) Operator Maintenance Worker.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.