

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., April 4, 2023**  
**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; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Benchmark Engineering, Alan Johnson

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

*1. Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 21, 2023*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda with the following revision:*

*Change From*

*I.8. Request to hire Patrol Officer*

*To*

*I.8. Request to hire Patrol Officer and Post for Sergeant Position*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **F. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Approval of Claims - March 2023 in the amount of \$616,161.15**

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

## **G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Closed Session for labor negotiations pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, subd. 1**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen authorizing Council to go into closed session for labor negotiations pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, subd. 1. Ayes – All.*

The Council went into closed session at 5:02 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03, subd. 1. In attendance: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Rauzi, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Perpich, Councilor Lillis, City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek, City Attorney Joel Lewicki, Police Chief Jesse Linde. The closed session ended at 5:19 p.m. Mayor Vlasisavljevich reconvened the regular meeting at 5:19 p.m.

### **2. City Council action regarding New Business 1.**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Eveleth and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc., Police Officers Local #20 and Memorandum regarding USWA Local Union 6860-05 & City Administrator general wage increase. Ayes – All.*

### **3. Memorandum of Understanding by and between City of Eveleth and AFSCME Local #484, Memorandum of Understanding by and between City of Eveleth and Law Enforcement Labor Service, Inc, Police Officers Local #20, United Steelworkers & City Administrator me-too provisions**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Memorandum of Understanding by and between City of Eveleth and AFSCME Local #484, Memorandum of Understanding by and between City of Eveleth and Law Enforcement Labor Service, Inc, Police Officers Local #20, United Steelworkers & City Administrator me-too provisions. Ayes – All.*

**4. Authorize City Engineer to proceed with plans and specs for Fayal Pond north and west trail reconstruction**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize City Engineer to proceed with plans and specs for Fayal Pond north and west trail reconstruction. Ayes – All.*

**5. Consider authorizing City Engineer to prepare bid package for 2024 AMI (advanced metering infrastructure) metering**

City Engineer Alan Johnson distributed rough estimates to the Council for advanced metering infrastructure. The system would require automated meters to be installed for all utility customers. The meters would report back to the central location at the City Hall utility computer.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize City Engineer to prepare a bid package for 2023 AMI (advanced metering infrastructure) metering. Ayes – All.*

**6. Consider John Deere 622GP motor grader lease options**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve purchase order agreement with McCoy Construction & Forestry, Inc. for a 54-month lease option for John Deere 622GP motor grader lease and to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10, “Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Purchase Agreement and Related Documents; and Declaring the Official Intent of the City to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds Thereof.” Ayes - All*

**7. Resignation letter from Christopher Melin, Police Sergeant**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept resignation from Christopher Melin as Police Sergeant effective April 17, 2023 and to send him a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.*

**8. Request to hire Patrol Officer and Post for Sergeant Position**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Police Chief to begin process for hiring a patrol officer and to authorize posting for vacant Sergeant position. Ayes – All.*

## 9. Quotes for City Hall and Police reroof

The City received two quotes for reroofing the City Hall and Police Department on March 23, 2023 as follows:

Nelson Roofing, Inc.	\$118,234.00
Range Cornice & Roofing Co.	\$168,808.00

Councilor Koivunen would like to know what type of warranty the project would carry. City Engineer Johnson said the typical warranty would be one to two years, but it would depend on the contract.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve quotation from Nelson Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$118,234.00 for reroofing the Eveleth City Hall and Police Department. Ayes – All.*

## 10. Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property

Council Presentations/Committee Reports along with Administrative Presentations were finished prior to the Council going into closed session.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi authorizing Council to go into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property. Ayes – All.*

The regular meeting was convened at 5:49 p.m. The Council went into closed session at 5:57 p.m. (The delay was in waiting for the meeting videographer to leave the meeting room). The property discussed was the City owned vacant land located on the NE corner of the intersection of Highway 37 & Station 44 Road, Eveleth.

In attendance: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Rauzi, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Perpich, Councilor Lillis, City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek, City Attorney Joel Lewicki, Attorney Larry Wertheim, Kennedy & Graven Chartered (via phone); Bob Streetar, Streetar Consulting (via phone). The closed session ended at 6:30 p.m.

## J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Perpich reported on the Park Commission Meeting. The first installments for reserving a seasonal campsite at the Veterans Park were due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Seasonal sites are filling up fast. The Commission is in favor of the City installing a new electrical pedestal at Northside Park so that more Christmas lights can be added. Disc Golf Course maintenance will be taken over by one of the Park Commission Members.

Councilor Perpich reported that a citizen attended the Park Commission Meeting suggesting the City consider hosting more events at the park such as live music, artists, etc. Suitable options for parking would need to be considered. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the City does not have adequate staffing to organize these types of events, but suggested interested parties form a planning committee and the City will assist in any way possible.

Councilor Rauzi reported that the EDA met to revisit the pocket park project. The EDA has determined the project should be done in stages and passed a motion to go out for bids on the revised plan.

#### **K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer - Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, met with representatives from MnDOT. MnDOT is reviewing the proposed changes to the slip ramp on Hat Trick Avenue.

#### **L. ADJOURN**

The closed session ended at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.