

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., May 3, 2022
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: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati;
Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held April 5, 2022; and*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held April 20, 2022.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda with removal of the following items:

- I.2. *Second Amendment to Exclusive Listing Agreement with SVN Northco Real Estate Services, LLC (Station 44 Rd. & Hwy. 37 property)*
- I.3. *Second Amendment to Exclusive Listing Agreement with SVN Northco Real Estate Services, LLC (Industrial Park Drive property near daycare facility)*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – March 16-31, 2022 in the amount of \$155,264.00
2. Approval of Payroll – April 1-15, 2022 in the amount of \$129,177.84
3. Approval of Claims – April 2022 in the amount of \$646,210.29

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Quotations for 2022 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement

The City received one quotation on April 19, 2022 from 3D Concrete and Construction for 2022 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement.

The Council discussed repairs needed to the library steps. Public Works Director Rosati said this would need to be bid separately from the curb and sidewalks.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the quotation from 3D Concrete & Construction, Eveleth, Minnesota, for the 2022 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement. Ayes – All.

2. Second Amendment to Exclusive Listing Agreement with SVN Northco Real Estate Services, LLC (Station 44 Rd. & Hwy. 37 property)

This item was removed from the agenda.

3. Second Amendment to Exclusive Listing Agreement with SVN Northco Real Estate Services, LLC (Industrial Park Drive property near daycare facility)

This item was removed from the agenda.

4. Cooperative Agreement Between County of St. Louis and City of Eveleth to evaluate the need and feasibility of a trail alignment to connect the urban areas of Eveleth to the Rock Ridge School campus

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Cooperative Agreement Between County of St. Louis and City of Eveleth to evaluate the need and feasibility of a trail alignment to connect the urban areas of Eveleth to the Rock Ridge School campus. Ayes – All.

5. Hourly Retainer Fee Agreement with City of Eveleth and Hessian & McKasy, P.A.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve hourly retainer fee agreement with City of Eveleth and Hessian & McKasy, P.A. Ayes – All.

6. Resolution on LGA Formula Update and \$90M Appropriation Increase

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2022-14, “Resolution on LGA Formula Update and \$90M Appropriation Increase.” Ayes – All.

7. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2022-15, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program.” Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Perpich reported that he along with Director Rosati and City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek had met with the Rock Ridge School Athletic Director to determine direction. Perpich said the school talked about using the Hippodrome occasionally for the hockey season. The boys’ and girls’ hockey teams will both be utilizing the new facilities in Virginia as their main location.

Councilor Koivunen reported that the Golf Course is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday.

Director Rosati reported on the water levels at Ely Lake and St. Mary’s Lake. Rosati was able to get a permit from the DNR to open the aqueduct during the winter.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich stated that it was a mistake for the Airport Authority to shorten the runway at the airport years ago. Vlasisavljevich suggested the Cities of Eveleth and Virginia start looking at the process to lengthen the runway. He said the runway was shortened by about 1,000 feet.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich announced a meeting to be held at BoomTown Woodfire restaurant on May 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to allow business owners to discuss the proposed intersection options for Highway 53 and Hat Trick Avenue. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he planned to attend. Representatives from MnDOT and St. Louis County are also expected to attend.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich announced the Open House for the new Laurentian Elementary on May 4, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Rosati reported on a preconstruction meeting with St. Louis County regarding Roosevelt and Douglas Avenues. Roosevelt Avenue construction is expected to start on May 22nd with a completion by the end of July. Douglas Avenue construction is set to begin early July with expected completion the end of September.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.