

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., May 5, 2020
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, Absent
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; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Meeting held April 21, 2020; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Workshop held April 23, 2020.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve agenda with the following additions:

- J11. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate*
- J12. Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Eveleth to Complete Sidewalk and Curb & Gutter Repairs*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – April 1-15, 2020 in the amount of \$115,788.82**
- 2. Approval of Claims – April 2020 in the amount of \$548,717.66**
- 3. Update safety deposit box signatories to include:** Jackie Monahan-Junek, Stephanie Friebe, Brian Mayry, Michelle Harju and to remove former employee Kris Maki
- 4. Authorize Kraus-Anderson Construction Company to mobilize onto City property for new Eveleth-Gilbert Elementary School**

Mayor Vlaisavljevich would like to have a meeting with Kraus-Anderson Construction Company to find out what the mobilization on the City's property entails. Vlaisavljevich said there is a lot of heavy traffic on that road and he would like to know their plans. City Attorney said the insurance policy for Kraus Anderson must also list the City of Eveleth as an additional insured since the City's owns the property and they will be using our land temporarily.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Consent Agenda with the following additions to Item G4.:

Authorize Kraus-Anderson Construction Company to mobilize onto City property for new Eveleth-Gilbert Elementary School contingent upon the following:

- Kraus-Anderson Construction Company will meet with Mayor Vlaisavljevich to determine the details of the mobilization onto City property;*
- Kraus-Anderson Construction Company will supply the City with Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Eveleth as an additional insured.*

Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Improvement hearing for 2020 Garfield Street Reconstruction Project

Mayor Vlaisavljevich opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. Director Rosati described the project as a total reconstruction for the 400 to 700 block of Garfield Street. The City

received a few grants, but will be assessing for most of the project, except for the 400 Block. The CDBG grant received precludes the City from assessing the 400 Block.

Eveleth resident, Mark Muhich, asked when the project is expected to start and what the assessment would be per house. Director Rosati said the project is expected to last through the summer. The proposed assessments were available at the Council Meeting for the public to view; however the actual proposed amounts cannot be determined until the project is bid. Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, explained that the water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer system will all be replaced. It is anticipated that the bid opening will be around May 29, 2020. Final assessment amounts will not be calculated until the project is complete. The project is expected to start late June and finish in October of 2020.

Greg Caucci asked about the scope of the work specifically the removal of trees. He said there is an old tree in front of his building that he would like to see removed. He would also like to talk with the contractors about replacing his storm sewer, and would like them to be aware of the 4 foot bump out on his building (that was used to remove ash from the boiler). Alan Johnson said the replacement of the storm sewer is something Caucci would need to negotiate directly with the contractor.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said there is usually a public meeting for residents to discuss the process with the contractors prior to the start of the project.

The public meeting concluded at 5:10 p.m. and the regular Council Meeting reconvened.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Approving Plans and Advertising for Bids for 2020 Garfield Street & Utility Improvements Project

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-10, "Resolution Approving Plans and Advertising for Bids for 2020 Garfield Street & Utility Improvements Project." Ayes – All.

2. Retirement notice from Paul Tuskan, Operator Maintenance Worker

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept retirement notice from Paul Tuskan, Operator Maintenance Worker, effective immediately and to send a letter of thanks for his years of service. Ayes – All.

3. COVID-19 Business Assistance Bridge Loan Guidelines

The Council is considering the allocation of \$170,000 from the EDA funds to be used for small business loans. The small business owners eligible would be those affected by the Stay at Home Order. The City would be able to provide assistance in the form of a bridge loan while the small business owners wait for funds from the federal or state agencies. The minimum amount available for business owners is \$1,000 and the maximum is \$10,000.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the COVID-19 Business Assistance Bridge Loan Guidelines. Ayes – All.

4. Consider quotations for 2020 curb, sidewalk, and pavement replacement

The following quotations for 2020 curb, sidewalk, and pavement replacement were received on April 24, 2020:

Quote Item	C & C Winger Embarrass, MN	3D Concrete & Construction Eveleth, MN
Placement of Curb (Design B612)	\$30.00/lineal foot	\$22.50/lineal foot
Placement of Curb (B618)	\$30.00/lineal foot	\$24.00/lineal foot
Placement of Curb (Design B624)	\$30.00/lineal foot	\$25.00/lineal foot
Placement of Sidewalk	\$7.00/square foot	\$5.50/square foot
Placement of Pavement	\$10.00/square foot	\$7.60/square foot
Placement of Monolithic Curb	\$20.00/lineal foot	\$20.00/lineal foot
F & I Truncated Dome System	\$400.00 each	\$335.00 each

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve 2020 curb, sidewalk, and pavement replacement quotation from 3D Concrete & Construction, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

5. Consider quotations for furnishing fertilizers, fungicides, and insecticides for the Golf Course for 2020

The following quotations were received for furnishing fertilizers, fungicides, and insecticides for the Golf Course for 2020:

Item No.	Product	Quantity Requested	Reinders Unit Price	Reinders Total Amount	Tessman Co. Unit Price	Tessman Co. Total
1	21-0-18w/DICOT SGN 150	(90) 40# bags	\$35.26	\$3,173.40	Did not quote	Did not quote
2	0-0-25 SGN 75	(1) 40# bags	\$51.60	\$51.60	Did not quote	Did not quote
3	23-0-12 Nutrasphere SGM 159	(70) 40# bags	ALT #1 \$15.00	\$1,050.00	\$17.25	\$1,207.50
4	18-3-16	(6) 2.5 gal	\$18.00	\$108.00	\$21.00	\$126.00
5	Dovetail Fungicide	(1) 2.5 gal	ALT #2 \$306.50	\$306.50	\$270.00	\$270.00
6	Primer (wet agent)	(4) 1 gal	ALT #3 \$175.00	\$700.00	\$155.00	\$620.00
7	PPZ 41.8% Propaconazol	(1) 1 gal	ALT#4 \$90.00	\$90.00	\$94.30	\$94.30
8	T-Nex Growth reg	(1) 1 gal	ALT# 5 \$150.00	\$150.00	\$129.95	\$129.95
9	Pac Low	(1) 1 gal	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$197.95	\$197.95
10	Target drift control	(1) 1 gal	ALT#6 \$30.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
11	Clorothanonil 720	(2) 2.5 gal	230	\$260.00	\$110.00	\$220.00
12	Ipro Propaconazol	(1) 2.5 gal	ALT#7 \$110.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
13	Spotret Thiram	(1) 2.5 gal	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$107.50	\$107.50
14	Mycloutanil	(1) 1 gal	ALT#8 \$180.00	\$180.00	\$133.50	\$133.50
15	Enclave fungicide	(1) 2.5 gal	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00
16	Leaf Shield dry out protection	(1) 2.5 gal	ALT#9 \$90.00	\$90.00	\$105.00	\$105.00
17	Turf Mark Blue dye	(2) 2.5 gal	ALT#10 \$28.00	\$56.00	\$67.85	\$135.70
18	Shakedown antifoam	(12) 12 qt	ALT#11 \$10.00	\$120.00	\$11.00	\$132.00

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the purchase of Golf Course Fertilizer & Fungicides from Reinders for Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 40 in the amount of \$4,331.00 and from Tessman Company for Item Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 in the amount of \$2,466.20. Ayes – All.

6. Resolution Accepting Donation for Library

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2020-11, “Resolution Accepting Donation for Library in Memory of Joyce Chapman” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

Pam and Greg Chapman made a \$300 donation to the Library in memory of Joyce Chapman.

7. Request from Chief Koivunen to sell forfeited vehicle

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve sale of the following vehicle via the usual and customary competitive bid process through Oberfoell Auctioneers/Do-Bid.com:

Vehicle 1: 2006 Mercedes-Benz, VIN#: WDBRF92H46F789643

Ayes – All.

8. Agreement Regarding School District Property

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Agreement Regarding School District Property. Ayes – All.

9. First Amendment to Agreement Regarding School District Property

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the First Amendment to Agreement Regarding School District Property. Ayes – All.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the changes are regarding the marketing period for the school buildings. The prior agreement indicated the marketing period would start two years after the buildings are vacated. The agreement has been changed to begin the marketing period effective immediately.

10. Right of First Refusal

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Right of First Refusal agreement with Independent School District 2154, Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools. Ayes – All.

11. Resolution authorizing conveyance of real estate

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate agreement with the Independent School District No. 2154, Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools and Independent School District No. 706, Virginia Public Schools. Ayes – All.

12. Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Eveleth to Complete Sidewalk and Curb & Gutter Repairs

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Eveleth to Complete Sidewalk and Curb & Gutter Repairs. Ayes – All.

St. Louis County has agreed to increase the matching amount up to \$15,000 from \$10,000 last year.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi mentioned his sadness in the closing of one of Eveleth's gas stations. He said they offered a wonderful service by pumping gas and washing windows for patrons. He said it was shame they closed as it was a wonderful asset to the community.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he would like to see that purchases are not made from China as they did the world some injustice. Vlasisavljevich said he does not care if it costs a little more to not buy from China.

Vlasisavljevich said we all have to make sacrifices due to the Coronavirus, but he does not see any fairness. Vlasisavljevich said he took an oath to protect the community. He pointed out the discrepancies in the Governor's Stay at Home Order. He wondered how a big business can be open, but not a small business. He questioned how you can go into a home improvement store--elbow to elbow, but can't go into a hair salon. He said a dog can get a haircut in Minnesota, but a taxpayer can't. He said that people are stressed economically, physically and mentally, and called upon elected officials to protect the people. Vlasisavljevich said that if the Governor does not relax the Stay at Home standards, a plan needs to be in place or there will be nothing left. He would like to hold a Special Meeting to outline ways to save the community. He cannot understand how 300 to 400 people are allowed in one store, but we cannot have two people in another.

Councilor Koivunen agreed with Vlasisavljevich. Koivunen said our businesses will not be able to sustain this. He said that the Governor has gotten a lot of emails from Northern Minnesota small businesses, but has not given a response.

Councilor Lillis suggested sending a letter to the Governor from the Eveleth City Council.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to keep the legislators in the loop.

Councilor Koivunen said most businesses have been downtown Eveleth for a long time and pay sales tax. He said it is time to step up since they are not being heard.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich questioned who will support these small businesses when the mines slow down.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.