

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., May 7, 2024
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 2:00 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; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Benchmark Engineering, Alan Johnon; Consultant Bob Streetar

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Meeting held April 16, 2024;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held April 29, 2024; and*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Workshop held April 30, 2024.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda with the following addition:

I.10. Request from Craig “Figgy” Ritacco for donation to “Save the Mural”

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Reappointment of Steven Raj to the Economic Development Authority

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to reappoint Steve Raj to the Economic Development Authority for term 5/7/2024 to 5/3/2030. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis thanked Raj for his commitment to the EDA.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – April 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$146,339.83**
- 2. Approval of Payroll – April 16-30, 2024 in the amount of \$177,852.81**
- 3. Approval of Claims – April 2024 in the amount of \$1,378,788.06**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Consent Agenda Items No. F.1, F.2 and F.3. Ayes – All.

4. Request for Officer out-of-town training

Sergeant Elias and K9 Bear will be attending the United State Police Canine Association trials in Hudson, Wisconsin from June 2-4, 2024.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Consent Agenda Item No. F.4. Ayes – All.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Approving Specifications and Advertising for Bids (AMI)

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-12, “Resolution Approving Specification and Advertising for Bids (AMI).” Ayes – All.

2. Purchase of Flygt 50 hp pump for West Eveleth lift station

Public Works Director reported that they have gone through three old pumps in the last few months.

Motion by councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the purchase of a Flygt 50hp pump for West Eveleth in the amount of \$35,000 to \$40,000. Ayes – All.

3. Request from Roller Underground

The Roller Underground team is requesting the use of the Hippodrome for community roller skating. They would like to bring back roller skating to the Iron Range from June to August twice a month. The Roller Underground has purchased 74 pairs of roller skates to rent from the Perham Area Community Center.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the request from the Roller Underground to use the Eveleth Hippodrome to start a roller rink community program contingent upon the Roller Underground signing a Facility Use Agreement. Ayes – All.

City Attorney Lewicki said the liability concerns the Council raised would be addressed in the agreement.

4. Cooperative Agreement for 2024 & 2025 Curb & Sidewalk Repairs (St. Louis County)

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Cooperative Agreement for 2024 & 2025 Curb & Sidewalk Repairs (St. Louis County). Ayes – All.

5. Preliminary Development Agreement between City of Eveleth and Big Stick Meatz

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Preliminary Development Agreement between City of Eveleth and Big Stick Meatz. Ayes – All.

6. Resolution Dedicating City Owned Property for Public Roadway Purposes for Hat Trick Avenue in the City of Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-13, “Resolution Dedicating City Owned Property for Public Roadway Purposes for Hat Trick Avenue in the City of Eveleth.” Ayes – All.

City Engineer Alan Johnson explained that this will be the detour route to the intersection during the improvements to the highway.

7. City Council Economic Development Committee

Mayor Vlaisavljevich would like to form an Economic Development Committee which would be modeled after the Council Safety Committee and Personnel Committee. Mayor Vlaisavljevich would like to serve on this committee along with one other Council

Member and an alternate. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will also be on the committee.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to form a Council Economic Development Committee and to appoint Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Perpich and Councilor Koivunen as the alternate. Ayes – All.

8. Leonidas Park Lease

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Leonidas Park Lease. Ayes – All.

9. Eveleth Elks Corn Feed and Classic Car Show

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the request from the Eveleth Elks to hold the 18th Annual Corn Feed and Classic Car Show on August 23, 2024. Ayes – All.

10. Request from Craig “Figgy” Ritacco for donation to “Save the Mural”

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve request from Craig Ritacco from the Eveleth Heritage Society for City donation of \$1,500 to “Save the Mural” in the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilors Lillis and Rauzi reported on issues with the new doors recently installed by the HRA. The HRA is going through a lot of hurdles to figure out who is responsible to replace the doors. Councilor Rauzi assured that there will be satisfaction for the people who live there.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering reported that Mesabi Bituminous is planning to pave the Fayal Pond trail by early June.

L. ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.