

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., May 19, 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, 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; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering; Tony Jeffries, Contract Zoning Administrator

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 5, 2020; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Workshop held May 12, 2020.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – April 16-30, 2020 in the amount of \$140,015.33

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Resolution Constitutional and Business Friendly Community**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2020-12, “Resolution Constitutional and Business Friendly Community.” Ayes – All.*

### **2. Application of Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools to obtain an Interim Use Permit to conduct business activities associated with a public elementary school to be constructed on property located in an M-3 Zoning district**

Contract Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries reported on the application from the Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools to obtain an interim use permit. The application to conduct business activities associated with a public elementary school which has yet to be constructed. The property is located in an M-3 Industrial Zoning District. Schools are considered Interim Uses in an M-3 Zoning District and require an Interim Use Permit. An Interim Use Permit usually allows for the temporary use of property until a particular date. The Eveleth City Planning Commission recommends that the Interim Use Permit for the school would have an expiration date of one year from the date of issuance and then be automatically renewed on an annual basis.

Councilor Lillis thanked Jeffries and the Planning Commission for their due diligence in working on this issue.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich recognized the pedestrian traffic in the area of construction. He would like to see construction notices posted so that anyone biking or walking would be aware of the increased movement in that area. The contractors will be placing signage and gates in the area.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Application of Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools to obtain an Interim Use Permit to conduct business activities associated with a public elementary school to be constructed on property located in an M-3 Zoning district. Ayes – All.*

**3. Resignation from Joe Fischer, EMT**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to accept resignation from Joe Fischer from the Eveleth Ambulance and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.*

**4. Resignation from Kaylee Fallos, EMT**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept resignation from Kaylee Fallos from the Eveleth Ambulance and to send a letter of thanks for her service. Ayes – All.*

**5. City Council liaison committee for cemetery**

Councilor Koivunen received a phone call regarding a concern at the Eveleth Cemetery. He would like to form a committee to set some clear policies. Councilor Rauzi along with Public Works Director Jerry Rosati and Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe will also serve on the committee.

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to form a City Council liaison Cemetery Committee. Ayes – All.*

**6. Resolution Accepting Donation from Central Lakes Volunteer Fire Department for new ambulance**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-13, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Central Lakes Volunteer Fire Department for New Ambulance” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.*

Central Lakes Volunteer Fire Department has donated \$2,500 towards a new ambulance this year and has committed \$2,500 for next year.

**7. Resolution Accepting Donation for Fire Department & Ambulance Service**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2020-14, “Resolution Accepting Donation for Fire Department & Ambulance Service” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.*

Joseph and Mary Dosan have donated \$100.00 to the Eveleth Fire and Ambulance.

## **8. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2020-15, “Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.*

Lois and Dave Ness of Grand Rapids have made an additional donation in the amount of \$50.00 towards the Eveleth K-9 Unit.

## **9. Proclamation – Community Action Month**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Proclamation from Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. (AEOA) to Proclaim May 2020 as Community Action Month. Ayes – All.*

## **K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Lillis reported that the EDA still has funds available in the bridge loan program for businesses who might have financial troubles due to COVID-19. Businesses would also qualify for the store front loan program if they have made improvements due to COVID-19. The Council EDA board members had a telephone conference this week to discuss some further resources (in addition to the bridge loan and store front loan programs) for businesses who have suffered. Lillis said they hope to get a proposal together this week.

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that the bids for the Garfield Street Improvement Project are due next Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## **M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.