

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., June 4, 2019
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:03 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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held May 6, 2019; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 7, 2019.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

J11. Recommendation for hiring Operator Maintenance Worker

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Iron Range Tourism Bureau

Tony Jeffries, Chair of Iron Range Tourism Bureau Board, described the role of the Iron Range Tourism Bureau. The tourism bureau serves 12 local communities. Jeffries reported that tourism continues to grow, and the bureau is happy with where they have come in the last three years. They are most proud of a grant award by Blandin Foundation which will advance broadband capabilities.

Beth Pierce, Executive Director for Iron Range Tourism Bureau, reported on several projects. Last year the Spirit of Hospitality awards banquet was held at the Eveleth Auditorium. The group enjoyed the facilities and will be hosting the banquet at the Auditorium again this year in October.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said that Pierce has been very helpful in working on the Leonidas Outlook upgrades. Monahan-Junek said Pierce will also be instrumental in helping to deliver the message to visitors that Eveleth is ATV friendly.

Councilor Lillis thanked Pierce, Jeffries and the other board members for a job well done.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – May 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$108,008.26
2. Approval of Claims – May 2019 in the amount of \$411,752.98
3. Discretionary Capital

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. Donations request from 4th of July Committee

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve donation request from the 4th of July Committee in the amount of \$2,500. Ayes – All.

2. Announce 2019 4th of July Grand Marshals

Mayor Vlaisavljevich announced that Bonnie and Jim Keller have been selected as the 2019 Grand Marsals.

3. Access Agreement Between United Taconite LLC and City of Eveleth for 4th of July Fireworks

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Access Agreement Between United Taconite LLC and City of Eveleth for 4th of July Fireworks. Ayes – All.

Councilor Koivunen reminisced that the first 4th of July expenses were around \$900. He said that years later the same group is now working with a budget around \$47,000.

Councilor Hadrava commented on safety precautions taken while setting off the fireworks. The City provides ambulance, fire and police onsite during the fireworks display. Councilor Lillis commented that it is an ideal spot for launching fireworks.

4. Pay Request No. 2 from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$56,050.00 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$56,050.00 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements. Ayes – All.

Director Rosati said they are working with the contractors to possibly install a bubbling system to keep ice from forming in the tank during the winter months.

5. Quotes for Adams lift station generator

Two bids were received for the Adams lift station generator as follows:

Hometown Electric \$34,423.20
Virginia, MN

Lighthouse Power Systems \$41,030.00
Hermantown, MN

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the quote from Hometown Electric, Virginia, Minnesota, for the Adams lift station generator in the amount of \$34,423.20. Ayes – All.

6. Quote for new 8” meter for Fayal Township bulk water supply

Every year the City has a contractor inspect the Fayal Township water meter. The current meter was installed in 2008. After inspection, it was determined that the meter was reading slow, and then failed in April of this year. Public Works Director Rosati is requesting approval of a new 8” Badger Electromagnetic Flow Meter with a remote mounted transmitter. This would include 100 feet of cable, all necessary hardware, and installation with testing and programming.

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize purchase and installation of new 8” Flow Meter Measurement and Control in the amount of \$6,172.00. Ayes – All.

7. Quote for flow measurement devices at the wastewater treatment plant

The City experienced the failure of one of the two Siemens HydroRanger electronic flow measurement devices at the Wastewater Treatment Plant about two weeks ago. These devices measure influent and effluent water. It is more cost efficient to order two meters and replace both at the same time.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve purchase of two Siemens HydroRanger electronic flow measurement devices for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$5,187.50. Ayes – All.

8. Request to sell forfeited vehicle

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the sale of the following forfeited vehicle using the customary competitive bid process (Oberfoell Auctioneers/Do-Bid.com):

Vehicle #1: 2006 Buick LaCrosse 4 door sedan, vin#: 2G4WE587861214463

Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Accepting Donation for Ambulance Service

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-13, “Resolution Accepting Donation for Ambulance Service.” Ayes – All.

Margaret Walkowiak and family donated \$1,000 to the Eveleth Ambulance Service to commemorate the successful lifesaving efforts for her son, Mike Walkowiak.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich commented on the Ambulance Open House on May 22, 2019. Vlaisavljevich said it was a touching event. Councilor Lillis congratulated the entire team (police, ambulance, hospital ER) responsible for saving Mr. Walkowiak’s life. Lillis thanked Councilor Rauzi who was an EMT on the 911 call.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich praised the worthy event at the Fire Hall featuring ambulance, police, fire, and police K-9 “Bear” was also in attendance. He said it would be helpful to have increased signage at the Auditorium to promote activities in town.

10. Letter from Karwin Marks, 506 17th Ave. W., regarding lot 3D

Karwin Marks, 506 17th Avenue West Eveleth, addressed the Council regarding his desire to purchase Lot 3D which is adjacent to his property. Marks has lived at his current address for 11 years. He said the lot adjacent to his property is swampy and it would take a lot of fill for anyone to build. He would like to purchase the lot, make improvements, and increase the size of his yard. He would not be planning to build on the site.

City Attorney Brunfelt said there are some restricted covenants on the lots which require the buyer to build. Typically the City has not sold multiple lots to one buyer. Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the City Engineer look at the property. The City will follow up with Marks after the City Engineer has reviewed the lot.

11. Recommendation for hiring Operator Maintenance Worker

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve hiring Luke Rozinka for the Operator Maintenance Worker contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a pre-employment physical, drug/alcohol screening, criminal background check and social media check. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich and Councilor Hadrava attended the most recent joint fire consolidation meeting. The State Fire Marshal was at the meeting.

Councilor Koivunen reported on the latest golf commission meeting. Koivunen said the course is looking very nice. Golf Course Manager, John Rinne, has a new lunch menu.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Rosati said the contractors are working on the water tower. They are starting to cut the top and are planning to have a crane lift it off on Thursday.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.