

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., June 4, 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; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held May 8, 2024; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 21, 2024.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Add:

- I.9. Approve quote from CTC for broadband and telephone services*
- I.10. Agreement with United Taconite, LLC and City of Eveleth for access to corridor for Eveleth 4th of July Fireworks show and clean-up*

Remove:

- I.5. Bids for Leonidas Overlook improvement project*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – May 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$136,833.45**
- 2. Approval of Claims – May 2024 in the amount of \$1,183,778.39**

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution for Approval of the Layout of Progress Parkway (CSAH 142)**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-15, “Resolution for Approval of the Layout of Progress Parkway (CSAH 142).”
Ayes – All.*

- 2. Resolution for Approval of the Improvements on CSAH 101 (Fayal Rd), CSAH 146 (Hat Trick Ave), CSAH 149 (Industrial Park Dr) and CSAH 142 (Park Ave/Progress Parkway) Associated with the US 53 Highway Improvement Project**

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-16, “Resolution for Approval of the Improvements on CSAH 101 (Fayal Rd), CSAH 146 (Hat Trick Ave), CSAH 149 (Industrial Park Dr) and CSAH 142 (Park Ave/Progress Parkway) Associated with the US 53 Highway Improvement Project.” Ayes – All.

- 3. Letter from St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority regarding Iron Range Half Marathon**

The City received an email from Sarah Ciochetto, St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority, asking for consent to utilize the City owned property adjacent to the

Mesabi Station. The Iron Range Half Marathon will be using the Mesabi Trail from Eveleth to Gilbert on August 17, 2024.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to allow the Iron Range Half Marathon to be conducted on the Mesabi Trail on August 17, 2024. Ayes – All.

4. Letter from 4th of July Committee

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve request from 4th of July Committee and donation in the amount of \$5,000. Ayes – All.

5. Bids for Leonidas Overlook improvement project

This item was removed from the agenda.

6. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit (Susan Gilpin)

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2024-17, “Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit (Susan Gilpin)” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

7. Resignation of Wyatt Clark, Firefighter

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the resignation of Wyatt Clark from the Eveleth Fire Department and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.

8. Resignation of Nikka Hietala, EMT

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the resignation of Nikka Hietala from the Eveleth Ambulance Service and to send a letter of thanks for her service. Ayes – All.

9. Approve quote from CTC for broadband and telephone services

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve quote from CTC for broadband and telephone services. Ayes – All.

10. Agreement with United Taconite, LLC and City of Eveleth for access to corridor for Eveleth 4th of July Fireworks show and clean-up

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Agreement with United Taconite, LLC and City of Eveleth for access to corridor for Eveleth 4th of July Fireworks show and clean-up. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Perpich reported on the Parks Commission meeting yesterday, Perpich said the Veterans Park is filling up with reservations for the summer. Some of the seasonal renters have fantastic decks and flowers set up at their sites. He said the managers are doing a marvelous job. Perpich praised the Public Works Department for installing the new roof on the pavilion. The Parks Commission also discussed the dog park and disc golf course.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked about the billboard coming into Eveleth. Vlasisavljevich suggested the City advertise for residential and commercial properties. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said there might be regulations from MnDOT which limit what the City can promote on the sign.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said that with everything going on the City may want to look at a part-time position for an EDA coordinator. Councilor Rauzi concurred with the concept of hiring someone to help with calls and organization as to not bury the current staff. Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to discuss this issue at a workshop meeting.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director- Director Rosati announced that the City is looking for students interested in helping this summer. In the past this has been limited to Eveleth residents only, but due to the shortage of workers, the City is opening this opportunity to any area students at least 16 years old. Summer hours for the Public Works Department are 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported on the Fayal Pond Improvement Project. Mesabi Bituminous has been delayed working on the trail due to the rain. They will try again next week.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.