

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., June 7, 2022**  
**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 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 Karl Sundquist; 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 Minutes of City Council Meeting held May 17, 2022. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the agenda.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Payroll – May 1-15, 2022 in the amount of \$122,892.01**
- 2. Approval of Payroll – May 16-31, 2022 in the amount of \$165,425.19**
- 3. Approval of Claims – May 2022 in the amount of \$238,563.18**

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

## **G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Quotations for dump truck pillar tailgates rebuild**

Public Works Director Rosati explained that rebuilding the tailgates on the two dump trucks would allow the City to continue utilizing the trucks for years to come. The City received one quotation on May 14, 2022 from Crysteel Truck Equipment.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve quotation from Crysteel Truck & Equipment for dump truck pillar tailgate rebuild in the amount of \$10,459.00 per truck for Dump Truck #10 and Dump Truck #14. Ayes – All.*

The lead time for parts is about 10 weeks out.

### **2. Golf Course Clubhouse Agreement between City of Eveleth and John R. Rinne**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Golf Course Clubhouse Agreement between City of Eveleth and John R. Rinne for term 2023 to 2025. Ayes – All.*

### **3. Proposed Blight Ordinance**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported that the Council is continuing to work on a new blight ordinance which will also incorporate public health and safety. Vlasisavljevich is concerned with the safety of rental units specifically related to the well-being of children.

City Attorney Sundquist said the purpose of the ordinance is to make the old ordinance easier to follow. The proposed ordinance will make some changes to create a safer community.

### **4. Letter to Rock Ridge School District requesting support for Eveleth recreational facilities**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek recapped the Council's discussion at a recent workshop meeting. The Council would like the school to consider utilizing Eveleth's facilities such as ball fields and the Hippodrome. Monahan-Junek will draft a letter to the

Rock Ridge School District to request the school continue to participate with Eveleth and Virginia in a way that is fair to everyone.

Councilor Perpich said the City of Eveleth has nice facilities and would like to invite everyone to keep using them. Mayor Vlasisvljevich concurred that everyone needs to know about the City's facilities.

**5. Renewal for 2am License/Permit for R&M Woods, dba Johnny D's, 301 Grant Avenue**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve renewal for 2AM License/Permit for R & M Woods, dba Johnny D's, 301 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.*

**6. Access Agreement between United Taconite, LLC and City of Eveleth for Eveleth 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Access Agreement between United Taconite, LLC and City of Eveleth for Eveleth 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks. Ayes – All.*

**7. Request from 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for donation to support 4<sup>th</sup> of July events**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve request from 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for \$5,000 donation in support of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. Ayes – All.*

**8. Announce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Grand Marshal**

Cal Cossalter was announced as the 2022 Grand Marshal for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Cossalter is a former Eveleth Mayor and is recognized for his service as a member on the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Board.

The United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum will be hosting an open house on June 18, 2022 to celebrate 50 years.

**9. Consider rescheduling July 5 Regular City Council meeting (due to July 4 holiday)**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to reschedule the regular July 5, 2022 City Council Meeting to Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday). Ayes – All.*

**J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Rauzi announced that the HRA has hired an assistant for the vacant position created by Norma Purkat's retirement. Rauzi suggested the Council thank Norma for her service.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to send a letter of thanks to Norma Purkat for her service to the HRA. Ayes – All.*

Councilor Rauzi (along with other Council members and staff) wished Mayor Vlasisavljevich a "Happy Birthday."

Councilor Perpich said the Parks Commission met and is hoping to purchase some new picnic tables. Perpich also commented on the blight ordinance. He said the City should start at home referring to some cleanup needed around City Hall and the Hippodrome.

Councilor Lillis reported that the EDA is scheduled to meet with an architect on June 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed pocket park plan on Grant Avenue. Lillis said the City also has some new planters and flowers around town courtesy of Bill Aho.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported on a meeting with MnDOT concerning the corridor at Hat Trick Avenue and Highway 53. Vlasisavljevich and Monahan-Junek recently met with Duane Hill of MnDOT and are looking at the possibility of extending Hat Trick Avenue. The plan is to hold a public meeting, with area businesses invited, at the Eveleth Auditorium. MnDOT representatives Alex Peritz and Duane Hill would attend with some visuals of the proposed improvements for the public to review.

Vlasisavljevich discussed the old junior high property. Monahan-Junek recently spoke with Rock Ridge School District Superintendent Noel Schmitt regarding some issues with the title. Vlasisavljevich would like to have the City Engineer determine where the alley should run through the property.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Perpich to authorize City Engineer to design alley specs at the old Eveleth Junior High School Property. Ayes – All.*

## **K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director – Director Rosati reported that the new truck which was ordered back in April 2021 is almost ready. This vehicle will be used by the water and sewer department.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported on the progress of the Roosevelt/Douglas project.

Jason Kotnik questioned whether or not the Council had looked at some drawings he submitted to City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek pertaining to the middle piece of property on Station Road 44. Kotnik is interested in purchasing the property to construct a storage rental unit. Monahan-Junek indicated she has Kotnik's drawing and is waiting to

receive plans from Bois Forte with their outline for a potential convenience store/gas station at the site.

**L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.