

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., June 18, 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; City Attorney Joel Lewicki;
Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Tom Dye, MSA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the agenda. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS - None

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – May 16-31, 2024

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pay Application 7 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$244,676.32 for City of Eveleth Projects

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Application 7 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$244,676.32 for City of Eveleth Projects. Ayes – All.

2. Facilities Use Agreement between City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Facilities Use Agreement between City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools. Ayes – All.

3. Proposal from MSA for Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan

Tom Dye, MSA, reported that in 2019 the city received notice from the MPCA that there would be new lower phosphorus and mercury limits in the future. The city is already compliant with the new lower mercury limits, but will need to become compliant with the new phosphorus limits. Dye has done a quick review and believes the city will need to upgrade or replace the filters in the plant. The next step is to complete a full Facility Plan (for a 20-year period). The plan will recommend what improvements needs to be made to be compliant with the new MPCA limits. Initial estimated costs for the plant upgrades could be \$9,000,000+.

Dye stated that the Facility Plan is required to qualify for State grant funding, such as point source grants and to be placed on the PPL (Project Priority List). The completion of the Facility Plan does not commit the city to implement all the recommendations in the Plan, but the city will need to be compliant with the new MPCA phosphorus limits. The Plan will require a public hearing, and will include an analysis of the impact on customer utility rates for the improvements.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to accept the Proposal from MSA to complete a Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan. Ayes – All.

4. Renewal for 2am License/Permit – R&M Woods Inc., DBA Johnny D's

Moton by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Renewal for 2am License/Permit – R&M Woods Inc., DBA Johnny D's. Ayes – All.

5. Letter from Waterview Woods regarding hosting a classic car show August 15, 2024

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the request from Waterview Woods regarding hosting a classic car show August 15, 2024. Ayes – All.

6. Resignation from James Raglin, Patrol Officer

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to accept the resignation from James Raglin, Patrol Officer. Ayes – All.

7. Request to fill vacant Patrol Officer position

The City Council discussed advertising and hiring two Patrol Officers at this time.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen, to approve the request from the Police Chief to fill two Patrol Officer positions. Ayes – All.

8. Resignation from Chief Linde from the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to accept the resignation from Chief Linde from the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority. Ayes – All.

9. Leonidas Overlook Recommendation to Award Letter

Two bids were received for the project:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Base bid</u>	<u>Local granular fill (cu/yd)</u>	<u>Local class five aggregate (cu/yd)</u>	<u>Rock Excavation (cu/yd)</u>
Urban Companies	\$417,000.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$500.00
George Bougalis & Sons Co.	\$248,286.00	\$30.00	\$42.00	\$650.00

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich, to accept the bid from George Bougalis & Sons Co. in the amount of \$248,286.00. Ayes – All.

A change order for contract deductions and completion deadline extension will be on the next City Council agenda.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi stated the HRA met Thursday.
Mayor Vlasisavljevich stated the Airport is selling a lot of fuel.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director Rosati reported that the Fayal Pond trail project is on-hold because of the excessive rain.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.