

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Special Meeting
1:30 p.m., June 19, 2019
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent
Councilor Brian Lillis, Absent
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; Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held May 16, 2019;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held May 28, 2019;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held June 4, 2019; and*
4. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 4, 2019.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request for Council Member Brad Hadrava and City Administrator to attend 2019 Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative Awards Dinner, July 25, 2019, Bemidji, MN
2. Approval of Payroll – May 16-31, 2019 in the amount of \$145,893.02

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase Agreement between the City of Eveleth, a Minnesota municipal corporation (the “Seller”) and Brandie’s Building Limited Liability Partnership, a Minnesota limited liability partnership (the “Buyer”) for 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained that the City will be selling the building and some real estate to Brandie’s Building Limited Liability Partnership. There are some contingencies, but once the deal is finished they will move on to be the owners of the building.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Purchase Agreement between the City of Eveleth, a Minnesota municipal corporation (the “Seller”) and Brandie’s Building Limited Liability Partnership, a Minnesota limited liability partnership (the “Buyer”) for 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real estate, Authorizing Grant of Easement, and Authorizing Grant of Land License Agreement

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate Authorizing Grant of Easement and Authorizing Grant of Land License Agreement. Ayes – All.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2019, Fixing its Form and Specifications; Directing its Execution and Delivery; and Providing for its Payment (2019-20 Eveleth-Virginia Airport Improvements)

Consultant Dave Salene explained that this resolution for the sale of the bond is outside of the City’s debt limit. The City of Virginia has already signed documentation for this bond which shows they are obligated for 50 percent. This bond will be the funding mechanism for the airport improvement plan. Eveleth is serving as the fiscal agent for the airport. The City will have the absolute oversight of the transactions. The funds will flow into a separate capital account. The Airport Authority will write the checks and will have to supply supporting invoices to be approved by the fiscal agent.

Consultant Salene explained that the reorganization of the Airport Authority is making progress, but will not happen overnight. Salene and Monahan-Junek are trying to make certain there is no unnecessary risk to the City of Eveleth. Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested that once things are straightened out it needs to be end of the wild card. Salene agreed that there needs to be some education on how government entities operate.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2019-14, “Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2019, Fixing its Form and Specifications; Directing its Execution and Delivery; and Providing for its Payment (2019-20 Eveleth-Virginia Airport Improvements). Ayes – All.

4. Right of Access Permit for MnDOT to conduct survey or environmental testing at City owned property located at 7907 Thunderbird Trail E, Eveleth, MN

This Right of Access Permit would allow for soil investigation at the City’s gravel pit. This site is being considered for the new MnDOT facility.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Right of Access Permit for MnDOT to conduct survey or environmental testing at City owned property located at 7907 Thunderbird Trail E, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

5. Request to hire additional Operator Maintenance Worker

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve hiring Jared Oakman 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.

Director Rosati said the utility crew leader position will be replaced internally which creates a need for another worker.

6. Approve hiring two EMTs

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve hiring the following EMTs contingent upon passing their pre-employment physical and background checks: Hunter Gilbert and Joe Fischer. Ayes – All.

G. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.