

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., July 2, 2019
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 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 Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the following minutes:

1. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held June 19, 2019

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Additions:

J10. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for the 2018 Water Tower Improvements to Classic Protective Coating, Menomonie, WI, in the amount of \$142,690.00

J11. Change time for City Council Meeting to be held August 6, 2019

J12. *Approve purchase of new video equipment from Mariucci Video Productions & Therapeutic Services, Inc.*

Remove:

J4. *Consent Agreement for St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity to deed lots purchased from City to homeowners*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$107,966.13
2. Approval of Claims – June 2019 in the amount of \$895,050.10
3. St. Louis County Development Block Grant FY2019 Agreement Between St. Louis County and City of Eveleth
4. Resolution No. 2019-15, “Resolution Authorizing City of Eveleth to Enter into MnDOT Cooperative Landscaping Agreement No. 1034388 with the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution Accepting Donation from Town of Fayal for new Ambulance**

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-16, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Town for new Ambulance” and to send Fayal Township a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

Fayal Township donated \$20,000 towards a new ambulance.

2. Pay Request No. 1-Final from GMen Environmental Services in the amount of \$40,550.00 for residential demolitions

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 1-Final from GMen Environmental Services in the amount of \$40,550.00 for residential demolitions. Ayes – All.

3. Resolution in Support of 2020 Capital Budget Request for City of Eveleth Public Buildings Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-17, “Resolution in Support of 2020 Capital Budget Request for City of Eveleth Public Buildings Improvements.” Ayes – All.

4. Consent Agreement for St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity to deed lots purchased from City to homeowners

This item was removed from the agenda.

5. Request to purchase new transmission for 2006 International dump truck

Director Rosati explained that the transmission on Dump Truck #14 has failed and cannot be repaired.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve purchase of new transmission for Dump Truck #14 in the amount of \$9,856.38. Ayes – All.

6. Request to purchase new air conditioning unit for the Golf Course club house

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to purchase new air conditioning unit for the Golf Course Club House from North Country Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$5,600.00. Ayes – All.

The other quote was from Carlson Duluth in the amount of \$5,790.00.

7. Approve hiring of an EMT

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve hiring Michael Gifford as an EMT contingent upon passing his pre-employment physical and background checks. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis said it is nice to see spots being filled on the ambulance.

8. Resignation letter from Elizabeth Bloch

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept resignation from Elizabeth Bloch as the Library Clerk effective July 9, 2019 and to send a letter of thanks for her service. Ayes – All.

9. Approve posting of vacant Library Clerk position within AFSCME and externally if necessary

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve posting for vacant Library Clerk position within AFSCME and externally if necessary. Ayes – All.

10. Approve Pay Request No. 3 for the 2018 Water Tower Improvements to Classic Protective Coating, Menomonie, WI, in the amount of \$142,690.00

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 3 for the 2018 Water Tower Improvements to Classic Coating, Menomonie, WI, in the amount of \$142,690.00. Ayes – All.

Director Rosati indicated the contractors hope to be done with the project the end of July or beginning of August, depending on the weather.

11. Change time for City Council Meeting to be held August 6, 2019

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve changing the August 6, 2019 City Council Meeting time to begin at 3:00 p.m. due to National Night Out. Ayes – All.

12. Approve purchase of new video equipment from Mariucci Video Productions & Therapeutic Services, Inc.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve purchase of new video equipment from Mariucci Video Productions & Therapeutic Service, Inc. in the amount of \$9,392.00. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen gave an update on the Golf Course. He said the course is looking the best it has in a long time. He wished everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July.

Councilor Lillis said the EDA has exciting plans to unveil another hockey statue tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. at the hockey plaza. Lillis gave an update as the EDA continues to work with MnDOT on the Highway 53 Corridor Upgrade Plan. Lillis said the goal is to make the entrance to the City of Eveleth more beautiful with those improvements beginning next season.

Councilor Hadrava gave an update on the Park Commission. The Veterans Park is operating at full capacity. The Commission is also working to continue with adding to the City's Christmas decoration collection.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich asked Rod Flannigan, Benchmark, the status of the West Eveleth lot which Karwin Marks expressed interest in purchasing adjacent to his property. Flannigan did look at the property. There is some storm water retention with a steep slope, but the lot is buildable. It would require terracing and fill to make it flat for a structure. The deterrent to this property is the storm water pond next to the site. Councilor Koivunen believed that Marks would like to purchase the land to make improvements (not build) and to add green space to his property. Attorney Brunfelt cautioned the Council as the overall covenants were set in this location allowing one lot per buyer with no double lots. Councilor Hadrava suggested the pond from the storm water may discourage anyone from wanting to purchase this land which he referred to as mosquito heaven. Attorney Brunfelt said this is a unique lot which is adjacent to Mr. Marks' property. The Council would have a legitimate reason to sell the lot at a reduced price. The Council will revisit this item at a future Council Meeting.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded the public about National Night Out set for August 6, 2019. He wished everyone a safe 4th of July weekend.

Bill Aho, Eveleth EDA, reminded everyone about the new hockey statue unveiling for July 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.