

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held May 23, 2024;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held May 29, 2024;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held June 4, 2024;*
4. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 4, 2024;*
5. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 18, 2024; and*
6. *Minutes of Special Emergency Meeting held June 21, 2024.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Beth Pierce, Iron Range Tourism Bureau

Beth Pierce, Director of Iron Range Tourism Bureau, highlighted the recent activities of the Iron Range Tourism Bureau to include: new marketing, new ATV maps, mining tour projects and the Certified Tourism Ambassadors Program. Pierce reported that the winter lodging taxes are down by 20 percent due to the lack of snow. The summer rain has caused some challenges for cities in the area.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$146,208.10**
- 2. Approval of Claims – June 2024 in the amount of \$1,287,336.65**

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Fourth Amendment to Agreement Regarding School District Property**

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Fourth Amendment to Agreement Regarding School District Property. Ayes – All.

- 2. First Amendment to Purchase Agreement (for the purchase of Eveleth school campus property)**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the First Amendment to Purchase Agreement (for the purchase of Eveleth school campus property). Ayes – All.

- 3. Lease between City and Independent School District No. 2909 Rock Ridge Public Schools (for School District property)**

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Lease between the City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909 Rock Ridge Public School (for School District property). Ayes – All.

4. Professional Design Services Proposal from Widseth for boiler system for Fine Arts/Multi-Purpose Building

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Professional Design Services Proposal from Widseth for boiler system for Fine Arts/Multi-Purpose Building. Ayes – All.

5. Change Order No. 1 from George Bougalis and Sons Co. in the amount of (\$35,925) for the Leonidas Overlook Project

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Change Order No. 1 from George Bougalis and Sons Co. in the amount of (\$35,925) for the Leonidas Overlook Project. Ayes – All.

6. Change Order 002 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$148,311.80 for City of Eveleth Projects

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Change Order 002 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$148,311.80 for City of Eveleth Projects. Ayes – All.

7. Call for bids for the 2024 airport water main improvement project

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve calling for bids for the 2024 airport water main improvement project. Ayes – All.

8. CIMS proposal for Cemetery software

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the CIMS proposal for Cemetery software. Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Accepting Donation from United Way of Northeastern MN for the Library

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2024-19, “Resolution Accepting Donation from United Way of Northeastern MN for the Library” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

The United Way donated \$1,000 to the Library Summer Reading Program.

10. Resolution Accepting Donation from Fond du Lac College for the Library

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-20, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Fond du Lac College for the Library” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

The Fond du Lac College donated the book *Fur Trade Nation: An Ojibwe's Graphic History*.

11. Agreement between City of Eveleth (Ambulance Service) and RCB Collections Agency

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Agreement between the City of Eveleth (Ambulance Service) and RCB Collections Agency. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the airport is in the process of finding a new manager. Councilor Koivunen said the manager position is a 24-hour job. The board will hold a meeting on July 9th.

Councilor Lillis reported on the HRA. The door issue is still pending. The HRA paid a lot of money for new doors, and the doors are freezing through in the winter. The issue might not be resolved by this winter as the insurance company and door manufacturer are disputing liability.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief - Chief Jesse Linde indicated the Police Department is ready for the 4th of July. Additional assistance from officers in the surrounding area has been employed for the holiday activities.

Public Works Director – Director Rosati reported on the Fayal Pond Lift Station water damage. The generator is unrepairable so the City is renting a generator for the time being. One pump is temporarily working. The pump company has given the City a spare to run if necessary until a new pump can be installed.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that Mesabi Bituminous is hoping to begin the Fayal Pond Waking Trail after the 4th of July. The project has been delayed due to the excessive rain.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek said the Council will have a second regular Council meeting in July to take approve some resolutions related to the upcoming Primary Election.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich wished everyone a good and safe 4th of July.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.