

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., July 6, 2021
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; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; City Attorney Karl Sundquist; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 8, 2021;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held June 17, 2021; and*
3. *Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held June 21, 2021.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich clarified to those in attendance at the meeting that the Eveleth City Council will not be discussing the operation of the school board or the school's property.

Katherine Disterhaft from the audience stated that she would like to speak. Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked if it was City related or school related. Disterhaft said it was a mixture of both City and school business. Vlasisavljevich said that, "You have already called the news stations. You have got Channel 6 here. You filed a lawsuit against us, which you lost. I think you have said enough as far as I'm concerned." Vlasisavljevich said, "We don't talk about legal matters at our Council Meeting."

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2021 in the amount of \$123,101.29
2. Approval of Claims – June 2021 in the amount of \$945,452.48
3. Proclamation in Honor and Memory of Al Zupancich
4. Request for Officer Goulet and Officer Paciotti to attend Minnesota State Association of Narcotics Investigators Conference, October 11-13, 2021, Nisswa, MN
5. Request for Dan Nitz, Water/Wastewater Operator, to attend Minnesota Wastewater Operators Association Conference, July 27-30, 2021, Grand Rapids, MN

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek read the Proclamation in Honor and Memory of Al Zupancich. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said that Zupancich was "probably the most generous person I have ever known." He said that Al will be missed.

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a Taxable General Obligation Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2021C, Fixing Its Form and Specifications; Directing Its Execution and Deliver; and Providing for Its Payment**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2021-17, "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of a Taxable General Obligation Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2021C, Fixing Its Form and Specifications; Directing Its Execution and Deliver; and Providing for Its Payment." Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (2022 Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Utility Project)

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2021-18, "Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (2022 Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Utility Project)." Ayes – All.

3. Pay Request No. 2 from Veit and Company in the amount of 218,689.80 for Garfield Street Reconstruction

Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, said the contractor is making good progress. They are now into the third block of the Garfield Street Reconstruction.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Veit and Company in the amount of \$218,689.80 for the Garfield Street Reconstruction. Ayes – All.

4. Consider the purchase of a used pickup for all departments

Public Works Director Jerry Rosati received a quotation from Lundgren Motors for a new pickup truck to supplement the current vehicle shortage in the Public Works Department. The golf course/hipp vehicle is out of service due to transmission issues.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the purchase of 2008 ¾ ton utility service vehicle from Lundgren Motors in the amount of \$15,711.72. Ayes – All.

5. Consider request to St. Louis County to demolish tax-forfeit property located at 207 Grant Avenue, Eveleth

The building was assessed by Architectural Resources, Inc. and deemed to be beyond repair.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to request that St. Louis County demolish tax-forfeit property located at 207 Grant Avenue, Eveleth. Ayes – All.

6. Bids on West Eveleth lot 8D, 17th Avenue

Sealed bids were received on June 17, 2021 for the City lot on 17th Avenue West, Eveleth from the following:

Matt Reid
515 16th Avenue W. \$2,225

Joseph & Joan Strlekar
403 17th Avenue W. \$5,100

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to accept the bid from Joseph & Joan Strlekar for the purchase of Lot 8D, 17th Avenue in West Eveleth for the amount of \$5,100. Ayes – All.

7. Ambulance billing contract with McAlpin Consulting, LLC d/b/a TransMedic Medical Billing Services

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Ambulance Billing Contract with McAlpin Consulting, LLC d/b/a TransMedic Medical Billing Services. Ayes – All.

The Ambulance Billing will begin using TransMedic’s services effective August 1, 2021.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi attended the recent HRA meeting. He reported that everything is going as planned and within budget.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich announced the new management at Lincoln Place Apartments.

Councilor Lillis indicated the Fire Shared Services Committee meetings have been difficult for members to attend due to the summer months. He said they will continue to move forward and will be bringing more information to the public. He anticipates the process will probably take years to complete.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Councilor Koivunen thanked everyone involved with the successful 4th of July activities.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich welcomed new City Attorney Karl Sundquist.

Councilor Rauzi reported that the 4th of July did necessitate some ambulance calls. Rauzi thanked the police and fire departments for their assistance.

Councilor Perpich thanked the City crew, Police, Fire and Ambulance for a safe 4th of July weekend.

Councilor Lillis said he also appreciates all involved for the work they do.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich commended all City departments for a good job of cleaning up and keeping the town safe.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned 5:24 p.m.