

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., July 6, 2022
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 Karl Sundquist; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of City Council Meeting June 7, 2022

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 7, 2022. Ayes – All.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Reappointment of George Walters to the Eveleth Housing and Redevelopment Authority**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to reappoint George Walters to the Eveleth Housing and Redevelopment Authority for the term 7/6/2022 to 5/3/2027. Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis thanked George Walters for his valuable service all these years.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2022 in the amount of \$129,810.07**
- 2. Approval of Claims – June 2022 in the amount of \$937,985.20**

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve consent agenda 1. & 2. Ayes – All.

- 3. Rebuild Flygt 45hp pump for West Eveleth lift station**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, support by Councilor Perpich to approve consent agenda 3. Ayes – All.

The City Council suggested that Public Works Director Rosati budget to purchase a spare pump next year and that we look at utility rates to ensure we have the funds to make repairs like this as needed.

- 4. Approval for Water/Wastewater Operator to attend Wastewater Treatment Annual Conference, July 27-29, 2022, Grand Rapids, MN**

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve consent agenda 4. Ayes - All.

- 5. Application for Exempt Permit, Rock Ridge Girls High School Hockey at Eveleth Elks Club, 415 Jones St.**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve consent agenda 5. Ayes – All.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Quotation for new skid steer**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to accept the quotation from Bobcat of Duluth Inc. to purchase a S450 T2 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader in the amount of \$43,968.26 + tax. Ayes – All.

2. Pay Request No. 1 from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$13,180 for 2022 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Pay Request No. 1 from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$13,180 for 2022 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements. Ayes – All.

3. Order the demolition of 1104 McKinley Ave. and solicit demolition quotes

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to order the demolition of 1104 McKinley Ave. and solicit demolition quotes. Ayes – All.

4. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 18, Second Series Amending Chapter 7 of the City Code of the City of Eveleth, Section 7.08 Blighting Factors Prohibited

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 18, Second Series Amending Chapter 7 of the City Code of the City of Eveleth, Section 7.08 Blighting Factors Prohibited. Ayes – All.

Councilor Perpich asked if the enforcement officer can inspect properties for safety at this time.

Councilor Lillis stated the main changes were related to demolition of properties. That's the primary amendment to the existing ordinance.

5. Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase a General Obligation Water Revenue Note, Series 2022A, in the Original Aggregate Principal Amount of \$364,924; Providing for its Issuance; and Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement (Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Utility Improvements Project)

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Resolution No. 2022-16, "Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase a General Obligation Water Revenue Note, Series 2022A, in the Original Aggregate Principal Amount of \$364,924; Providing for its Issuance; and Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement (Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Utility Improvements Project)." Ayes – All.

6. Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase a General Obligation Sewer Revenue Note, Series 2022B, in the Original Aggregate Principal Amount of \$436,281; Providing for its Issuance; and Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement (Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Utility Improvements Project)

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Resolution No. 2022-17, “Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase a General Obligation Sewer Revenue Note, Series 2022B, in the Original Aggregate Principal Amount of \$436,281; Providing for its Issuance; and Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement (Roosevelt Avenue & Douglas Avenue Utility Improvements Project).” Ayes – All.

7. Letter from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity requesting to purchase city owned lots for their 2023 building season

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve selling city owned lots to North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for their 2023 building season. Ayes – All.

A purchase agreement will be presented at the next City Council meeting for approval.

8. Letter from Eveleth Elks Lodge #1161 regarding Eveleth Elks Corn Feed and Classic Car Show August 26, 2022

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the request from the Eveleth Elks Lodge #1161 regarding Eveleth Elks Corn Feed and Classic Car Show August 26, 2022, to close Grant Avenue from Jackson Street to Monroe Street and Jones Street from Adams Avenue to Douglas Avenue, along with the Grant at Jones parking lot to travel and parking except for show cars, and for Public Works and the Police Departments to assist as they have in prior years. Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Dissolving the Joint Recreation Board

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Resolution No. 2022-18, “Dissolving the Joint Recreation Board.” Ayes – All.

10. Resolution Authorizing the City to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (Eveleth Market)

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Resolution No. 2022-19. “Authorizing the City to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (Eveleth Market).” Ayes – All.

11. Resolution Authorizing the City to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (2023 West Eveleth Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project)

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Resolution No. 2022-20, “Authorizing the City to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (2023 West Eveleth Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project).” Ayes – All.

12. Resolution Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Resolution No. 2022-21, “Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board.” Ayes – All.

13. Resolution Appointing Election Judges for Federal, State, County and City Primary and General Elections to be held on August 9 and November 8, 2022, Respectively

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Resolution No. 2022-22, “Appointing Election Judges for Federal, State, County and City Primary and General Elections to be held on August 9 and November 8, 2022, Respectively.” Ayes – All.

14. Election Judge Pay

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve election judge hourly rates of pay: Student election judge trainee - \$13/hour; Election judge - \$18/hour; Head election judge - \$20/hour. Ayes – All.

15. Request from Larry Archibald, Clarity Hearing Center LLC, to rent Library space

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to draft a simple lease/rental agreement with Clarity Hearing Center LLC to lease/rent space in the basement of the Public Library for \$100/per day, up to four days/month. Ayes – All.

16. Resolution Accepting Donations for the Library in Honor of Cindy & Gary Hultman’s 50th Wedding Anniversary

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Resolution No. 2022-23, “Accepting Donations for the Library in Honor of Cindy & Gary Hultman’s 50th Wedding Anniversary.” Ayes – All.

Councilor Perpich congratulated Cindy & Gary Hultman on their 50th wedding anniversary.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board & Liaison Updates

Councilor Rauzi reported that the HRA met recently and the new assistant is on board. There will be a special meeting coming up to the approve door and window replacement project on July 14. The annual inspection will be soon.

Councilor Koivunen thanked the city crew and Police Department for their assistance with 4th of July festivities. He also stated that cemetery looks really nice and to give the kids a pat on the back!

Councilor Perpich reported there was a Parks Commission meeting recently. Everything is good at Veterans Park – no problems. There are trees that need to be cut. Roofs on the out buildings at Veterans Park on Ely Lake need to be repaired or replaced. Councilor Koivunen suggested we put metal roofs on all the buildings. Some campers are veterans and are asking about a veteran’s discount. Councilor Rauzi said let’s give them a discount.

Councilor Perpich said maybe the park should get a new name instead of Veterans Park so people are not confused.

Councilor Perpich stated the disc golf course is largely overgrown and that the Fire Department used to take care of it. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said no one knows it is there and maybe it should be relocated.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich stated that people come to City Hall to tell him that Veterans Park is one of the nicest campgrounds around.

Councilor Lillis reported that the EDA met recently with the architect regarding the design of the pocket park/beautification effort, and once the EDA has the final design they will bring it to the City Council.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported that he, Councilor Perpich, and Administrator Monahan-Junek met with the architect regarding repurposing the Eveleth campus school buildings. The assessments of the buildings (conditions) are pretty encouraging. This will be discussed at a future workshop. The Mayor wished everyone a good 4th of July.

Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that utility work on Roosevelt Avenue is complete and the contractor is placing fabric and class 5. The contractor will be moving to Douglas Avenue next.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief
Public Works Director
City Engineer
Clerk-Administrator

L. ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.