

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., July 7, 2020
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, Absent
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; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held May 27, 2020;*
- 2. Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held May 28, 2020;*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 2, 2020;*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held June 9, 2020; and*
- 5. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held June 16, 2020.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the agenda with the following revision:

(Remove) J9. Fire Department Consolidation Question & Answer

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Katherine Disterhaft appeared before the Council stating she was against changing the land for use of athletic fields (1407 Progress Parkway) stating her number one reason was over traffic concerns. She also questioned who would be paying for the potential damages to the roadway which could be caused by large trucks hauling materials. She said that people are concerned about being taxed out of their homes and referred to the taxes already raised due to the new school. Ms. Disterhaft said also worried about the annoyance caused by the blasting of material to construct the fields.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – May 16-31, 2020 in the amount of \$141,571.21
2. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2020 in the amount of \$116,595.15
3. Approval of Claims – June 2020 in the amount of \$537,606.67

*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. Application of Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools to obtain an Interim Use Permit to conduct business activities associated with public high school athletic facilities to be constructed on property located in an M-3 Industrial – Highway 53 Zoning District**

Tony Jeffries, Eveleth Contract Zoning Administrator, reported that the Eveleth Planning Commission met on June 29, 2020 to discuss the application of the Virginia Public Schools (Rock Ridge School District as of July 1, 2020) to obtain a permit to construct structures on the property for activities associated with the public school district athletic facilities. The permit would allow for a stadium complex with bleachers, track facilities for the stadium, and future support buildings. The Planning Commission is recommending the City approve this interim permit and allow the permit to be automatically renewed on an annual basis.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reminded the Council that they had already approved the interim permit for the elementary school to begin construction on the City's land. There are some land ownership issues of the property which will house the athletic field. That land is owned by VEEDA and will be further addresses after the title issues have been finalized.

Councilor Lillis thanked Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries and the Eveleth Planning Commission for their due diligence and an outstanding job working through this project.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Application of Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools to obtain an Interim Use Permit to conduct business activities associated with public high school athletic facilities to be constructed on property located in an M-3 Industrial – Highway 53 Zoning District. Ayes – All.

2. Consider refunding liquor license fees for the period of time businesses were closed pursuant to Governor Walz Executive Orders

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize City Clerk Administrator to calculate and refund Eveleth liquor license holders their liquor license fees for the period of time businesses were closed pursuant to Governor Walz Executive Orders. Ayes – All.

3. Resolution Appointing Election Judges for Federal, State, County and City Primary and General Elections to be held on August 11 and November 3, 2020 Respectively

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2020-16, "Resolution Appointing Election Judges for Federal, State, County and City Primary and General Elections to be held on August 11 and November 3, 2020 Respectively." Ayes – All.

4. Resolution Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-17, "Resolution Establishing an Absentee Ballot Board." Ayes – All.

5. Purchase Agreement and Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Sidney Mark Knutson and Pamela F. Omersa

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Purchase Agreement and Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Sidney Mark Knutson and Pamela F. Omersa. Ayes – All.

6. Resolution Adopting St. Louis County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Police Chief Koivunen explained that this is an updated resolution which FEMA has requested for jurisdictions within St. Louis County to formally address. The last plan was approved in 2013.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-18, “Resolution Adopting St. Louis County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.” Ayes – All.

7. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-19, “Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit” and that a letter of thanks be sent to Debra Spencer. Ayes – All

Debra Spencer donated \$150.00 to the Eveleth K-9 Unit in memory of her father, Francis Spencer.

8. Resolution Accepting Donation of Bench for City Dog Park

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2020-20, “Resolution Accepting Donation of Bench for City Dog Park” and that a letter of thanks be sent to Steve and Carla Moberg.” Ayes – All.

Steve and Carla Moberg have donated a bench to be located at the City Dog Park in memory of their daughter, Brittany, who passed away last year. Councilor Koivunen reflected on his niece, Brittany. He said Brittany loved walking her dog (which she could have put a saddle on) which was much bigger than her. Koivunen said the bench will be a memorable addition to the park.

9. Fire Department Consolidation Question & Answer

This item was removed from the agenda.

10. Consider quotation for 2020 Veterans Park Shoreline Restoration

The City is working with the North St. Louis County Soil & Water Conservation District to restore the Veterans Park Beach concrete wall which is tipping towards the lake. The Soil & Water Conservation District would cover 75 percent of the cost with the City covering the remaining 25 percent.

The following bids were received for the project on May 6, 2020:

Bougalis Inc.	\$39,667.00
Northern Ecological Services	\$23,294.45

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve quotation from Northern Ecological Services for the 2020 Veterans Park Shoreline Restoration in the amount of \$23,294.45. Ayes – All.

The City's portion of the cost will be \$5,823.61.

11. Consider quotation for a 2020 ½ ton pickup truck to replace #18 2002 Ford F-150

Public Director Jerry Rosati was able to direct negotiation with Lundgren Motors for a F-150 SuperCab 4 x4 truck. By purchasing this vehicle off the lot, the City will be purchasing a vehicle with a sticker price of \$39,000 for \$28,000.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve quotation from Lundgren Motors for a 2020 ½ ton pickup truck in the amount of \$28,000.00 to replace City vehicle #18 (2002 Ford F-150). Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen thanked the Public Works Department and the Police Department for a great job over the 4th of July.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen estimated there were over 1,000 people in attendance for the July 3rd fireworks. He said it was quite busy for about an hour, but the people were great. Koivunen thanked Margie Koivunen and Bob Pazelli for putting on a fundraising event in support of the Eveleth Police K-9 Unit. The event was very well attended.
Clerk-Administrator

M. ADJOURN

Katherine Disterhaft said it was disturbing that things were moving forward. She reminded the Council that the vote for the new school only passed by a small margin. She also mentioned the lawsuit recently filed. Mayor Vlasisavljevich thanked Ms. Disterhaft for attending the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.