

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**9:15 a.m., July 10, 2023**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held June 2, 2023;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held June 6, 2023;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 6, 2023; and*
4. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held June 29, 2023.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Payroll – June 1-15, 2023 in the amount of \$133,482.30**
- 2. Approval of Payroll – June 16-30, 2023 in the amount of \$171,484.85**

**3. Approval of Claims – June 2023 in the amount of \$864,531.42**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. F.1-F.3. Ayes – All.*

**4. Removal of Park and Rec Worker from probationary status**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to remove Park and Rec Worker Chad Hutkoski from probationary status. Ayes – All.*

**5. Accept 2022 Annual Audit Report**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to accept 2022 Audit Report. Ayes – All.*

**G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Pay Request No. 1 for 2023 Sidewalk Improvements from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$19,258.00**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 1 for 2023 Sidewalk Improvements from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$19,258.00. Ayes – All.*

**2. Pay Request No. 2 for 2023 Fayal Pond Trail Improvements from Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$20,892.40**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Pay Request No. 2 for 2023 Fayal Pond Trail Improvements from Mesabi Bituminous in the amount of \$20,892.40. Ayes – All.*

**3. Authorize Benchmark Engineering to call for quotes for Phase 2 Fayal Pond Trail improvements**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize Benchmark Engineering to call for quotes for Phase 2 Fayal Pond Trail improvements. Ayes – All.*

**4. Authorize Benchmark Engineering to develop scope of work and solicit quotes or bids for the removal of hazardous materials, demolition of 408 Fayal Road (primary bldg.), and removal of contaminated soils**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize Benchmark Engineering to develop scope of work and solicit quotes or bids for the removal of hazardous materials, demolition of 408 Fayal Road (primary building) and removal of contaminated soils. Ayes – All.*

**5. Bid tabulation – City Projects**

The following bids were received on June 8, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. for City of Eveleth Projects:

	Adolfson & Peterson Construction	Max Gray Construction
Base Bid A (IAG)	\$2,163,995.00	\$1,988,000.00
Base Bid B (Stage)	\$128,404.00	\$119,000.00
Base Bid C (Library Desk)	\$140,140.00	\$89,000.00
Base Bid D (Total)	\$2,288,268.00	\$2,176,000.00
Alternate Bid A1 (Police Wall)	\$40,000.00	\$27,300.00
Alternate Bid A2 (Exterior Panels)	\$61,998.00	\$171,000.00
Additional Tuckpointing &/per linear foot	\$18.75	\$20.00
Brick Replacement \$/per brick	\$95.00	\$95.00
Days to Complete	545	365
Mechanical Contractor	Peterson Sheet Metal	TBD
Subcontractors Bid	\$1,239,000.00	\$952,300.00
Electrical Contractor	Tromco Electric	TBD
Subcontractors Bid	\$134,000.00	\$152,250.00

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to accept the following bid from Max Gray Construction:*

- *Base Bid A*
- *Base Bid B*
- *Base Bid C*
- *Alternate Bid A1*

*Ayes – All.*

**6. Quote from MacQueen for new packer paddle**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve quotation from MacQueen Equipment in the amount of \$12,343.73 for a new packer paddle. Ayes – All.*

Director Rosati explained that this item is for the new garbage truck.

**7. Consider Streetar Consulting, LLC Progress Parkway Work Plan**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept proposal from Streetar Consulting, LLC for the Progress Parkway Work Plan. Ayes – All.*

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained that while the County is placing trails and entrances along the new Progress Parkway road, the City can determine where to position building sites and utilities for future businesses.

**8. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (Hancock Fabrication, Inc.)**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (Hancock Fabrication, Inc.). Ayes – All.*

**9. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for Progress Parkway Plan and School Campus Special Area Plan Phase 2 Vision & Goals**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2023-16, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for Progress Parkway Plan and School Campus Special Area Plan Phase 2 Vision & Goals.” Ayes – All.*

**10. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for 408 Fayal Road**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2023-17, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation for 408 Fayal Road.” Ayes – All.*

**11. Resolution Authorizing an Interfund Loan for Advance of Certain Costs in Connection with a Tax Increment Financing District**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2023-18, “Resolution Authorizing an Interfund Loan for Advance of Certain Costs in Connection with a Tax Increment Financing District.” Ayes – All.*

**12. Resolution in Support of 2024 Capital Budget Request for Progress Parkway Utility Extensions**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2023-19, “Resolution in Support of 2024 Capital Budget Request for Progress Parkway Utility Extensions.” Ayes – All.*

St. Louis County will be taking the lead on construction of Progress Parkway. The City has the opportunity to install sewer and utilities while the road is under construction.

**13. Renewal for 2am License/Permit for R&M Woods, Inc., dba Johnny D’s, 301 Grant Avenue**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Renewal for 2AM Liquor License/Permit for R&M Woods, Inc., dba Johnny D’s, 301 Grant Avenue. Ayes – All.*

**14. Request from Larissa Rossman to purchase Lot 2A on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue West for an extended yard**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek described the parcel as an orphan property on the back side of Rossman’s property. Rossman would like to have a larger yard with the possibility of an accessory structure in the future.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve request form Larissa Rossman to purchase Lot 2A on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue West for an extended yard. Ayes – All.*

**15. Discuss Adult-use Cannabis Law**

The City is considering passing an ordinance for a moratorium on the Adult-use Cannabis Law. The moratorium would allow the City more time to work out details associated with new law. This will be discussed at a future workshop meeting with the City Attorney.

**16. Request from Roller Underground to rent Hippodrome for eight (8) Sunday bootcamp days**

Public Works Director said the Roller Underground team is requesting a reduction in cost for the Sunday bootcamps only. This is an avenue they will be using to recruit new players and do not have the budget to pay the full rate of \$50 per hour.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome for eight (8) Sunday bootcamp days at a flat rate of \$200.00. Ayes – All.*

**17. Retirement Letter from Daniel Kraskey, firefighter**

Councilor Lillis thanked Firefighter Dan Kraskey for his service and dedication over the years. Kraskey has over 24 years with the Eveleth Fire Department.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to accept retirement of Daniel Kraskey from the Eveleth Fire Department and to send a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.*

**18. Letter from Eveleth Elks regarding Corn Feed and Classic Car Show**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from Eveleth Elks 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 beginning at 2:30 p.m. on August 25, 2023 for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Corn Feed and Classic Car Show. Ayes – All.*

**19. Letter from Waterview Woods requesting street closure for classic car show August 10, 2023**

Leah Novelan, Waterview Woods Administrator, has requested the City block off the 600<sup>th</sup> block between Hayes and Garfield Street from 1-4 p.m. on August 10, 2023. A classic car show is planned and the nursing home will be grilling for the residents, staff and community members. This will provide a safe and easily accessible location for all in attendance.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve request from Waterview Woods to close the 600<sup>th</sup> block between Hayes and Garfield Street on August 10, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. for a classic car show. Ayes – All.*

**20. Resolution Accepting Donation from Friends of the Eveleth Parks**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2023-20, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Friends of the Eveleth Parks” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.*

The Friends of the Eveleth Parks have donated \$1,134.26 for purchase of a park bench.

## **J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Rauzi reported that the HRA door project is almost complete. Councilor Lillis conveyed that there may be some state and federal funds available for future improvements.

Councilor Lillis would like to have a workshop meeting to discuss concerns regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities in Eveleth. Lillis was most concerned about the report of a vehicle operated by an impaired individual driving through the barricades. Lillis would like to see the perimeter hardened to prevent vehicles from entering.

Councilor Rauzi indicated the Eveleth Ambulance Service was overwhelmed with calls during July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Perpich thanked the Public Works Department for their excellent cleanup after the street dance.

Councilor Lillis indicated the Public Safety Committee will be meeting with Police Chief Linde to address items from the most recent workshop meeting.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich recognized several projects the City is working on and waiting to see them come to fruition. He said there will be a lot of activity across the highway in Progress Parkway.

## **K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Public Works Director Rosati said the Golf Commission will be requesting some new equipment at the Golf Course. The old equipment has been breaking down and needs replacement.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the roof at City Hall has been repaired.

## **L. ADJOURN**

The Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.