

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., August 4, 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, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held June 30, 2020;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held July 7, 2020;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held July 8, 2020;*
4. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held July 20, 2020: and*
5. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held July 22, 2020.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the agenda with removal of the following items:

J12. Closed session - Attorney-client privilege (Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b).)

J13. Separation Agreement

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – June 16-30, 2020 in the amount of \$147,923.20
2. Approval of Payroll – July 1-15, 2020 in the amount of \$122,785.77
3. Approval of Claims – July 2020 in the amount of \$639,167.15
4. 2020 Discretionary Capital
5. Rebuild Flygt pump for Fayal Pond Lift Station

*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. License Agreement to Rock Ridge School District #2909

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve License Agreement with Rock Ridge School District #2909. Ayes – All

The license agreement was originally issued to the Joint Powers of Independent School Districts No. 706 (Virginia) and No. 2154 (Eveleth-Gilbert). The School Districts are now joint under Rock Ridge School District No. 2909. The original license (set to expire on July 31, 2020) allowed the district to commence construction of the new elementary school. The City is selling the property to Rock Ridge School District, but the title work has not yet been completed. The issuance of this temporary permit will allow the district to continue with construction.

2. Resolution Approving Refuse Rate Changes

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2020-21, “Resolution Approving Refuse Rate Changes.” Ayes – All.

Public Works Director Jerry Rosati pointed out that the rate changes the County has implemented will increase the City’s landfill tipping fees by \$25,000 per year. Councilor Rauzi asked how Eveleth rates compare to other cities. Director Rosati explained that Eveleth is right in the middle with some cities having higher rates and others having lower rates.

The following rates were approved by Resolution No. 2020-21:

REFUSE RATES (per month unless otherwise noted)	
Service Charge (residential & commercial)	\$ 4.50
Apartment Volume Rate	\$12.80
Residential Volume Rate	\$14.00
Small Commercial Volume Rate	\$16.40
Medium Commercial Volume Rate	\$36.60
Large Commercial Volume Rate	\$47.00 (cost per number of 300 gallon dumpsters emptied per week)
City of Leonidas Service Charge	\$100.00
St. Louis County Solid Waste Service Fees	
- Residential	\$ 5.83
- Commercial Properties	
EMV: \$1,000 to \$50,000	\$ 5.83
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$ 8.75
\$100,001 to \$150,000	\$11.66
\$150,001 to \$250,000	\$14.58
\$250,001 to \$500,000	\$17.50
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$20.41
\$1,000,001 to \$2,000,000	\$23.75
Over \$2,000,000	\$27.08

3. Resolution Accepting Donation from Township of Fayal for New Police Squad

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2020-22, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Township of Fayal for New Police Squad.”
Ayes – All.

Fayal Township has donated \$15,000 towards a new police vehicle.

4. Resolution Accepting K-9 Donations

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2020-23, “Resolution Accepting K-9 Donations” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

Police Chief Tim Koivunen reported on a fundraising event held by Margie Koivunen and Bob Pazelli on July 5, 2020 on the outside patio of Margie’s Roosevelt. The barbeque was well attended with the group raising \$1,946.01 for Eveleth’s K-9 unit. A K-9 demonstration with Sergeant Elias and K-9 Bear followed the barbeque.

5. K-9 Squad Purchase Request

Police Chief Koivunen updated the Council on an offer from the Bois Forte Nett Lake Police Department. Koivunen recently purchased a pull behind trailer speed display sign from them. After the purchase, he was informed that they have a K-9 SUV for sale. The vehicle is a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe Police K-9 (4-wheel drive, pursuit rated). They would be willing to sell this vehicle, fully equipped, to the City of Eveleth for \$20,000. The value of the vehicle alone is approximately \$22,000.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize purchase of 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe Police K-9 vehicle from the Bois Forte Nett Lake Police Department in the amount of \$20,000. Ayes – All.

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

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2020-24, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation.” Ayes – All.

7. Proposed Ordinance Amending the City Code Chapter 2, Administration and General Government

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the first and introduction reading of a proposed Ordinance Amending the City Code Chapter 2, Administration and General Government. Ayes – All.

These changes would affect the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority.

8. Resignation from Collin Anderson, Firefighter

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept resignation from Firefighter Collin Anderson and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

9. Resignation from Mary Beth Skorich, Library Technician - Children’s Specialist

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept the resignation of Mary Beth Skorich, Library Technician – Children’s Specialist, effective August 28, 2020 and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

10. Authorize City Engineer to start field work for Roosevelt Ave. (Fayal Rd. to Jackson St.) and Douglas Ave. (from Garfield St. to Temple Place and Temple Place to Grant Ave.) utility work

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize City Engineer to start field work for Roosevelt Avenue (Fayal Road to Jackson Street) and Douglas Avenue (from Garfield Street to Temple Place and Temple Place to Grant Avenue) for utility work. Ayes – All.

Public Works Director Rosati indicated the City would be responsible for utilities in this proposed 2021 project.

11. Fall 2020 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Fall 2020 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule. Ayes – All.

The Fall 2020 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste will be scheduled from September 21 to October 2, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Yard waste pickup in the alleys begins on October 12, 2020.

12. Closed session - Attorney-client privilege (Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b).)

This item was removed from the agenda.

13. Separation Agreement

This item was removed from the agenda.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.