

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**3:00 p.m., August 6, 2019**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 3:05 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: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held July 2, 2019; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held July 2, 2019.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda with the following addition:*

- J15. Consider quote for new air conditioning for the Police Department from North Country Heating & Cooling*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

## G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – June 16-30, 2019 in the amount of \$140,758.38
2. Approval of Payroll – July 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$122,059.33
3. Approval of Claims – July 2019 in the amount of \$714,593.36
4. Accept 2018 Annual Audit Report
5. Removal of Operator Maintenance Worker Nicholas Axelson from probationary status

*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. Letter of Agreement Between City of Eveleth and Base Unit, The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local Union No. 484**

City employee Jaymes Cuff has indicated his interest in moving into the Utility Crew Leader position. The City is willing to move Cuff to the position and train him to meet the minimum requirements for the duties of this position.

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Letter of Agreement Between the City of Eveleth and Base Unit, The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local Union No. 484. Ayes – All.*

- 2. Resolution Authorizing the Formation of a Shared Fire Services Committee with the Town of Fayal and the cities of Eveleth and Gilbert**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-18, “Resolution Authorizing the Formation of a Shared Fire Services Committee with the Town of Fayal and the Cities of Eveleth and Gilbert.”*

The following will represent the City of Eveleth on the Shared Fire Services Committee: Mayor Vlaisavljevich, Councilor Hadrava, City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek, Fire Chief Spurlin, and firefighter Kelly Klander.

**3. Letter from Summer Work Outreach Project (SWOP)**

The City received a letter from Dawn Trexel of SWOP requesting donations towards the program. The City will not be able to make a contribution as it does not meet public purpose standards.

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

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve request from Eveleth Elks Lodge Corn Feed Committee to block off Grant Avenue from Jackson Street to the south alley of Monroe Street and Jones Street from Adams Avenue to Douglas Avenue; along with the Grant at Jones parking lot on Friday, August 23, 2019 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Ayes –All.*

This will mark the 13<sup>th</sup> year for the event. The committee will meet with Police Chief Koivunen and Public Works Director Rosati to finalize the details.

**5. Letter from Range Mental Health Center regarding 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Warmth fundraising event at Eveleth auditorium, October 10, 2019**

The City will not be able to contribute towards the Range Mental Health Center 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Warmth fundraising event as it does not meet public purpose. The Council would like to waive the rental fee for the City Auditorium.

**6. Resolution Accepting Donation from Peace United Methodist Church for 2019 National Night Out**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2019-19, "Resolution Accepting Donation from Peace United Methodist Church for 2019 National Night Out." Ayes – All.*

The City accepted a \$75.00 donation towards National Night Out from Peace United Methodist Church.

**7. Resolution Authorization to Execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition (Reconstruct Apron - Phase 2)**

The City of Eveleth approved the last grant, but the State has now required that the Airport approve this grant. No action was taken by the Council.

**8. U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer for Airport Improvement Program Project 3-27-0028-015-2019 (Reconstruct Apron – Phase 2)**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer for Airport Improvement Program Project 3-27-0028-015-2019 (Reconstruct Apron – Phase 2). Ayes – All.*

**9. Pay Request No. 1 from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$19,900.50 for 2019 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 1 from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$19,900.50 for 2019 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements. Ayes – All.*

**10. Pay Request No. 3 from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$733,400.00 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 3 from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$733,400.00 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements. Ayes – All.*

**11. Pay Request No. 1 from Bougalis, Inc. in the amount of \$13,585.00 for Fayal Pond Lift Station Reconstruction**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Bougalis, Inc. In the amount of \$13,585.00 for Fayal Pond Lift Station Reconstruction. Ayes – All.*

**12. Quote for guard rail along South Court**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the quote from Insite Contracting, St. Francis, MN for removing and replacing guard rail along South Court in the amount of \$10,200.00. Ayes – All.*

**13. Quote from Skubic Brothers for new sand truck cab & chassis**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve quote from Skubic Brothers Inc. for new sand truck cab and chassis in the amount of \$74,184.00. Ayes – All.*

Public Works Director Rosati informed the Council that it may cost a few thousand dollars to transfer the current sanding and control equipment to the new chassis. The Council originally budgeted \$75,000 for the new truck cab & chassis.

**14. Fall 2019 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Fall 2019 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule. Ayes – All.*

Fall refuse collection will be held September 16 to October 11, 2019.

**15. Consider quote for new air conditioning for the Police Department from North Country Heating & Cooling**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve quotation from North Country Heating & Cooling for new air conditioning for the Police Department in the amount of \$10,500.00. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Rauzi reported on the recent EDA meeting. Rauzi said the Library Board has been meeting. They are working to find a way to allow more public use of the basement room at the Library. The HRA has been meeting and continues to make progress.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich has heard good reports on the new manager at Lincoln Place Apartments. Vlasisavljevich reported on a recent RAMS Mayor’s meeting he attended. At the meeting he brought up putting some pressure on legislators to allow for the same type of gambling as the tribes have.

**L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief Koivunen reported that Eveleth’s National Night Out will be held at the Eveleth Veterans Lake Park tonight. They are expecting around 500 people to attend. Koivunen has hear some comments and questions as to why the Police Department is not holding events in town. Koivunen encouraged volunteer groups who would like to host those events to come forward. He said the West Eveleth Civic League hosts their own National Night Out.

Public Works Director Rosati indicated the water tower improvements are scheduled to be complete by the end of this week.

**M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.