

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., August 20, 2024
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; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve agenda with addition of Max Gray Change Order to I.7. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – July 16-31, 2024 in the amount of \$193,344.24

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider changing City Council Meeting start time

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reminded the Council why the meetings were changed to 2:00 p.m. as the City has many projects going on right now. In order to meet with staff working on these projects during working hours the meetings have been changed so that business can be acted on quickly. Vlasisavljevich said it is more efficient to have the Council meetings during these hours as the resources are available during this time. The Council will keep the 2:00 p.m. meetings and possibly revisit this issue in the future.

2. Proposed Easement between City of Eveleth and St. Louis County for highway purposes on Tract F, Registered Land Survey No. 148

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve easement between City of Eveleth and St. Louis County for highway purposes on Tract F, Registered Land Survey No. 148. Ayes – All.

3. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Grant Funds from IRRR Revenue Bonds Issued per Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 127, Article 69, Sections 15-16

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2024-27, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Grant Funds from IRRR Revenue Bonds Issued per Minnesota Laws 2024, Chapter 127, Article 69, Sections 15-16.” Ayes – All.

4. Consider Change Order 003 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$55,897.68

City Clerk-Administrator said that the library step restoration is included in this change order.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Change Order 003 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$55,897.68. Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Tax Forfeit Property

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-28, “Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Tax Forfeit Property.” Ayes – All.

6. Authorize hiring of firefighters

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize hiring of the following firefighters contingent upon passing their background checks and pre-employment physicals: Julia Knapper, Charles Mesia, Aaron Johnson. Ayes – All.

7. Quote from Heartland Business Systems for door access controls and Max Gray Construction

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the quotes from Heartland Business Systems and Max Gray Construction for the door access controls. Ayes – All.

8. Resolution Accepting Donation for Golf Course from Eveleth Women’s Golf Club

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2024-29, “Resolution Accepting Donation for the Golf Course from the Eveleth Women’s Golf Club.” Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said that he, along with Councilor Koivunen, have been working with the Virginia City Council to try and fill the manager position at the airport.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Linde reported that the Police Department has moved back into their office with the renovations almost complete.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson said there are two items remaining on the Fayal Pond Improvements punch list before the project is complete.

Councilor Rauzi commended the Police Department and officers for their excellent support they give to the ambulance. He said it helps immensely when the police come to assist and it enhances patient care.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich questioned whether the City could own a pump at the pump. City Attorney advised that he did not believe the City could get into a private venture. The City could help with economic development, but not be the actual owner as government real estate must be used for public purpose.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned 2:36 p.m.