

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Special Meeting
9:00 a.m., August 23, 2022
City Hall, 413 Pierce Street, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:00 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; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati (replaced Mark Karpen at 9:02 a.m.); Police Chief Jesse Linde

C. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Application for off sale intoxicating liquor license, Marge's Liquor LLC,
106 Grant Avenue**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve application for off sale intoxicating liquor license, Marge's Liquor LLC, 106 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

2. Quote for City Hall landscaping

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve quotation from Hoffman & McNamara in the amount of \$35,000 for City Hall landscaping. Ayes – All.

3. Quote for police squad car

Police Chief Linde received a quotation from Lundgren's Motors for a new 2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptor in the amount of \$43,149.88.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to accept quotation from Lundgren's Motors, Eveleth, MN, for a new 2023 Ford Utility Police interceptor in the amount of \$43,149.88. Ayes - All.

The Police Department should receive the new vehicle in the Spring of 2023.

4. Resolution Appropriating Sum of \$1,500 for Mayor Contingent Expenses

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2022-24, "Resolution Appropriating Sum of \$1,500 for Mayor Contingent Expenses." Ayes – All.

5. Pending Litigation – City of Eveleth v. Jesse Howe and PERA

Mayor Vlaisavljevich read the following statement:

This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b). The grounds for closing it are as follows:

The City's need for absolute confidentiality outweighs the purposes served by the open-meeting law in this case based on the following:

- Absolute confidentiality is necessary so that the City Council and legal counsel can have a candid and open discussion to determine the available legal options to handle the litigation, including response strategy and possible areas of reconciliation.
- The purpose of the closed meeting is not to make a decision behind closed doors, but instead, the purpose of the meeting is to determine the legal options for handling the litigation.
- The only business to be discussed is the pending litigation.
- An open session would be detrimental because it may take place in the presence of individuals involved in the litigation.
- A closed session would benefit the public because the ultimate outcome of the litigation may impact the finances of the city.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b) regarding the pending litigation of City of Eveleth v. Jesse Howe and PERA. Ayes – All.

The City Council went into closed session at 9:15 a.m.

The following were present at the closed session: Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Brian Lillis, Councilor Joe Koivunen, Councilor John Rauzi, Councilor James Perpich, City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Police Chief Jesse Linde, Associate Attorney Brooke Hein of Flaherty Hood P.A. (via telephone).

The closed session ended, and the Council went back into open session at 9:31 a.m.

D. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.