

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., September 1, 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, Absent
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve minutes of City Council Meeting held August 4, 2020. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the agenda. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – July 16-31, 2020 in the amount of \$149,921.50
2. Approval of Payroll – August 1-15, 2020 in the amount of \$115,328.82
3. Approval of Claims – August 2020 in the amount of \$1,014,814.83

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Ordinance No. 75, 2nd Series, “Ordinance Amending the City Code Chapter 2, Administration and General Government.” Ayes – All.

2. Separation Agreement

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Separation Agreement and Release of Claims Between the City of Eveleth and Jesse Howe. Ayes – All.

3. Recommendation to hire Mechanic

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve hiring Scott Lossing to fill the Mechanic position contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a pre-employment physical, drug screening, and completing a criminal background and social media check. Ayes – All.

4. Quote from 3D Concrete and Construction Inc. for overflow pond repairs

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve quote from 3D Concrete and Construction Inc. for overflow pond repairs in the amount of \$15,000.00. Ayes – All.

5. Pay Request #1 from 3D Concrete and Construction Inc. in the amount of \$21,513.50 for 2020 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request #1 from 3D Concrete and Construction Inc. in the amount of \$21,513.50 for 2020 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements. Ayes – All.

6. Resolution Approve Re-Advertising for Bids for 2020 Garfield Street & Utility Improvements Project

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2020-25, “Resolution Approving Re-Advertising for Bids for 2020 Garfield Street & Utility Improvements Project.” Ayes – All.

7. Resolution Accepting K-9 Donation

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-26, “Resolution Accepting K-9 Donation.” Ayes – All.

Bob and Mary Johnson donated \$200.00 to the City’s K-9 Unit.

8. Resolution Revising Resolution No. 2015-28 Adopting Assessment for 2014 Street & Alley Improvements

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2020-27, “Resolution Revising Resolution No. 2015-28 Adopting Assessment for 2014 Street & Alley Improvements.” Ayes – All.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained to the Council that the original resolution from 2015 (and certification to the County) stated the assessment for the improvements was for 20 years at 5.33% and the letter sent to the property owners stated the assessment was for 15 years at 4%. The County and the property owners will be notified of the correction and any necessary adjustments will be made for assessments already paid.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi reported that the HRA is doing well. He said the occupancy numbers are right on to where they should be.

Councilor Lillis said the Fire Department Consolidation meetings are to start up again this month.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich asked the Council if they would like to continue with the summer, one meeting per month, schedule for the remainder of the year due to the pandemic. Councilor Lillis said he would be in favor of a temporary schedule change, but was not in favor of a permanent change. He would not want people to think the Council is not being transparent.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded the public to drive safely as school will be back in session next week. He also thanked the public and citizens for their overwhelming support of the Eveleth Police Department.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that the Veterans Park shoreline stabilization project has started and should be complete in the next three to four days depending on the weather.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich complimented ATV drivers in Eveleth. He said that it is nice to see the drivers have been respectful and considerate.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.