

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., September 3, 2019**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:02 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; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 6, 2019;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held August 6, 2019; and*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 14, 2019.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the agenda with the following additions:*

- J11. *Approve Hiring an EMT*
- J12. *Renewal for 2AM Liquor License/Permit for Sue's Penalty Box, 311 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

## **1. Reappointment of George Walters to the EDA Board of Commissioners**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to reappoint George Walters to the EDA Board of Commissioners for the term effective 9/3/2019 to 5/3/2025. Ayes – All.*

Councilor Lillis thanked Mr. Walters for his work on the EDA.

## **2. Presentation of Legislative Award to Ian Hutkowski**

Mayor Vlaisavljevich acknowledged 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Ian Hutkowski, for his efforts towards local funding. Ian was recently recognized by Representative David Lislegard for helping the testimony for Dave Lislegard's bill fully funding local governments (LGA). Mayor Vlaisavljevich presented a plaque to Ian on behalf of the City of Eveleth. Vlaisavljevich congratulated Ian and said it is nice to see the voice of the future take an interest.

## **F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. Eric Westberg, Westside Eveleth Civic League**

Eric Westberg and Jeff Dolinsek of the West Eveleth Civic League updated the Council on their efforts in West Eveleth. Westberg said that after about 10 years in remission, the League is now off the ground again. The area has a lot of children and the League would like to see a few projects completed.

The group has been working on rebuilding the hockey rink. They have removed the 30-year-old boards and are hoping to replace them with new lumber. The group has received donations from Leonidas, and the lumber was sold to them at a reduced cost. Westberg and Dolinsek requested financial help from the City to complete the project.

Councilor Koivunen said that, "This is the least we can do." Councilor Rauzi reminisced about his childhood in West Eveleth and said he spent a lot of time at that rink. Rauzi would like to see the City support the League's effort to make these improvements.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich recommended the League draw up a plan spelling out future improvements they would like to work on each year.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to contribute \$5,000 to the Westside Civic League for replacement of the boards at the ice rink. Ayes – All.*

Mayor Vlaisavljevich thanked Westberg and Dolinsek for their efforts.

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – July 16-31, 2019 in the amount of \$142,848.49;
2. Approval of Payroll – August 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$116,704.90; and
3. Approval of Claims – August 2019 in the amount of 1,621,171.09.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Ayes – all.*

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Amendment No. 3 to Joint Cooperation Agreement between County of St. Louis and City of Eveleth (CDBG)**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Amendment No. 3 to Joint Cooperation Agreement between County of St. Louis and City of Eveleth (CDBG). Ayes – All.*

### **2. Request from Laurentian Chamber of Commerce to participate in a broadband feasibility study**

City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek will do some research on this study and report back to the Council. No action was taken.

### **3. Purchase Agreement between the City of Eveleth, a Minnesota municipal corporation (the “Seller”) and Brandie’s Building Limited Liability Partnership, a Minnesota limited liability partnership (the “Buyer”) for 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Purchase Agreement between the City of Eveleth, a Minnesota municipal corporation (the “Seller”) and Brandie’s Building Limited Liability Partnership, a Minnesota limited liability partnership (the “Buyer”) for 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.*

### **4. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate and Authorizing Grant of Easement**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate and Authorizing Grant of Easement. Ayes – All.*

This document authorizes the City Clerk/Administrator and Mayor to execute the Quit Claim Deed and all other necessary documents for the conveyance of land to the Brandie's Building Limited Liability Partnership for the purchase of 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth, MN.

**5. Letter of support of Northeast Service Cooperative Grant Application**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize sending a Letter of Support of the Northeast Service Cooperative Grant Application. Ayes – All.*

This grant would allow for more middle mile fiber network connections especially to rural areas that have no options for high speed broadband.

**6. Change Order 2/final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of -\$7,437.80 for 2018 Alley Improvements**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Change Order No. 2/Final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of -\$7,437.80 for 2019 Alley Improvements. Ayes – All.*

This change order represents a decrease in the contract amount.

**7. Pay Request No. 3/final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$10,476.37 for 2018 Alley Improvements**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve pay Request No. 3/Final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$10,476.37 for 2018 Alley Improvements. Ayes – All.*

**8. Consider Veteran's Park on Ely Lake Campground Managers Agreement for the years 2020-2022**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Veteran's Park on Ely Lake Campground Managers Agreement for the years 2020-2022. Ayes – All.*

Councilor Hadrava said that managers Kenne & Bob Cherro have done a great job. The park looks nice and they are keeping things in order. Hadrava said the Park Commission supports the renewed contract with the Cheros.

**9. Pay Request No. 5 from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$135,850.00 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 5 from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$135,850.00 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements. Ayes – All.*

**10. Park Commission recommendation to raise seasonal camping fees at Veteran’s Park on Ely Lake Campground**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to raise the following fees at Veteran’s Park on Ely Lake Campground:*

<i>Seasonal Camping – May 1 to September 30</i>	<i>\$1,500/year raise to \$1,600/year</i>
<i>Winter Storage</i>	<i>\$100/season raise to \$200/season</i>

*Ayes – All.*

The fees raised will only affect the seasonal camping sites and storage.

**11. Approve Hiring an EMT**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve hiring Alanya Zleimen as an EMT. Ayes – All.*

Ms. Zleiman has successfully completed the pre-employment physical and criminal background check.

**12. Renewal for 2AM Liquor License/Permit for Sue’s Penalty Box, 311 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Renewal for 2AM Liquor License/Permit for Sue’s Penalty Box, 311 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Lillis gave a report on the EDA’s Highway 53 beautification project. The quotes for landscaping came in a lot higher than anticipated. Completion of the project will take longer than originally expected due to the cost.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich suggested the City of Eveleth and Town of Fayal form a joint economic development committee to work together towards the beautification of Highway 53 and future economic development opportunities which may be possible after the new school has been constructed.

Councilor Koivunen commented on the poor condition of the remaining bridge on Highway 53. Police Chief Koivunen recently had a conversation with MnDOT regarding a contact for CNR Railroad (owners of the bridge). Koivunen is hoping to hear back and talk to them about a facelift for the bridge.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to keep the discussion moving along regarding a joint Fire Department for Eveleth and Fayal, and possibly Gilbert.

Councilor Hadrava recommended the City work on the outdoor ice rink at the school. Hadrava suggested the Public Works Department could patch up some of the boards to get through this year, and work with the school to replace all of the boards next year.

#### **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded the public to be cautious now that school is back in session. He urged drivers to be watchful and careful of students around the school and school buses.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, informed the Council that there will be a preconstruction meeting with Jola & Sopp tomorrow to determine the schedule for the Jackson Street Project.

Bill Aho, Eveleth EDA, said that City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek has some existing drawn up plans for the railroad bridge signage. Aho said it would be a great plus for the community if those plans could be incorporated into the facelift of the bridge on Highway 53.

#### **M. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.