

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., September 5, 2023**  
**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 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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held August 1, 2023;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 3, 2023;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 9, 2023; and*
4. *Minutes of Special City Council Meeting held August 24, 2023.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Agenda. Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Appointment of Steven Raj to the HRA**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to appoint Steven Raj to the HRA for the term 9/5/2023 to 5/4/2024. Ayes – All.*

Steven Raj will be filling the vacant resident position on the HRA.

## F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Payroll – July 16-31, 2023 in the amount of \$167,523.15**
2. **Approval of Payroll – August 1-15, 2023 in the amount of \$151,019.03**
3. **Approval of Claims – August 2023 in the amount of \$1,406,042.85**

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

## G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

## H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## I. NEW BUSINESS

\*Mayor Vlaisavljevich addressed Agenda Item I.8. first in order for Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries to attend prior commitments.

### 8. **Recommendation from Planning Commission regarding Variance Application of Steve Danielson and Sandra Greenly**

Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the variance request from Steve Danielson and Sandra Greenly to construct a detached residential garage on the property located at 701 North Court, Eveleth. Councilor Brian Lillis thanked Jeffries for his thorough presentation.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Variance Application of Steve Danielson and Sandra Greenly to construct a 26' wide x 24' deep detached garage on the property located at 701 North Court in Eveleth, pursuant to the Eveleth City Zoning Code Ordinance No. 69, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series. Ayes – All.*

### 1. **Revised Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Eveleth and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (Police Officers Local #20) regarding blight/code enforcement by independent contractor**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Revised Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Eveleth and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (Police Officers Local #20) regarding blight/code enforcement by*

*independent contractor. Ayes – Rauzi, Koivunen, Perpich, Vlasisavljevich; Abstained – Lillis (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.*

**2. Change Order No. 3 from Mesabi Bituminous for 2023 Fayal Pond Trail Improvements in the amount of \$71.00**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Change Order No. 3 from Mesabi Bituminous for 2023 Fayal Pond Trail Improvements in the amount of \$71.00. Ayes – All.*

**3. Pay Request No. 3/Final from Mesabi Bituminous for 2023 Fayal Pond Trail Improvements in the amount of \$4,045.05**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 3/Final from Mesabi Bituminous for 2023 Fayal Pond Trail Improvements in the amount of \$4,045.05. Ayes – All.*

**4. Pay Request No. 3 for 2023 Sidewalk Improvements from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$8,826.00**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 3 for 2023 Sidewalk Improvements from 3D Concrete & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$8,826.00. Ayes – All.*

**5. Fire Department Uniform Policy**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve fire department uniform policy. Ayes – All.*

**6. Proposal from Architectural Resources for Leonidas Overlook design**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek thanked Laurentian Chamber of Commerce President Teresa Applewick for picking up trash at the Leonidas Overlook site. Applewick also submitted a photo of the Overlook which may be posted in the future on the City's website. Monahan-Junek clarified that this land is leased from the DNR and they do not want anything permanent (such electrical installation of lights). There may be solar light options available. The Council is interested installing security cameras at the site.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the proposal from Architectural Resources for Leonidas Overlook design in the amount of \$30,000. Ayes – All.*

**7. Second reading of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places within the City of Eveleth**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 80, Second Series, “An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places Within the City of Eveleth.” Ayes – All.*

**9. Quote from Heartland Business System for city-wide camera system**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve quotation from Heartland Business System for city-wide camera system in the amount of \$152,964.73. Ayes – All.*

The system will also update the City’s key cards. Future expansion is possible with the addition of supplemental cameras. Councilor Lillis expressed his concern with installing cameras that would observe employee workspaces.

**10. Highway 53 & 37 Development Work Plan from Streetar Consulting, LLC**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Highway 53 & 37 Development Work Plan from Streetar Consulting, LLC. Ayes – All.*

**11. Request from Winger Enterprises, LLC to build a wall cap on south side of 513 Grant Ave. building**

Winger Enterprises LLC owns the laundry business located at 513 Grant Avenue. They are requesting permission to build a wall cap on the south side of their building. The wall cap will cover the wall that remains on the city owned property and connect to their wall. The purpose of the cap is to preserve the integrity of their south wall.

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize City Attorney to draft a land license agreement with Winger Enterprises, LLC to build a wall cap on the south side of the 513 Grant Avenue building. Ayes – All.*

**12. Application for Exempt Permit for Rock Ridge Girls High School Hockey Boosters at Eveleth Elks Club, October 14, 2023**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Application for Exempt Permit for Rock Ridge Girls High School Hockey Boosters at Eveleth Elks Club, October 14, 2023. Ayes – All.*

**13. Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property**

Mayor Vlaisavljevich addressed the Council and Administrative Presentations before going into closed session.

The properties to be discussed are 409 & 411 Grant Avenue.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize the Council to go into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property. Ayes – All.*

The closed session started at 5:37 p.m. The time lapse was due to waiting for the videographer to conclude the DVD recording of the meeting and leave the room.

Present at the closed session: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Rauzi, Councilor Perpich, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Lillis, City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati, Police Chief Jesse Linde, and City Attorney Joel Lewicki.

The closed session ended at 5:49 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 5:49 p.m.

## **J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

This item was addressed prior to the Council's closed session.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the Council met at a workshop meeting this morning to discuss the 1404 building in Progress Park. The Council would like to keep the site as economic development for the City.

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to send a letter to VEEDA indicating the Eveleth City Council's desire to keep the building at 1404 Progress Parkway as an economic development and tax paying site. Ayes – All.*

## **K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

This item was addressed prior to the Council's closed session.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson of Benchmark reported on the slip ramp project. Soil borings have been completed by NTS. Ledge rock was found in the area. A full report will be available soon.

City Administrator – Monahan-Junek reported on the progress of the downtown pocket park projects. The contractors are installing the retaining wall and an accessible pathway at the park. The Lincoln Place Apartment improvements will begin next week.

Councilor Perpich urged Eveleth residents to make use of the Fall Clean Up scheduled at the City Garage to begin September 18th.

## **L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.